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Education

- 2019–2024 **Ph.D. Business Administration – Operations & Business Analytics Concentration,**
(expected) **Graduate Minor: Computational Data Science,**
Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.
Advisor: Hande Y. Benson
- 2015–2019 **B.S. Mathematics – Statistics Emphasis,**
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT.

Research

Nonlinear optimization, machine learning, computational optimization, operations research

Papers

- Buhler C. K.**, Benson H. Y., Shanno D. F. (2021). *Regularized step directions in conjugate gradient minimization for machine learning*. In preparation for submission to *INFORMS Journal on Optimization*. Expected completion date July 1, 2021.
- Buhler C. K.**, Terry R. S., Link K. G., Adler F. R. (2021). *When does adaptive therapy work? Comparing cancer treatment strategies across mathematical models and outcome objectives*. Under first round of review at *Mathematical Biosciences and Engineering*.
- Buhler C. K.**, Benson H. Y. (2020). *Efficient solution of portfolio optimization problems via dimension reduction and sparsification*. Technical report. Drexel University, Philadelphia PA, USA.
- Buhler C. K.**, Terry R. S., Link K. G., Adler F. R. (2019). *Mathematical modeling of adaptive therapy in prostate cancer*. Extended abstract. *Undergraduate Research Journal*.

Presentations

- 2021 INFORMS Annual Meeting. **Buhler C. K.**, Benson H. Y. Shanno D. F. *Regularized step directions in conjugate gradient minimization for machine learning*.
- 2021 SIAM Conference on Optimization. **Buhler C. K.**, Benson H. Y. *Conjugate gradient methods for machine learning*.
- 2020 INFORMS Annual Meeting. **Buhler C. K.**, Benson H. Y. *Efficient solution of portfolio optimization problems via dimension reduction and sparsification*.
- 2020 Drexel Computer Science Theory Reading Group. **Buhler C. K.** *Portfolio optimization*.
- 2019 Undergraduate Research Symposium. **Buhler C. K.**, Terry R. S., Link K. G., Adler F. R. *Mathematical modeling of adaptive therapy in prostate cancer*.

Teaching

- 2019-Present Recitation Instructor, *Drexel University*
Responsible for delivering a weekly 2-hour lecture, preparing lecture material, and grading. Similar to a lab section, the recitation section is focused on learning technical skills in the computer lab.
- MIS 200: Management Information Systems
- 2019-Present Teaching Assistant, *Drexel University*
Assists primary instructor with duties such as holding office hours, prepping assignments, and grading.
- BSAN 360: Programming for Data Analytics
 - OPM 200: Operations Management
 - OPM 341: Supply Chain Management
 - OPR 320: Linear Models for Decision Making
 - STAT 201: Intro to Business Statistics
 - STAT 202: Business Statistics II
 - STAT 205: Statistical Inference I
 - STAT 206: Statistical Inference II
- 2018-2019 Computer Lab & Mathematics Teaching Assistant, *University of Utah*
Tutored students at the T. Benny Rushing Mathematics Student Center in a variety of undergraduate mathematics courses.
- MATH 1010: Intermediate Algebra
 - MATH 1050: College Algebra
 - MATH 1210: Calculus I
 - MATH 1220: Calculus II
 - MATH 2210: Calculus III
 - MATH 3070: Applied Statistics I
 - MATH 3080: Applied Statistics II

Outreach & Service

- 2019 Utah Prison Education Project Tutor, *Timpanogos Women's Correctional Facility*
Tutored students who are incarcerated in a Salt Lake Community College math course.
- MATH 1030: Intro to Quantitative Reasoning

Work Experience

- 2018 Computer Scientist Intern, *United States Air Force*
- Conducted research related to improving software for US Air Force aircraft
 - Hired under the Premier College Intern Program (PCIP) and earned a position in the PALACE Acquire (PAQ) program.

Awards & Scholarships

- 2021 Teaching Assistant Excellence Award (Highly Commended), *Drexel University*
For graduate students who “exhibit exemplary commitment to student learning”. There were over 50 nominations and highly commended is an award finalist.

2019 Undergraduate Research Scholar Designation, *University of Utah*

For undergraduate students who have completed two semesters of research, have presented in the Undergraduate Research Symposium, and published research in the Undergraduate Research Journal.

2019 Research Experience for Undergraduates, *University of Utah*

This grant was for undergraduate students conducting research with a faculty member from the mathematics department.

2015-2018 Honors at Entrance Scholarship, *University of Utah*

Full tuition scholarship awarded to the top scholar at each Utah high school, based on GPA and ACT score.

2015 Utah Centennial Scholarship for Early High School Graduation, *State of Utah*

Scholarship awarded to Utah residents who have graduated high school early.

Organizations

2018-2019 Member of Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM)

University of Utah

2018-Present Member of Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)

Drexel University, University of Utah

Extracurricular

2019 Captain of Intramural Indoor Volleyball Team "No Games Scheduled" (Ranked 1st),

University of Utah

The team name could have impacted our rankings, due to opposing teams not showing up for games. Although, this only happened twice.

2018 Captain of Intramural Indoor Volleyball Team "Algebros" (Ranked 3rd), *University of Utah*

2018 Captain of Intramural Sand Volleyball Team "Mathletes" (Ranked 2nd), *University of Utah*