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EMPLOYMENT

University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA

Katz Graduate School of Business

2019 -

- Assistant Professor of Business Analytics and Operations

EDUCATION

Columbia University

New York, NY

Ph.D. in Operations Research

2014 -2019

2010 - 2014

- Advisor: Adam N. Elmachtoub
- Thesis: Pricing Tools and Analysis for Emerging e-Commerce Technologies

Rutgers University

New Brunswick, NJ

B.S. in Mathematics

- Minors: Computer Science, Operations Research

Working Papers

Note: All author ordering is alphabetical as is convention in OR/MS.

 Titing Cui, Michael L. Hamilton. Optimal Feature-Based Market Segmentation and Pricing. Major Revision in Operations Research.

June 2023

- Accepted to the 18^{th} Conf. on Web and Internet Economics (WINE), 2022.
- Third Place, INFORMS Service Science Best Cluster Paper Award, 2022.
- 2. Titing Cui, Michael L. Hamilton. *Pricing Strategies for Online Dating Platforms*. Major Revision in **Manufacturing & Service Operations Management**.

June 2023

3. Titing Cui, Esther Gal-Or, Mike Gordon, Michael L. Hamilton, Jennifer Shang. The Effects of Competition on Corporate Sustainability.

Submitted. Feb. 2023

- Accepted to the 3^{rd} ACM Conf. on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization (**EAAMO**), 2023.
- 4. Michael L. Hamilton, Raghav Singal. Churning While Experimenting: Maximizing User Engagement in Recommendation Platforms.

Submitted. Oct. 2023

- Finalist, 2020 RMP Data-Driven Research Challenge.
- 5. Alex DiChristofano, Michael L. Hamilton, Sera Linari, Mara McCloud. Project 412Connect: Bridging Students to Communities.
 - Accepted to the 1st ACM Conf. on Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization (EAAMO), 2021. Oral Presentation.
 - New Horizons Award for Best Paper Bridging Research and Practice at ACM EAAMO'21.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Adam N. Elmachtoub, Vishal Gupta, Michael L. Hamilton. *The Value of Personalized Pricing*. Management Science

April 2021

- Accepted to the 15^{th} Conf. on Web and Internet Economics (WINE), 2019.
- Finalist, INFORMS Service Science Best Cluster Paper Competition, 2018.
- 2. Adam N. Elmachtoub, Michael L. Hamilton. *The Power of Opaque Products in Pricing*. Management Science

Jan. 2021

- Accepted to the 13th Conf. on Web and Internet Economics (WINE), 2017.
- Feature article, discussion in Management Science Review
- 3. Ningyuan Chen, Adam N. Elmachtoub, Michael L. Hamilton, Xiao Lei. Loot Box Pricing and Design. Management Science

Dec. 2020

- Accepted to the 21^{st} ACM Conf. on Economics and Computation (EC), 2020.
- Finalist, 2021 CSAMSE Conference Best Paper Award.
- Winner, 2019 IBM Best Student Paper Award in Service Science.
- Presented at Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Workshop on Consumer Issues Related to Loot Boxes, 2019.

PRESENTATIONS

Notes: (*) symbol indicates the talk was given by a coauthor. The (C) indicates the talk was given online.

- 1. Pricing Strategies for Online Dating Platforms
 - CSASME (2023*), POMS Annual Conference (2023*), INFORMS Annual Meeting (2022*, 2023*), University of Toronto, Rotman Young Scholar Seminar (2022), RMP Section Conference (2022, C*), MSOM Annual Conference (2022), CORS Annual Conference (2022).
- 2. Optimal Feature-Based Market Segmentation and Pricing
 - WINE Conference (2022*), INFORMS Annual Conference (2022), INFORMS Annual Conference (2021), RMP Section Conference (2021, C), CORS Annual Conference (2021, C).
- 3. The Effects of Competition on Corporate Sustainability
 - MSOM Conference (2023*), POMS Annual Conference (2023*).
- 4. Churning while Experimenting: Maximizing User Engagement in a Recommendation System
 - University of Tusla Seminar (2023), Pitt IE Seminar (2023), RMP Section Conference (2021, C).
- 5. Project 412Connect: Bridging Students to Communities
 - University of Tusla Seminar (2023), YinzOR Keynote (2023), INFORMS Annual Conference (2022*, 2023*), ACM EAAMO Conference (2021, C*), Sara Fine Institute (SFI), Year in Data Seminar. (2021, C*).
- 6. Loot Box Pricing and Design
 - RMP Section Conference (2021, C*), MSOM Conference (2021*), CSAMSE Conference (2021, C*), CORS Annual Conference (2021, C*), ACM EC Conference (2020, C*), POMS Annual Conference (2020, C), INFORMS Annual Conference (2019*), Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Workshop on Consumer Issues, (2019, *).
- 7. The Value of Personalized Pricing
 - WINE Conference (2019), MSOM Conference (2018), RMP Section Conference (2018*), POMS Annual Conference (2018), INFORMS Annual Meeting (2017, 2018, 2019).
- 8. The Power of Opaque Products in Pricing

• UCLA, Anderson School of Management (2019), University of Pittsburgh, Katz Graduate School of Business (2019), WINE Conference (2017), MSOM Conference (2017), POMS Annual Conference (2017), INFORMS Annual Meeting (2016, 2018), RMP Section Conference (2016).

TEACHING

Instructor and Course Lead at University of Pittsburgh

Data Analysis for Business (BQOM 1080)

Fall 2019 - Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant at Columbia University

Operations Consulting (IEOR 4111), Learning and Optimization (IEOR 8100), Linear Programming (IEOR 4004), Stochastic Models (IEOR 4106)

Grader at Rutgers University

Introduction to Computer Science (CS 111), Calculus I & II (Math 151/152)

MENTORSHIP

PhD Student Co-Author

Enfeng Xing ($Visiting\ Student$), Tianjin University Winter 2023 - Fall 2024 Kasra Tari (Co-Advisor), University of Pittsburgh Fall 2022 - Titing Cui ($Primary\ advisor$), University of Pittsburgh Fall 2021 - Alex DiChristofano (Co-Author), WUSTL DCDS Fall 2020 -

PhD Thesis Committee Member

Jing Luo, University of Pittsburgh (2022)

Undergraduate Advising

Mehba Teshome (2021 \rightarrow Pitt MS), Stephen Imhoff (2021 \rightarrow PNC, UIUC MS), Jingyao Wu (2022 \rightarrow JHU MS), Lidong Yang (2022 \rightarrow CMU MS), Tianren Wang (2022 \rightarrow Columbia MS), Yusang Shen (2023 \rightarrow), Aoqin Yan (2023 \rightarrow).

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Awards	
Third Place, INFORMS Service Science Best Cluster Paper Competition	2022
EAAMO New Horizons Award for Bridging Research and Practice	2021
Third Place, 2021 CSAMSE Conference Best Paper Award	2021
Finalist, 2020 RMP Data-Driven Research Challenge	2021
Katz 2021 Excellence in Research Award	2021
Engaged Scholarship Development Initiative Summer Design Fellow	2021
Winner, IBM Best Student Paper Award in Service Science (to Xiao Lei)	2019
Finalist, INFORMS Service Science Best Cluster Paper Competition	2018
JMM Outstanding Poster Presentation Winner	2014
Scholarships	
Weill Scholarship	2013 - 2014
Rutgers Mathematics Honors Track	2013 - 2014
SAS Excellence Award, The Harry J. Riskin Scholarship	2012 - 2014
Scarlet Scholarship	2010 - 2014
Dean's Scholarship	2010 - 2014
Rutgers School of Arts and Sciences Honors Program	2010 - 2014

FUNDING

• University of Pittsburgh - Pitt Seed Grant, Building DS4SJ Ecosystems: Sustaining Impact, (co-PI with Sera Linardi, Bob Gradeck, and Nick Farnan), 2022-2023 (Amount: \$75,000).

Engaged Scholarship Development Initiative (ESDI) Grant

(Amount: \$3000).

Professional Service

Reviewer

Journals: Management Science, Operations Research, Manufacturing & Service Operations Management, Production and Operations Management, IISE Transactions, Naval Research Logistics, Computational Management Science, INFORMS Journal of Computing.

Conferences: ACM Economics and Computation (EC) (2020, 2021), ACM Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization (EAAMO) (2021, 2022), WINE (2021, 2023).

Prizes: INFORMS PSOR Best Paper Award Competition (2023)

Session Chair

POMS Annual Conference	2023
INFORMS Annual Conference	2021, 2023(x2)
50 th NBER Decentralization Conference: Mechanism Design for Vulnerable Populations	2020
Program Committee	
WINE	2023
EAAMO	2021 - 2023
University Service	

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Business Analytics Task Force Committee Member	2022 -
Faculty Search Committee Member	2022, 2023
PhD Admissions Committee Member	2021 -
Faculty Judge for YinzOR Poster and Flash Talk Competitions	2022
Instructor/Coach for Katz Super Analytics Challenge	2021, 2022
Race to the Case Logistics Faculty Judge	2019, 2021, 2022
Faculty Mentor for ACM Economics and Computation (EC)	2020
Academic Job Market Panel Organizer	2018
IEOR-DRO Seminar Student Organizer	2017

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Media Math New York, NY Research Science Intern	2017
Amazon Research Seattle, WA Research Science Intern	2016
North Carolina State University REU Raleigh, NC Undergraduate Researcher	2012

Misc.

Programming Languages: Python, R, Julia, LATEX

Volunteering: School 2 Career (S2C) Tutor, Grief to Action (G2A) Member

Citizenship: USA

Other: Kidney donor Feb. 2023

References are available upon request.