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## EDUCATION

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**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
PhD in Operations Research  
Advisor: Alexandre Jacquillat

Cambridge, MA  
Aug. 2020 – Dec. 2025

**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
B.S. Industrial & Systems Engineering

Atlanta, GA  
Aug. 2012 – May 2016

## RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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• **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
Graduate Research Assistant

Cambridge, MA  
Sept. 2020 - Present

- Conducting research in large-scale optimization, with a focus in transportation and routing

• **Amazon Robotics**  
Research Science Intern

North Reading, MA  
May 2023 - Aug. 2023

- Developed a robust optimization model to schedule robots to deliver work to stations, with dependence between tasks and highly variable robot travel times
- Solved the model via an adversarial scenario generation algorithm, providing efficiency benefits of 10-20% over baseline heuristics
- Implemented the model and algorithm in a high-fidelity Java simulation for further study

• **The Home Depot**  
Senior Analyst - Supply Chain Analytics

Atlanta, GA  
May 2016 - Aug. 2020

- Built logic and strategy for a new in-house replenishment system to unify and replace existing supply chain management systems
- Designed new order aggregation logic to reduce inventory by \$70 million, primarily targeting slow-moving inventory
- Completed a comprehensive analysis of replenishment system usage and identified multiple company-wide inventory process issues that have since been addressed

• **Georgia Institute of Technology**  
Undergraduate Research Assistant

Atlanta, GA  
Aug. 2015 - May 2016

- Created an integer optimization model to automate class scheduling and instructor assignment for the School of Industrial and Systems Engineering

## PUBLICATIONS

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- C. Barnhart, A. Jacquillat, and A. Schmid, “Task design and assignment in robotic warehousing”. To appear in *INFORMS Journal on Optimization*.

## WORKING PAPERS

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- A. Jacquillat, A. Schmid and K. Wang, “Optimizing relay operations toward sustainable logistics”. Submitted.
- K. Cummings, A. Jacquillat, B. Martin-Iradi, A. Schmid, “Deviated Fixed-route Microtransit: Design and Operations”. Under revision at *Operations Research*.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Relay logistics: a multi-variable generation approach
  - 2021 INFORMS Annual Meeting
  - 2021 INFORMS Transportation and Logistics Workshop
  - 2022 Triennial Symposium on Transportation Analysis XI
- Task assignment and route planning in robotic warehousing
  - 2022 INFORMS Annual Meeting
  - 2023 Manufacturing and Service Operations Management Conference
  - 2023 INFORMS Annual Meeting

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- **Optimization Methods (15.093)** Sept. 2023 - Dec. 2023  
Teaching Assistant
  - Prepared and taught recitation sessions, held office hours, and supervised final projects
  - Introduced poll questions to create opportunities for interaction in large (100+ students) recitation sessions
- **Computing for Optimization and Statistics (15.S60)** Jan. 2023  
Instructor of Record
  - Coordinated an eight session course on computational research pipeline design: data and visualization in R, machine learning in Python, optimization in Julia, high-performance computing, and version control
  - Designed and taught sessions on Git and high-performance computing
- Session Instructor Jan. 2022
  - Designed and taught a workshop on Git, Github, distributing computing, and LaTeX
- **Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization (15.083)** Jan. 2022 - May 2022  
Teaching Assistant
  - Prepared and taught weekly recitation sessions, held office hours, and supervised final projects
  - Integrated active learning activities into the existing recitation materials
- **Georgia Tech Center for Academic Success** Aug. 2015 - May 2016  
1-on-1 tutor

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- **Dick and Jerry Smallwood Fellowship**, for graduate students who are applying mathematical models to problems of sustainability and climate 2024 - 2025
- **Goodwin Medal**, MIT's highest teaching award for a graduate instructor "who performed above and beyond the norm, and whose teaching efforts can truly be characterized as conspicuously effective" 2024
- **First Place in Georgia Tech Industrial Engineering Senior Design Competition** 2016
- **President's Undergraduate Research Award** 2015
- **Stamps President's Scholarship** 2012 - 2016

## SERVICE

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- **MIT ORC Spring Seminar Student Co-coordinator** 2024
- **MIT Teaching Development Fellow** 2022 - 2023
- **Social and Ethical Responsibilities of Computing Scholar** 2022

## PROGRAMMING SKILLS

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**Languages:** Julia, Java, Python, SQL, R