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Research Interests

Stochastic modeling, service operations management, behavioral operations management, humanalgorithm interaction, reinforcement learning

**EDUCATION** The University of Chicago Booth School of Business Chicago, IL

• Ph.D. in Operations Management (Minor in Applied Probability)

2023

Advisor: Professor Amy R. Ward

• M.B.A. 2022

Tsinghua University

Beijing, China

• B.S. in Industrial Engineering

2018

• B.A. in Economics

2018

**PUBLICATIONS** & Papers Under Review

- [1] Yueyang Zhong, Ragavendran Gopalakrishnan, Amy R. Ward. 2021. Behavior-Aware Queueing: The Finite-Buffer Setting with Strategic Servers. Accepted at Operations Research.
  - Finalist, 2022 INFORMS IBM Best Student Paper Award
- [2] Yueyang Zhong, John R. Birge, Amy R. Ward. 2022. Learning the Scheduling Policy in Time-Varying Multiclass Many Server Queues. Major Revision at Operations Research.
- [3] Yueyang Zhong, Zhixi Wan, Zuo-Jun Max Shen. 2020. Queueing Versus Surge Pricing Mechanism: Efficiency, Equity, and Consumer Welfare. Reject and Resubmit at Management Science.
  - Finalist, 2021 INFORMS Conference on Service Science Best Student Paper Award
- [4] Yueyang Zhong, Amy R. Ward, Amber L. Puha. 2022. Asymptotically Optimal Idling in the GI/GI/N+GI Queue. Published in Operations Research Letters.
- [5] Yueyang Zhong, YeeMan Bergstrom, Amy R. Ward. 2020. Data-Driven Market-Making via Model-Free Learning. Published in In Proceedings of the Twenty-Ninth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-20): Special Track on AI in FinTech.

#### Work In Progress

- [a] Yueyang Zhong, Ragavendran Gopalakrishnan, Amy R. Ward. Some Properties of the Erlang B and C Formulae. 2022. Working paper (available upon request).
- [b] Yueyang Zhong. Online Advertising Strategy for Long-Term Good via Robust IV-Q-learning with Noisy Instruments. 2022. Working paper (available upon request).
- [c] Yueyang Zhong, Ragavendran Gopalakrishnan, Amy R. Ward. Behavior-Aware Queues with Strategic Arrivals and Strategic Servers. 2022. In preparation.
- [d] Yueyang Zhong, John R. Birge, Amy R. Ward. Learning to Schedule in Multiclass Many Server Queues with Abandonment: An Instance-Independent Regret. 2022. In preparation.
- [e] Yueyang Zhong, Ragavendran Gopalakrishnan, Amy R. Ward. An Experimental Investigation of Strategic Server Behavior in Queueing Contexts. 2022. In progress.
- [f] Yueyang Zhong, Amy R. Ward, Linwei Xin. Limited Flexibility in Omnichannel Fulfillment. In progress.

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Honors and Awards	• Finalist, IBM Best Student Paper Award, INFORMS	2022	
	$\bullet$ Finalist, Best Service Science Student Paper Award, INFORMS Conference on Service Science $2021$		
	• Ph.D. Fellowship, Booth School of Business	2018-2023	
	$\bullet$ Distinguished Undergraduate Thesis Award, Tsinghua University	2018	
	• Outstanding Undergraduate Award, Tsinghua University	2018	
	• First Prize, Chinese Physics Olympiad	2014	
Presentations	• Behavior-Aware Queueing: The Finite-Buffer Setting with Strategic Servers [1]		
	- INFORMS Annual Meeting	Oct 2022	
	- Young Researchers Workshop, Cornell University (Poster), Ithaca	Oct 2022	
	- CORS/INFORMS International Conference, Vancouver, Canada	June~2022	
	- POMS, Virtual	$April\ 2022$	
	- MSOM Conference Meeting, Virtual	June~2021	
	<ul> <li>Stochastic Systems Seminar, Mathematical Sciences, UCSD, Virtual</li> </ul>	$April\ 2021$	
	- INFORMS Annual Meeting, Virtual	Nov~2020	
	- INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ	Nov 2018	
	• Learning the Scheduling Policy in Time-Varying Multiclass Many Server Queues [2]		
	- INFORMS Annual Meeting	Oct 2022	
	<ul> <li>International Conference of the Chinese Scholars Association for Management Science and Engineering (CSAMSE), Virtual</li> </ul>		
	- CORS/INFORMS International Conference, Vancouver, Canada	June~2022	
	<ul> <li>MOILS Seminar, Stern School of Business, NYU, Virtual</li> </ul>	Feb 2022	
	- INFORMS Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA	Oct 2021	
	• Queueing Versus Surge Pricing Mechanism: Efficiency, Equity, and Consumer Welfare [3]		
	- INFORMS Conference on Service Science, Virtual	Dec~2020	
	– Mechanism Design for Social Good (MD4SG), Virtual	Aug~2020	
	- INFORMS Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA	Oct 2019	
	• Data-Driven Market-Making via Model-Free Learning [5]		

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- INFORMS Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA	Oct 2019
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- POMS, Virtual	May 2021
- IJCAI-PRICAI, Virtual	Jan 2021

Teaching EXPERIENCE

#### The University of Chicago Booth School of Business

Teaching Assistant (MBA Program)

Applied Regression Analysis (MBA core, 180+ students)

Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Operations Management: Business Process Fundamentals (MBA core, 180+ students) Winter 2020

Managing Service Operations (MBA elective, 80+ students) Winter 2022

Industry EXPERIENCE Pinterest Labs

Remote June 2021-Sept 2021

Research Intern, Ads Marketplace team

Chicago, IL

Blue Fire Capital, LLC Research Intern, Data Science Group July 2019-Sept 2019

DiDi Beijing, China Research Intern, Research Center of Innovation and Operations Jan 2018-July 2018 ACADEMIC Ad hoc Reviewer: Operations Research, Mathematics of Operations Research, Operations Research

Service Letters, Service Science, INFORMS Conference on Service Science

Organizer: Session chair for INFORMS Annual Meeting 2021, CORS 2022.

SKILLS AND Language: Chinese (native), English (fluent)

OTHERS Data/Statistical Tools: R, SQL

Optimization Tools: CPLEX, GUROBI, AMPL Programming Language: Python, C/C++, JAVA

Hobbies: Piano, Yoga, Line-drawing, Calligraphy, Traveling, Photography

# References

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