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Appointments

School of Industrial Engineering & Management	Oklahoma State University
Professor	July 2020–Present
Wilson Bentley Professorship	July 2018–Present
Associate Professor	July 2013-June 2020
Graduate Program Director	July 2016–June 2019
Assistant Professor	August 2007-June 2013

Education

Texas A&M University Ph.D., Industrial Engineering	2002–2007
Indian Institute of Technology–Madras B. Tech., Mechanical Engineering	1998–2002

Research Interests

Optimization theory and algorithms: Graph signatures; Graph-theoretic clique relaxations; Fault-tolerant cluster detection; Design of survivable (multi-path, disruption-tolerant) network topologies; Network interdiction

Optimization applications: Computational biology; Agricultural analytics; Social network analysis; Graph-based data mining; Transportation logistics; Production planning

Publications

Student coauthors are starred*

Working Papers.

[1] Pouya Ahadi*, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, Juan S. Borrero, and Charles Chen. Optimizing expected cross value for genetic introgression. *Under First Revision*, 2024.

Under Review.

[2] Hao Pan*, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, and Juan S. Borrero. Finding conserved low-diameter subgraphs in social and biological networks. *Under Review*, 2024.

[3] Parisa Vaghfi Mohebbi*, Yajun Lu, Zhuqi Miao, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, Pankush Kalgotra, and Ramesh Sharda. Identifying most lethal cliques in disease comorbidity graphs. *Under Review*, 2024.

Accepted

[4] Niloufar Daemi*, Juan S. Borrero, and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. First passage time interdiction in Markov chains. *To appear in Operations Research Letters*, 2024.

Journal Articles

- [5] Yajun Lu, Zhuqi Miao, Parisa Sahraeian*, and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. On atomic cliques in temporal graphs. *Optimization Letters*, 17(4):813–828, April 2023.
- [6] Yajun Lu*, Hosseinali Salemi*, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, and Austin Buchanan. On fault-tolerant low-diameter clusters in graphs. *INFORMS Journal on Computing*, 34(6):3181–3199, November-December 2022.
- [7] Niloufar Daemi*, Juan S. Borrero, and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. Interdicting low-diameter cohesive subgroups in large-scale social networks. *INFORMS Journal on Optimization*, 4(3):304–325, September 2022.
- [8] Balabhaskar Balasundaram, Juan S. Borrero, and Hao Pan*. Graph signatures: Identification and optimization. *European Journal of Operational Research*, 296(3):764–775, February 2022.
- [9] Babak Farmanesh*, Arash Pourhabib, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, and Austin Buchanan. A Bayesian framework for functional calibration of expensive computational models through non-isometric matching. *IISE Transactions*, 53(3):352–364, March 2021.
- [10] Zhuqi Miao* and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. An ellipsoidal bounding scheme for the quasi-clique number of a graph. *INFORMS Journal on Computing*, 32(3):763–778, August 2020.
- [11] Farzaneh Nasirian*, Foad Mahdavi Pajouh, and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. Detecting a most closeness-central clique in complex networks. *European Journal of Operational Research*, 283(2):461–475, June 2020.
- [12] Juan Ma* and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. On the chance-constrained minimum spanning k-core problem. Journal of Global Optimization, 74(4):783–801, August 2019.
- [13] Shuzhen Sun*, Zhuqi Miao*, Blaise Ratcliffe, Polly Campbell, Bret Pasch, Yousry A. El-Kassaby, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, and Charles Chen. SNP variable selection by generalized graph domination. *PLoS ONE*, 14(1):1–18, January 2019.
- [14] Yajun Lu*, Esmaeel Moradi*, and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. Correction to: Finding a maximum k-club using the k-clique formulation and canonical hypercube cuts. *Optimization Letters*, 12(8):1959–1969, November 2018.

- [15] Esmaeel Moradi* and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. Finding a maximum k-club using the k-clique formulation and canonical hypercube cuts. *Optimization Letters*, 12(8):1947–1957, November 2018.
- [16] Zhuqi Miao* and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. Approaches for finding cohesive subgroups in large-scale social networks via maximum k-plex detection. *Networks*, 69(4):388–407, July 2017.
- [17] Foad Mahdavi Pajouh*, Esmaeel Moradi*, and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. Detecting large riskaverse 2-clubs in graphs with random edge failures. *Annals of Operations Research*, 249(1):55–73, February 2017.
- [18] Foad Mahdavi Pajouh*, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, and Illya V. Hicks. On the 2-club polytope of graphs. *Operations Research*, 64(6):1466–1481, November-December 2016.
- [19] Juan Ma*, Foad Mahdavi Pajouh*, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, and Vladimir Boginski. The minimum spanning *k*-core problem with bounded CVaR under probabilistic edge failures. *INFORMS Journal on Computing*, 28(2):295–307, April 2016.
- [20] Zhuqi Miao*, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, and Eduardo L. Pasiliao. An exact algorithm for the maximum probabilistic clique problem. *Journal of Combinatorial Optimization*, 28(1):105–120, July 2014.
- [21] Foad Mahdavi Pajouh*, Zhuqi Miao*, and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. A branch-and-bound approach for maximum quasi-cliques. *Annals of Operations Research*, 216(1):145–161, May 2014.
- [22] Svyatoslav Trukhanov, Chitra Balasubramaniam, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, and Sergiy Butenko. Algorithms for detecting optimal hereditary structures in graphs, with application to clique relaxations. *Computational Optimization and Applications*, 56(1):113–130, September 2013.
- [23] Sergiy Butenko, Oleksandra Yezerska, and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. Variable objective search. Journal of Heuristics, 19(4):697–709, August 2013.
- [24] Foad Mahdavi Pajouh*, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, and Oleg A. Prokopyev. On characterization of maximal independent sets via quadratic optimization. *Journal of Heuristics*, 19(4):629–644, August 2013.
- [25] Marco Carvalho, Alexey Sorokin, Vladimir Boginski, and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. Topology design for on-demand dual-path routing in wireless networks. *Optimization Letters*, 7(4):695–707, April 2013.
- [26] Foad Mahdavi Pajouh*, Dahai Xing*, Yingjue Zhou*, Sharethram Hariharan*, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, Tieming Liu, and Ramesh Sharda. A specialty steel bar company uses analytics to determine available-to-promise dates. *INFORMS Journal on Applied Analytics*, 43(6):503–517, 2013.
- [27] Foad Mahdavi Pajouh* and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. On inclusionwise maximal and maximum cardinality k-clubs in graphs. Discrete Optimization, 9(2):84–97, May 2012.
- [28] Trevor Grout*, Yang Hong, Jeffrey Basara, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, Zhenyu Kong, and Satish T. S. Bukkapatnam. Significant winter weather events and associated socioeconomic impacts (federal

- aid expenditures) across Oklahoma: 2000-2010. Weather, Climate, and Society, 4(1):48–58, January 2012.
- [29] Balabhaskar Balasundaram, Sergiy Butenko, and Illya V. Hicks. Clique relaxations in social network analysis: The maximum k-plex problem. Operations Research, 59(1):133–142, January-February 2011.
- [30] Balabhaskar Balasundaram, Shyam S. Chandramouli*, and Svyatoslav Trukhanov. Approximation algorithms for finding and partitioning unit-disk graphs into co-k-plexes. *Optimization Letters*, 4(3):311–320, August 2010.
- [31] Balabhaskar Balasundaram and Sergiy Butenko. On a polynomial fractional formulation for independence number of a graph. *Journal of Global Optimization*, 35(3):405–421, July 2006.
- [32] Balabhaskar Balasundaram and Sergiy Butenko. Constructing test functions for global optimization using continuous formulations of graph problems. *Journal of Optimization Methods and Software*, 20(4-5):439–452, August-October 2005.
- [33] Balabhaskar Balasundaram, Sergiy Butenko, and Svyatoslav Trukhanov. Novel approaches for analyzing biological networks. *Journal of Combinatorial Optimization*, 10(1):23–39, August 2005.

Book Chapters.

- [34] Balabhaskar Balasundaram and Foad Mahdavi Pajouh*. Graph theoretic clique relaxations and applications. In P. M. Pardalos, D.-Z. Du, and R. Graham, editors, *Handbook of Combinatorial Optimization*, pages 1559–1598. Springer, New York, 2nd edition, 2013.
- [35] Foad Mahdavi Pajouh* and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. Gradient-type methods. In J. J. Cochran, L. A. Cox, P. Keskinocak, J. P. Kharoufeh, and J. C. Smith, editors, *Wiley Encyclopedia of Operations Research and Management Science*, volume 3, pages 2092–2099. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2011.
- [36] Balabhaskar Balasundaram and Sergiy Butenko. Optimization problems in unit-disk graphs. In C. A. Floudas and P. M. Pardalos, editors, *Encyclopedia of Optimization*, pages 2832–2844. Springer Science + Business Media, New York, 2nd edition, 2009.
- [37] Balabhaskar Balasundaram and Sergiy Butenko. Network clustering. In B. H. Junker and F. Schreiber, editors, *Analysis of Biological Networks*, pages 113–138. Wiley, New York, 2008.
- [38] Balabhaskar Balasundaram and Sergiy Butenko. Graph domination, coloring and cliques in telecommunications. In M. G. C. Resende and P. M. Pardalos, editors, *Handbook of Optimization in Telecommunications*, pages 865–890. Springer Science + Business Media, New York, 2006.

Conference Proceedings.

- [39] Hao Pan*, Balabhaskar Balasundaram, and Juan S. Borrero. A decomposition branch-and-cut algorithm for the maximum cross-graph k-club problem. In *Proceedings of the 10th International Network Optimization Conference (INOC)*, pages 17–22. Open Proceedings, 2022.
- [40] Juan Ma* and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. Solving chance-constrained spanning k-core problem via decomposition and integer programming. In *Proceedings of the 2013 Industrial and Systems Engineering Research Conference (ISERC 2013)*, pages 2774–2783, Norcross, GA, 2013. Institute of Industrial Engineers.

- [41] Zhuqi Miao* and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. Cluster detection in large-scale social networks using k-plexes. In *Proceedings of the 2012 Industrial and Systems Engineering Research Conference (ISERC 2012)*, pages 1–10, Norcross, GA, 2012. Institute of Industrial Engineers.
- [42] Peerapol Sittivijan*, Manjunath Kamath, and Balabhaskar Balasundaram. Models for clustering commodities into logistical families. In *Proceedings of the 2009 International Conference on Value Chain Sustainability (ICOVACS 2009)*, pages 32–37, 2009.
- [43] Balabhaskar Balasundaram. Cohesive subgroup model for graph-based text mining. In *Proceedings* of the 2008 IEEE International Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE 2008), pages 989–994. IEEE, August 2008.
- [44] G. Srinivasan, B. Balasundaram, and V. Karthik. Minimizing squared deviation of completion times about a common due date algorithms and heuristics. In P. Radhakrishnan, S. Palaniswami, P. V. Mohanram, and J. Kanchana, editors, *Proceedings of the 1st International Conference on Logistics and Supply Chain Management*, pages 234–239, Mumbai, August 2001. Allied Publishers.

Awards & Honors

- Regents Distinguished Teaching Award, Oklahoma State University, September 2022.
- Phoenix Award for Outstanding Faculty, Graduate and Professional Student Government Association, Oklahoma State University, April 2019.
- Regents Distinguished Research Award, Oklahoma State University, November 2016.
- Research Excellence Award, College of Engineering Architecture and Technology, Oklahoma State University, April 2016.
- IISE Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Operations Research, Operations Research Division, Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers, May 2015.
- Research Excellence Award, College of Engineering Architecture and Technology, Oklahoma State University, April 2014.
- President's Cup for Creative Interdisciplinarity, First Place, member of iCREST Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology (team leader Dr. Rakesh Kaundal), Oklahoma State University, December 2013.
- OSU Award of Excellence for Advising, Oklahoma State University, December 2013.
- IEM Faculty Award, School of Industrial Engineering & Management, Oklahoma State University, November 2013.
- ISERC Best Paper Award (Operations Research Track) from the IIE Operations Research Division for the paper titled "Solving chance-constrained spanning k-core problem via decomposition and integer programming," coauthored with doctoral advisee Juan Ma, May 2013.
- Outstanding Young Faculty Award, Halliburton Foundation, Inc., College of Engineering Architecture and Technology, Oklahoma State University, March 2013.

- CEAT Outstanding Advisor Award, College of Engineering Architecture and Technology, Oklahoma State University, December 2012.
- IIE South Central Region Outstanding Advisor Award, Institute of Industrial Engineers, May 2011.
- o Pritsker Doctoral Dissertation Award, 2nd Place, Institute of Industrial Engineers, May 2008.
- o George Kunze Prize, Texas A&M University, April 2007.
- U.S. Senator Phil Gramm Doctoral Fellowship, Texas A&M University, April 2007.
- Distinguished Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Teaching, Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University, March 2007.
- Best Poster Award for "Constructing test functions for global optimization using continuous formulations of optimization problems on graphs" in the Workshop on Multiscale Optimization Methods and Applications, February 26-28, 2004, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
- Best Paper Award for "A backtracking heuristic for solving U-shaped assembly line balancing problem" in Shaastra TechFest 2002, Indian Institute of Technology—Madras, India. (With P. Devarajan).

Grants

Principal Investigator/Institutional Lead.

- FLAT: Freight Lane Assignment Tool, PI: Balasundaram, Co-PIs: Buchanan, Heragu, 1/13/2020–8/16/2020, \$163,730. TreeHouse Foods, Inc.
- Optimization-based Aggregate Master Planning Tools for Bay Valley Foods, LLC, PI: Balasundaram, Co-PIs: Buchanan, Heragu, 10/1/2017–1/31/2020, \$250,599. Bay Valley Foods, LLC.
- Collaborative Research: Risk-Averse Cluster Detection in Network Models of Big Data Under Measurement Uncertainty, OSU PI: Balasundaram, Collaborator: Hicks (Rice University), 4/15/2014– 3/31/2018, \$271,649. National Science Foundation.
- Clique Relaxations in Biological and Social Network Analysis: Foundations and Algorithms, PI: Butenko (Texas A&M), Co-PIs: Balasundaram, Boginski (University of Florida), 7/1/2012–6/30/2015, \$452,942. Air Force Office of Scientific Research.
- Robust Optimization for Connectivity and Flows in Dynamic Complex Networks, PI: Balasundaram, Co-PIs: Butenko (Texas A&M), Boginski, Uryasev (University of Florida), 9/15/2009–9/14/2013, \$589,092. Department of Energy.
- Data Reduction by Generalized Graph Domination, PI: Balasundaram, 2/1/2010–7/31/2010, \$35,558. Entero Technologies LLC.
- Proactive Approach To Transportation Resource Allocation Under Severe Winter Weather Emergencies, PI: Balasundaram, Co-PIs: Bukkapatnam, Kong, Hong (University of Oklahoma), 7/1/2009–6/30/2011, \$261,194. Oklahoma Transportation Center.

Co-Principal Investigator.....

- MRI: Acquisition of Shared High Performance Compute Cluster for Multidisciplinary Computational and Data-Intensive Research, PI: Brunson, Co-PIs: Balasundaram, Borunda, Fennell, Hoyt, 10/1/2015– 9/30/2018, \$951,570. National Science Foundation.
- Feasibility Study: Hazardous Material Movement Model for HazMat Transportation in Oklahoma, PI: Pourhabib, Co-PIs: Balasundaram, Kamath, Zhao, 7/1/2015–9/30/2015, \$44,534. Oklahoma Emergency Management.
- Algorithms for Order-Picking (Project 12), RFID Technology Center at the University of Louisville, PI: Heragu, Co-PIs: Balasundaram, Kamath, Liu, 1/1/2014–3/28/2014, \$235,270. Defense Logistics Agency.
- Oklahoma Center for Transportation and Logistics Research, Education and Outreach, PI: Ingalls, Co-PIs: Balasundaram, Kamath, Liu, 7/1/2011–6/30/2013, \$150,000. Oklahoma Transportation Center.
- Collaborative: CELDi (Center for Engineering Logistics and Distribution) Research Experience for Teachers Supplement, PI: Kamath, Co-PIs: Balasundaram, Ingalls, 12/18/08–7/31/13, \$58,000.
 National Science Foundation.
- Collaborative: CELDi (Center for Engineering Logistics and Distribution) Renewal, PI: Kamath, Co-PIs: Balasundaram, Ingalls, 8/1/07–7/31/13, \$125,000. National Science Foundation.
- Developing Cutting-Edge Educational, Outreach and Diversity Programs in Transportation and Logistics for Oklahoma, PI: Kamath, Co-PIs: Balasundaram, Ingalls, Liu, 10/1/2011–12/31/2012, \$87,465. Oklahoma Transportation Center.
- ECLIPSE: Environment for Contextualized Learning and Insightful Problem Solving Experiences, PI: Antonenko, Co-PIs: Balasundaram, Gelder, Greenwood, Nichols, 9/1/2011–8/31/2012, \$49,281.
 Oklahoma State University Planning Grants.
- Development of an Available-To-Promise Decision Support System for Webco Industries, PI: Liu, Co-PI: Balasundaram, 4/1/2010–6/30/2012, \$137,995. Webco Industries Inc.
- A Design Optimization Tool for Supply Chains (DOTS), PI: Ingalls, Co-PIs: Kamath, Balasundaram, 6/1/2010–12/31/2011, \$21,666. Center for Excellence in Logistics and Distribution (NSF I/UCRC).
- Acquisition of LIDAR Laser Scanner for Bridge Inspection, PI: Kong, Co-PIs: Ley, Emerson, Balasundaram, Collins, Liu, 8/1/2010–10/31/2011, \$200,000. Oklahoma Transportation Center.

Graduate Advising

Doctoral Students.....

- Shuai Shao (Co-advisor, in progress)
- Parisa V. Mohebbi (in progress)
- Hao Pan (December 2021)
 - Dissertation: Mining Low-Diameter Clusters Conserved in Graph Collections

- Business Development, Yantai Junheng Construction Machinery, Yantai, Shandong, China
- Yajun Lu (July 2019)
 - Dissertation: Finding Second-order Clubs.
 - Assistant Professor of Operations Management, Department of Management & Marketing, College of Business & Industry, Jacksonville State University.
- Babak Farmanesh (Co-advisor, August 2018)
 - Dissertation: Efficient Techniques for Statistical Modeling of Calibration and Spatio-temporal Systems Using Gaussian Processes.
 - Senior Data Scientist at Microsoft.
- Zhuqi Miao (May 2016)
 - Dissertation: Combinatorial and Global Optimization Approaches to the Maximum Quasi-clique Problem.
 - Assistant Professor of Business Analytics, School of Business, State University of New York at New Paltz.
- Esmaeel Moradi (May 2016)
 - Dissertation: Decomposition Algorithms for Detecting Low-diameter Clusters in Graphs.
 - Director of Global Supply Chain Strategy at Wesco
- Juan Ma (Co-advisor, December 2015)
 - Dissertation: Proactive Approaches for System Design Under Uncertainty Applied to Network Synthesis and Capacity Planning.
 - Technical Manager, Data Science, iHeartMedia, Inc.
- Foad Mahdavi Pajouh (August 2012)
 - Dissertation: Polyhedral Combinatorics, Complexity & Algorithms for k-Clubs in Graphs.
 - Jack Howe Fellow and Associate Professor, School of Business, Stevens Institute of Technology

Masters Students.

- Jithender Kakumanu (Spring 2023)
- Varun Joshi (Spring 2023)
- Parisa Sahraeian (Summer 2022)
- Pouya Ahadi (Spring 2021), Thesis: Optimizing Expected Cross Value for Genetic Introgression
- Tyler Davis (Fall 2017), Thesis: Parallelization of the Clark, Colbourn, and Johnson Maximum Clique Algorithm for Unit Disk Graphs
- Rajeev Gangwar (Spring 2017)
- o Sampreet Mangalvedhe (Fall 2016), Thesis: On a Biobjective Flow Problem in Networks
- Arun Jayaraman (Summer 2016)
- Amit Kumar (Summer 2016)
- o Prashant Kalidindi Verma (Spring 2016)

- Devaraja Radha Krishnan (Fall 2015), Thesis: Decomposition Algorithms for the Elementary Shortest Path Problem in Networks Containing Negative Cycles
- Komal Revankar (Fall 2015), Independent Study: Autonomous Mobility-on-demand: Operations Research Focused Literature Review
- Justin Zawoiski (Spring 2015)
- Surender Singireddy (Spring 2014), Independent Study: Implementing Shortest Path, Maximum Flow and Minimum Spanning Tree Algorithms With Boost Graph Libraries
- Zhuqi Miao (Spring 2012), Independent Study: Cluster Detection in Large-scale Social Networks
 Using k-Plexes
- Juliana Bright (Fall 2011), Thesis: Robust Shortest Paths Under Uncertainty Using Conditional Value-At-Risk
- Ninad Joshi (Summer 2011)
- Pranav Dharmadhikari (Summer 2011)
- Vidyasagar Kodukula (Summer 2011)
- Amol Bhave (Fall 2010), Thesis: *Greedy Randomized Adaptive Search Procedure for the Maximum Co-k-Plex Problem*
- Ameya Dhaygude (Fall 2010), Thesis: A Heuristic Approach to the Chance Constrained Minimum Spanning k-Core Problem
- Sameer Mangalvedhe (Fall 2010), Thesis: Greedy Randomized Adaptive Search Procedure for the Maximum 2-Club Problem
- Rahul Banda (Fall 2009)
- Krishna Chaitanya Gunturu (Summer 2009)

Undergraduate Advising

Senior Design Projects.

- Jason Abernathy, Mason Feddersen, Kendel Hart, Sam Koscelny (Spring 2022), Estimating Lumber Requirements and Minimizing Lumber Wastage in Zeeco Crating Operation
- Cade Phelan, Victoria Richardson, Kaustuvi Thapa (Spring 2021), Cost-effective Freight Carrier Selection for ArcBest
 - Top-5 finalist for the 2021 Outstanding ISE Capstone Senior Design Project Award given by the Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers
- Jennifer Fallon, Brittany Grubert, Rylee Hunter, Charlie Robson (Spring 2020), Increasing Air Fleet Availability at the OSU Flight Center
- Ahmed Almuhanna, Andrew Browning, Erica Crain, Michael Moylan (Spring 2019), Enhancement of Inventory Simulator for Engine Parts at American Airlines Maintenance Facility

- Ronnie Comeau, Jazmin Wilson, Qidong Zhai (Fall 2017), An Optimized Scheduling Methodology for Air Traffic Controllers at the Federal Aviation Administration
- o Connor Mojo, Hao Pan, Carly Reeves (Spring 2016), Improving Customer Experiences at Nebu Café
- Andrea Lewis, Katey Luster, Weikao Wu (Spring 2014), An Investigation into Routing Efficiency at the Regional Food Bank in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Erin Lee, Steven Miklosko, Amy Zeckser (Spring 2013), Process Improvement in Stillwater Medical Center's Same Day Surgery Department in Stillwater, Oklahoma
- Marco Borunda, Nadia Brigita, Bailey Layman (Fall 2009), An Investigation of High Patient Waiting Time at the Baptist Community Clinic
- Marcus Concienne, Mitchel McCowan, Doann Nguyen (Fall 2008), An Investigation into the Development of a Method to Identify RFQ Similarity at Webco Industries, Inc.

Undergraduate Technical Papers & Presentations.

- Kaustuvi Thapa, Torie Richardson, and Cade Phelan, Integer Programming Approach to Solving a Carrier Selection Problem
 - First Place, IISE South-Central Regional Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, February 2022
- Aarushi Singh, Comorbidity Network Analysis Using Atomic Cliques, OSU Undergraduate Research Symposium Poster Presentation, April 2022
 - Recipient of CEAT Undergraduate Research Scholarship for AY2020–2021 and AY2021–2022.
- Bailey Whitman, Determining an Optimal Inventory Mix for NABco Industries, (Project Mentor: Dr. Liu)
 - First Place, IISE South-Central Regional Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, March 2018
 - Finalist, IISE International Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, May 2018
- Andrea Lewis, Katey Luster, Weikao Wu, Delivery Vehicle Routing at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma
 - First Place, IIE South-Central Regional Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, Feb 2015
 - Finalist, IIE International Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, June 2015
 - Participant, INFORMS Undergraduate Poster Competition, Nov 2014
- o Ian Giese, Michelin Recyclable Material Planning Tool
 - First Place, 2014 IIE Process Industry Division Student Paper Competition
- Erin Lee, Process Improvement in Stillwater Medical Center's Same Day Surgery Department in Stillwater, Oklahoma
 - First Place, IIE South-Central Regional Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, Feb 2014
 - Finalist, IIE International Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, June 2014
- o Justin Whisenant, Webco Industries, Inc. Steel Coil Optimization, (Project Mentor: Dr. Ingalls)
 - Second Place, IIE South-Central Regional Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, Feb 2013
- Ajay Reddy, Ryan Sullivan, An Analysis of Process Documentation at a Software Providing Organization, (Project Mentor: Dr. Collins)

- Participant, IIE South-Central Regional Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, Feb 2013
- Austin Buchanan, Adrian Smith, An Investigation into Instructor Staffing at Oklahoma State University Fire Service Training, (Project Mentor: Dr. Liu)
 - First Place, IIE South-Central Regional Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, March 2012
 - First Place, IIE International Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, May 2012
 - Participant, INFORMS Undergraduate Paper Competition, Nov 2011
- Thomas Hong, Julianna Bright, Carrie Walker, An Investigation into the Current Distribution System at Ditch Witch in Perry, Oklahoma, (Project Mentor: Dr. Ingalls)
 - First Place, IIE South-Central Regional Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, Feb 2010
 - First Place, IIE International Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, May 2010
- Marcus Concienne, Mitchel McCowan, An Investigation into the Development of a Method to Identify RFQ Similarity at Webco Industries, Inc.
 - First Place, IIE South-Central Regional Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, Feb 2009
 - Third Place, IIE International Undergraduate Student Paper Competition, May 2009

Courses Taught

Graduate

- Introduction to Optimization
- Network Optimization
- Linear Optimization
- Integer and Combinatorial Optimization
- Nonlinear Optimization

Undergraduate

- Operations Research
- Engineering Economic Analysis
- Senior Design Projects

Editorial Service

Associate Editor.....

- Networks, 2012-Present
- o IISE Transactions, 2013-2018

o Journal of Global Optimization, 2009-Present

Reviewer.....

- Mathematical Programming
- Networks
- Discrete Optimization
- Discrete Applied Mathematics
- Optimization Letters
- Journal of Global Optimization
- Journal of Optimization Methods & Software
- Annals of Operations Research
- Computers & Operations Research

- Operations Research
- INFORMS Journal on Computing
- SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics
- Journal of Graph Algorithms and Applications
- Journal of Combinatorial Optimization
- Computational Optimization & Applications
- Optimization and Engineering
- European Journal of Operational Research
- Asia-Pacific Journal of Operations Research

• IISE Transactions

- Computers & Industrial Engineering
- Production & Operations Management
- Journal of Heuristics
- IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biol- O Social Networks ogy and Bioinformatics

Service & Professional Activities

- Elected Member, Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure College-Wide Committee, College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology, Oklahoma State University, 2022–2025
- Affiliate Faculty, Center for the Study of Disasters and Extreme Events (CSDEE), Oklahoma State University, 2016–2020
- Member, Coalition for Advanced Digital Research & Education (CADRE) Council, Oklahoma State University, 2017–2019
- Member, Food-Energy-Water (FEW) Nexus Council, Oklahoma State University, College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology representative, 2016–2018
- Member, Faculty Research Council, College of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology, School of Industrial Engineering & Management representative, 2013–2015
- Faculty Adviser, Student Chapter of IIE at Oklahoma State University, 2007–2014
- Panelist, "Four Generations in Academia." Graduate Students & Faculty Relationships Workshop, April 4–6, 2014, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- Panelist, IISE OR Teaching Excellence Award (2020), INFORMS Best Student Poster Competition (2017, 2018), INFORMS George Nicholson Prize Committee (2015, 2016), INFORMS Junior Faculty Interest Group Paper Competition (2014)
- Proposal Review: Department of Energy, National Science Foundation, Air Force Office of Scientific Research
- Advisory Board Member of iCREST: Interdisciplinary Center for Research Excellence in Science and Technology (Bioinformatics and Computational Biology), 2011–2014
- Elected Vice Chair for Networks, INFORMS Optimization Society, 2011–2013
- Mentor, Oklahoma Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, 2008-2009, 2017

Professional Memberships

- Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)
- Mathematical Optimization Society (MOS)
- Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE)
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)

Selected Presentations

- "Lethal cliques in comorbidity graphs." Seminar Series, Wm Michael Barnes '64 Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.
- "Cliques and clubs in temporal graphs." Seminar Series, Department of Industrial Engineering, November 17, 2023, University of Houston, Houston, TX.
- "Club interdiction." 2022 INFORMS Computing Society Conference, January 23–25, 2022, Tampa,
 FL.
- "Robust low-diameter subgraphs." 2019 INFORMS ALIO International Conference, June 9–12, 2019, Cancún, Mexico.
- "An upper-bounding technique for the maximum quasi-clique problem." 2018 INFORMS Optimization Society Meeting, March 23–25, 2018, Denver, CO.
- "A lazy approach to finding low-diameter clusters in graphs." Seminar Series, Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering, February 7, 2018, Kansas State University, Manhattan KS.
- "The maximum quasi-clique problem." 2017 Global Optimization Conference GOC 2017, March 30–April 1, 2017, College Station, TX.
- "Recent developments in detecting low-diameter clusters in graphs." Seminar Series, Department of Industrial Engineering, October 6, 2016, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
- "Cliques & clubs." Seminar Series, Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering, September 11, 2015, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.
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