# **Bradley Sturt**

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Research

Optimization under uncertainty (robust, stochastic, dynamic) and machine learning, with applications to

INTERESTS operations management and finance.

ACADEMIC University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

2020 - Present

EMPLOYMENT Assistant Professor of Business Analytics

EDUCATION Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

2015 - 2020

Ph.D. in Operations Research

GPA: 5.00/5.00

University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, Champaign, IL

2010 - 2014

B.S. in Computer Engineering, minor in Technology and Management

GPA: 3.97/4.00

Ph.D Thesis "Dynamic Optimization in the Age of Big Data," MIT, April 2020.

## AWARDS MIT Operations Research Center Student Paper Competition, First Place, 2019

Awarded to one paper written by students each year in the MIT ORC PhD Program, recognizing outstanding achievement in operations research. Awarded for paper "A data-driven approach to multi-stage stochastic linear optimization", with D. Bertsimas and S. Shtern.

#### MIT Sloan Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, 2017

Awarded to one graduate student in the MIT Sloan School of Management each academic year for excellence in MBA teaching. Nominated and selected by MBA students as a teaching assistant in Fall 2016 for the class "15.060: Data, Models and Decisions".

## INFORMS George Nicholson Student Paper Competition, Second Place, 2017

The competition is held each year to honor outstanding papers in the field of operations research and the management sciences written by a student. Awarded for paper "Computation of the bootstrap: complexity, exact algorithms and deterministic approximations" with D. Bertsimas.

#### Research

## Journal Papers

- Two-stage sample robust optimization
   Operations Research, forthcoming, 2021
   D. Bertsimas, S. Shtern, and B. Sturt
- 2. Computation of exact bootstrap confidence intervals: Complexity and deterministic algorithms **Operations Research**, Vol. 68, No. 3, pp. 949-964, 2020
  - D. Bertsimas and B. Sturt
    - INFORMS George Nicholson Student Paper Competition (2nd Place), 2017
- The path most traveled: Travel demand estimation using big data resources
   Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies, Vol. 58, pp.162-177, 2015
   J. Toole, S. Colak, B. Sturt, L. Alexander, A. Evsukoff, and M. C. González

## Under Review

- 4. A data-driven approach to multi-stage stochastic linear optimization Management Science (invited for fourth round revision - *Minor Revision*)
  - D. Bertsimas, S. Shtern, and B. Sturt
    - MIT Operations Research Center Student Paper Competition (1st Place), 2019
- A nonparametric algorithm for optimal stopping based on robust optimization
   Operations Research (invited for first round revision Major Revision)
   B. Sturt
- Dynamic optimization with side information
   European Journal of Operational Research (submitted for first round review)
   D. Bertsimas, C. McCord, and B. Sturt

## In Progress

- 7. The value of robust assortment optimization B. Sturt
- 8. Fast algorithms for robust linear optimization H. Lu and B. Sturt
- Algorithms for robust inventory management Z. Chen, S. Lin, and B. Sturt

# REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

10. Personalized entity recommendation in heterogeneous information networks with implicit user feedback **Proceedings of the 7th ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining**, pp. 283-292, 2014

X. Yu, X. Ren, Y. Sun, Q. Gu, B. Sturt, U. Khandelwal, B. Norick, and J. Han

11. HeteRec: Entity recommendation in heterogeneous information networks with implicit user feedback **Proceedings of the 7th ACM Conference on Recommender Systems**, pp. 347-350, 2013. X. Yu, X. Ren, Y. Sun, B. Sturt, U. Khandelwal, Q. Gu, B. Norick, and J. Han

# Teaching

Instructor	University of Illinois at Chicago		
	IDS 472, Business Data Mining (Instructor Evaluation Score: <b>4.61/5.0</b> )	Spring 2021	
	IDS 270, Statistics I for Business Scholars (Instructor Evaluation Score: <b>4.38/5.0</b> )	Fall 2020	
TEACHING ASSISTANT	Massachusetts Institute of Technology		
	15.097, Robust Optimization (TA Evaluation Score: <b>6.5/7.0</b> )	Spring 2019	
	15.778, Introduction to Operations Management (TA Evaluation Score: 6.7/7.0)	Summer 2018	
	15.093, Optimization Methods (TA Evaluation Score: 7.0/7.0)	Fall 2017	
	15.060, Data Models and Decisions (TA Evaluation Score: <b>6.7/7.0</b> )	Fall 2016	
	Invited Talks		
Seminars & Workshops	Robust Optimization Webinar (ROW)	November 2020	
	University of Wisconsin Madison, Industrial and Systems Engineering	January 2020	
	University of Michigan, Industrial and Operations Engineering	December 2019	
	Indiana University, Kelley School of Business	December 2019	
	University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Business Administration	December 2019	
	Princeton University, Operations Research and Financial Engineering	November 2019	
	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Gies College of Business	November 2019	
	Oracle Labs (USA East Office), ML Research Seminar Series	November 2019	
	MIT Operations Research Center, ORC Seminar	September 2019	
	CMU Tepper School of Business, YinzOR Workshop	August 2019	
	Technion Industrial Engineering, Quant Seminar	January 2019	
	BIRS Workshop on "Models and Algorithms for Sequential Decision-Making under Uncertainty", Banff	January 2019	
Conferences	SIAM Conference on Optimization (OP21), Virtual	July 2021	
	INFORMS Annual Meeting, Virtual	October 2020	
	International Conference on Continuous Optimization (ICCOPT), Berlin	August, 2019	
	INFORMS Annual Meeting, Seattle	October 2019	
	INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix	November 2018	
	International Symposium on Mathematical Programming (ISMP), Bordeaux	August 2018	
	INFORMS Annual Meeting, Houston	October 2017	

## **Service**

Ad-hoc Reviewer Management Science, Operations Research, Mathematics of Operations Research, Manufacturing & Service Operations Management, SIAM Journal on Optimization, Production and Operations Management, INFORMS Journal on Optimization

## Miscellaneous

GRADUATE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

# Organizer of 15.S60: Computation in Optimization and Statistics, 2017, 2018, 2019

Organized student-taught MIT Sloan elective course during the January term on software tools for operations research (R, Julia, Gurobi, distributed computing). Recruited and coordinated team of teaching assistants, defined course expectations, and managed enrollment.

# Coordinator for MIT ORC Fall Seminar Series, 2018

Invited and hosted speakers as student coordinator for Fall seminar series.

Industry Employment Facebook, Menlo Park, CA

Data Scientist Intern Summer 2015

**Google**, Mountain View, CA Software Engineering Intern

Summer 2013

Garmin, Olathe, KS

Software Engineering Intern

Summer 2012

Computing

R, Python, Julia, C++, x86 Assembly

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