

# Bradley Sturt

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT	<b>University of Illinois Chicago</b> , Chicago, IL <i>Assistant Professor of Information and Decision Sciences</i>	<i>Aug 2020 - Present</i>
EDUCATION	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> , Cambridge, MA Ph.D. in Operations Research	<i>Aug 2015 - June 2020</i>
	<b>University of Illinois Urbana Champaign</b> , Champaign, IL B.S. in Computer Engineering, minor in Technology and Management Graduated with Highest Honors and University Honors (Bronze Tablet)	<i>Aug 2010 - June 2014</i>
INDUSTRY	<b>BallotIQ</b> , Ann Arbor, MI <i>Co-Founder</i>	<i>June 2024 - Present</i>
	<b>Facebook</b> , Menlo Park, CA <i>Data Scientist Intern</i>	<i>June 2015 - Aug 2015</i>
	<b>Google</b> , Mountain View, CA <i>Software Engineering Intern</i>	<i>June 2013 - Aug 2013</i>
	<b>Garmin</b> , Olathe, KS <i>Software Engineering Intern</i>	<i>June 2012 - Aug 2012</i>
SELECTED AWARDS	<b>INFORMS Harvey J. Greenberg Research Award, 2025</b> The competition is held each year by the INFORMS Computing Society to honor the most outstanding contribution that exhibits the promise of making a significant impact through computation in the scope of OR/MS/Analytics. Awarded for paper titled “Improving the security of United States elections with robust optimization”.	
	<b>Roger J-B Wets Junior Researcher Best Paper Prize in Stochastic Programming, 2025</b> The competition is held every three years by the Stochastic Programming Society to recognize the most outstanding paper in stochastic programming authored by a researcher within seven years of receiving their PhD. Awarded for solo-author paper titled “A nonparametric algorithm for optimal stopping based on robust optimization”.	
	<b>Operations Research Meritorious Service Award, 2024</b> Awarded to a select number of reviewers that have “gone above and beyond normal expectations”.	
	<b>WDSM Test of Time Paper Award, 2024</b> Awarded by the ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM’24) for 2014 paper on recommendation systems titled “Personalized entity recommendation in heterogeneous information networks with implicit user feedback”.	

**Management Science Meritorious Service Award, 2023**

Awarded to select group of reviewers for consistently writing “timely, unbiased, and thoughtful” reports.

**INFORMS Junior Faculty Interest Group (JFIG) Paper Competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 2021**

The competition is held each year to increase the visibility of research conducted by junior faculty within the fields of operations research and management science. Awarded for solo-author paper titled “A nonparametric algorithm for optimal stopping based on robust optimization”.

**MIT Operations Research Center Student Paper Competition, 2019**

Awarded to one paper written by students each year in the MIT ORC PhD Program, recognizing outstanding achievement in operations research. Awarded to B. Sturt for paper titled “A data-driven approach to multi-stage stochastic linear optimization”.

**INFORMS George Nicholson Student Paper Competition, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 to B. Sturt for paper titled “Computation of the bootstrap: complexity, exact algorithms and deterministic approximations”.

**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”.

**UIUC Campus Honors Program Outstanding Senior Award, 2013**

Awarded to select undergraduates in the Campus Honors Program at UIUC, which is comprised of 125 top students in each academic year.

**WORKING PAPERS****1. Assortment Optimization and the Sample Average Approximation**

Hassaan Khalid and Bradley Sturt

Major Revision at *Management Science*

**2. Group Fairness in Dynamic Refugee Assignment**

Daniel Freund, Thodoris Lykouris, Elisabeth Paulson, Bradley Sturt, Wentao Weng

Major Revision at *Operations Research*

**3. The Blessing of Strategic Customers in Personalized Pricing**

Zhi Chen, Bradley Sturt, Weijun Xie

**PUBLICATIONS****4. On the Sparsity of Optimal Linear Decision Rules for a Class of Robust Optimization Problems with Box Uncertainty Sets**

Haihao Lu and Bradley Sturt

*Operations Research*, 2025

**5. Improving the Security of United States Elections with Robust Optimization**

Braden L. Crimmins, J. Alex Halderman, Bradley Sturt

*Operations Research*, Vol. 73, No. 1, 2025

— Winner of the INFORMS Harvey J. Greenberg Research Award, 2025

**6. The Value of Robust Assortment Optimization under Ranking-Based Choice Models**

Bradley Sturt

*Management Science*, Vol. 71, No. 5, 2025

7. **A Nonparametric Algorithm for Optimal Stopping based on Robust Optimization**  
 Bradley Sturt  
*Operations Research*, Vol. 71, No. 5, 2023  
 — Winner of the Roger J-B Wets Junior Researcher Paper Prize in Stochastic Programming, 2025  
 — Second Place in the INFORMS Junior Faculty Interest Group Paper Competition, 2021
8. **A Data-Driven Approach to Multistage Stochastic Linear Optimization**  
 Dimitris Bertsimas, Shimrit Shtern, Bradley Sturt  
*Management Science*, Vol. 69, No. 1, 2023  
 — Winner of the MIT ORC Student Paper Competition (awarded to Sturt), 2019
9. **Group Fairness in Dynamic Refugee Assignment**  
 Daniel Freund, Thodoris Lykouris, Elisabeth Paulson, Bradley Sturt, Wentao Weng  
*Proceedings of the 24th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation* (extended abstract), 2023
10. **Dynamic Optimization with Side Information**  
 Dimitris Bertsimas, Chris McCord, Bradley Sturt  
*European Journal of Operational Research*, Vol. 304, No. 2, 2023
11. **Two-Stage Sample Robust Optimization**  
 Dimitris Bertsimas, Shimrit Shtern, Bradley Sturt  
*Operations Research*, Vol. 70, No. 1, 2022
12. **Computation of Exact Bootstrap Confidence Intervals: Complexity and Deterministic Algorithms**  
 Dimitris Bertsimas and Bradley Sturt  
*Operations Research*, Vol. 68, No. 3, 2020  
 — Second Place in the INFORMS George Nicholson Paper Competition (awarded to Sturt), 2017
13. **The Path Most Traveled: Travel Demand Estimation Using Big Data Resources**  
 Jameson Toole, Serdar Colak, Lauren Alexander, Bradley Sturt, Alexandre Evsukoff, Marta González  
*Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies*, Vol. 58, 2015
14. **Personalized Entity Recommendation in Heterogeneous Information Networks with Implicit User Feedback**  
 Xiao Yu, Xiang Ren, Yizhou Sun, Quanquan Gu, Bradley Sturt, Urvashi Khandelwal, Brandon Norick, Jiawei Han  
*Proceedings of the 7th ACM Intl. Conference on Web Search and Data Mining*, 2014  
 — Winner of the Test of Time Paper Award in WSDM'24
15. **HeteRec: Entity Recommendation in Heterogeneous Information Networks with Implicit User Feedback**  
 Xiao Yu, Xiang Ren, Yizhou Sun, Bradley Sturt, Urvashi Khandelwal, Quanquan Gu, Brandon Norick, Jiawei Han  
*Proceedings of the 7th ACM Conference on Recommender Systems*, 2013

PATENTS

1. **Single-Ballot Logic and Accuracy Testing**  
 Bradley Sturt, J. Alex Halderman, Braden L. Crimmins  
 U.S. Patent Application No. 18/905,050, filed April 3, 2025.

## 2. Robust Election Logic and Accuracy

Braden L. Crimmins, J. Alex Halderman, Bradley Sturt.  
U.S. Patent Application No. 18/394,391, filed June 27, 2024.

INVITED  
SEMINAR &  
WORKSHOP  
TALKS

### 2025

UBC, Sauder School of Management, Operations and Logistics Division  
University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Industrial and Operations Engineering  
Oxford, Saïd Business School, Operations and Technology Management  
University of Maryland, Workshop on AI and Analytics for Social Good  
CUHK, Systems Engineering and Engineering Management  
UCLA, Anderson School of Management, Decisions Operations & Technology Management

October 2025  
September 2025  
June 2025  
May 2025  
May 2025  
April 2025

### 2024

MIT, Operations Research Center  
Cornell University, Operations Research and Information Engineering  
University of Southern California, Industrial and Systems Engineering  
Microsoft Research, Security Privacy and Cryptography  
University of Illinois Chicago, Workshop on Frontiers of AI in Business and Society

October 2024  
October 2024  
September 2024  
June 2024  
May 2024

### 2023

Robust Optimization Webinar  
INSEAD, Workshop on Information and Learning in Decisions and Operations

December 2023  
July 2023

### 2022

Northwestern University, Industrial Engineering and Management Science  
Virginia Tech, Industrial and Systems Engineering  
University of Illinois Chicago, Business Analytics Organization Speaker Series

September 2022  
May 2022  
April 2022

### 2021

Washington University in St. Louis, Olin Business School  
University of Texas Austin, Operations Research and Industrial Engineering

November 2021  
November 2021

### 2020

Robust Optimization Webinar  
University of Wisconsin Madison, Industrial and Systems Engineering

November 2020  
January 2020

### 2019

University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Industrial and Operations Engineering  
Indiana University, Kelley School of Business  
University of Illinois Chicago, College of Business Administration  
Princeton University, Operations Research and Financial Engineering  
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Gies College of Business  
Oracle Labs, ML Research Seminar Series  
CMU Tepper School of Business, YinzOR Workshop  
MIT, Operations Research Center  
Technion Industrial Engineering, Quant Seminar  
BIRS Workshop on “Models and Algorithms for Sequential Decision-Making under Uncertainty”, Banff

December 2019  
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CONFERENCE  
TALKS

INFORMS Annual Meeting, Atlanta  
International Conference on Stochastic Programming (ICSP), Paris  
INFORMS Applied Probability Conference, Atlanta  
INFORMS Annual Meeting, Seattle  
International Symposium on Mathematical Programming (ISMP), Montreal

October 2025  
August 2025  
June 2025  
October 2024  
July 2024

	Election Verification Network Conference, Washington DC	March 2024
	International Conference on Stochastic Programming (ICSP), Davis	July 2023
	Statewide Certification Testing of Election Systems National Conference, Huntsville	June 2023
	SIAM Conference on Optimization (OP23), Seattle	June 2023
	INFORMS Annual Meeting, Indianapolis	October 2022
	INFORMS Revenue Management and Pricing (RMP) Section Conference, Virtual	June 2022
	INFORMS Annual Meeting, Virtual	October 2021
	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
<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>	<b>University of Illinois Chicago</b>	
	IDS 532, Introduction to Operations Management (Instructor Evaluation: <b>4.73/5</b> )	Spring 2025
	IDS 435, Optimization for Analytics (Instructor Evaluation: <b>4.48/5</b> )	Spring 2025
	IDS 532, Introduction to Operations Management (Instructor Evaluation: <b>4.87/5</b> )	Fall 2024
	IDS 532, Introduction to Operations Management (Instructor Evaluation: <b>4.67/5</b> )	Spring 2024
	IDS 532, Introduction to Operations Management (Instructor Evaluation: <b>4.72/5</b> )	Fall 2023
	IDS 516, Data Analytics for Business Professionals (Instructor Evaluation: <b>4.80/5</b> )	Fall 2022
	IDS 270, Statistics I for Business Scholars (Instructor Evaluation: <b>4.19/5</b> )	Fall 2022
	IDS 472, Business Data Mining (Instructor Evaluation: <b>4.77/5</b> )	Spring 2022
	IDS 516, Data Analytics for Business Professionals (Instructor Evaluation: <b>4.75/5</b> )	Fall 2021
	IDS 270, Statistics I for Business Scholars (Instructor Evaluation: <b>3.63/5</b> )	Fall 2021
	IDS 472, Business Data Mining (Instructor Evaluation: <b>4.61/5</b> )	Spring 2021
	IDS 270, Statistics I for Business Scholars (Instructor Evaluation: <b>4.38/5</b> )	Fall 2020
<b>TEACHING ASSISTANT</b>	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b>	
	15.097, Robust Optimization (TA Evaluation: <b>6.5/7</b> )	Spring 2019
	15.778, Introduction to Operations Management (TA Evaluation: <b>6.7/7</b> )	Summer 2018
	15.093, Optimization Methods (TA Evaluation: <b>7.0/7</b> )	Fall 2017
	15.060, Data Models and Decisions (TA Evaluation: <b>6.7/7</b> )	Fall 2016
<b>JOURNAL REVIEWER</b>	Management Science, Operations Research, Manufacturing & Service Operations Management, Mathematics of Operations Research, SIAM Journal on Optimization, Mathematical Programming, Production and Operations Management, INFORMS Journal on Computing, INFORMS Journal on Optimization, Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications	
<b>CONFERENCE AND AWARD REVIEWER</b>	INFORMS Pierskalla Best Paper Award, Committee Member	2024
	ACM Conference on Economics and Computation, Program Committee	2024
	INFORMS Pierskalla Best Paper Award, Committee Member	2023
<b>UIC ACTIVITIES</b>	UIC Business AI Council Member	2025-Present
	UIC Information and Decision Sciences Seminar Organizer	Spring 2025
	UIC Business Workshop on Frontiers of AI in Business and Society, Co-organizer	May 2024
	UIC Business Ad Hoc Committee on Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence	Summer 2024
	UIC Business Workshop on Diversity and Effective Teaching, Panelist	October 2023
	UIC Information and Decision Sciences PhD Committee Member	2023-Present

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