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#### **EDUCATION**

## The University of Chicago Booth School of Business

Chicago, IL

MBA & Ph.D. in Operations Management

2019 - Present

Minor in Economics Advisor: Baris Ata

# University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA 2015 - 2019

B.S. in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research (Honors)

Certificate in Technology Entrepreneurship

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied probability and simulation, computational methods for solving high-dimensional stochastic control problems, queueing theory, neural networks

## PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

• Dynamic Scheduling of a Multiclass Queue in the Halfin-Whitt Regime: A Computational Approach for High-Dimensional Problems.

Baris Ata, Ebru Kasikaralar

Major revision at Management Science

• Exploring Cost and Environmental Implications of Optimal Technology Management Strategies in the Street Lighting Industry

Rachel Dzombak, Ebru Kasikaralar, and Heather E. Dillon Resources, Conservation & Recycling: X 6 (2020): 100022.

## WORKING PAPERS

• Dynamic scheduling of a parallel-server system in the Halfin-Whitt Regime: A Computational Approach for High-Dimensional Problems.

Baris Ata, Ebru Kasikaralar

• Quality Learning in a Dynamic Mutual Data Exchange Model John R. Birge, Ebru Kasikaralar

## TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

- Dynamic Scheduling of a Multiclass Queue in the Halfin-Whitt Regime: A Computational Approach for High-Dimensional Problems
  - 2023 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ.
  - ChicagoBooth Operations Day 2023, Chicago, IL.
  - Stanford MS&E Rising Stars 2024, Stanford, CA.
  - Stochastic Networks 2024, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Quality Learning in a Dynamic Mutual Data Exchange Model

- 2022 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.
- 2021 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## The University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Teaching Assistant

Operations Management (Executive MBA) London, Singapore, Hong Kong Winter 2022, Winter 2023, Winter 2024

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Summer 2021

Managerial Decision Modeling (Executive MBA) Chicago

Managerial Decision Modeling (Undergraduate)

Spring 2021, Spring 2022

## HONORS AND AWARDS

• J. Michael Harrison Doctoral Prize, Booth School of Business

2024

Doctoral student enrolled at Chicago Booth whose research is judged to make the most impactful contribution to theory

• Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Booth School of Business

Best TA nominated by the cohorts of Executive MBA Program in London and Singapore

• Ph.D. Fellowship, Booth School of Business

2019-2025

• URAP Summer Research Fellowship, Haas School of Business

2018

• Honors in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research, UC Berkeley

2019

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

• United States Postal Service

Oakland, CA

Operations Research Consultant

2019

Optimized the package sorting process at the Oakland USPS regional distribution center by implementing a matching model with a mixed integer linear program, significantly reducing the steps required by the workforce.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Programming skills: Python, C++, Julia, MATLAB, R, AMPL.
- Languages: Turkish (native), English (proficient), German (intermediate), Spanish (beginner), Italian (beginner).