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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago Booth School of Business

Chicago, IL

MBA & Ph.D. in Operations Management

2019 - 2025

Minor in Economics

Committee: Baris Ata (chair), X.Y. Han, Amy Ward, Yuan Zhong

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

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

Certificate in Technology Entrepreneurship

2015 - 2019

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.
 - 2024 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

- Quality Learning in a Dynamic Mutual Data Exchange Model
 - 2021 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.
 - 2022 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, 2023, 2024, 2025

Managerial Decision Modeling (Executive MBA) Chicago

Summer 2021

Managerial Decision Modeling (Undergraduate)

Spring 2021, 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 2023

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

• Ph.D. Fellowship, Booth School of Business

2019-2025

• Honors in Industrial Engineering and Operations Research, UC Berkeley

2019

• URAP Summer Research Fellowship, Haas School of Business

2018

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 (Tensorflow, Pytorch), C++, Julia, MATLAB, R, AMPL.
- Languages: Turkish (native), English (proficient), German (intermediate), Spanish (beginner), Italian (beginner).
- Nationality: Turkish, U.S. Permanent Resident