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Interests

Analytics for social good, public sector operations, operations research

Academic positions

Harvard Business School, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Technology and Operations Management Unit

**Assistant Professor** July 2022 -Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow July 2021-July 2022

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Postdoctoral Fellow, Immigration Policy Lab

Education

## Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

PhD in Operations Research

September 2016 - May 2021

July 2021 – July 2022

Advisors: Prof. Retsef Levi and Prof. Georgia Perakis

Thesis: Healthy Food Access and Consumption: Informing Interventions Through Analytics

Supported by the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (2016-2019)

## The Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College, University Park, PA

M.A. in Mathematics

August 2013 - May 2015

Advisor: Prof. Christopher Griffin

Thesis: A Reformulation of the CSSR Algorithm and Application to Optimal Deception Strategy in Two Player Games

B.A. in Mathematics

August 2011 - May 2015

B.A. in Statistics

August 2011 - May 2015

#### Research

Submitted, under revision, and working

- R1. Public Opinion on Fairness and Efficiency for Algorithmic and Human Decision-Makers. K. Bansak and E. Paulson. Submitted.
- R2. Learning Under Random Distributional Shifts. K. Bansak, E. Paulson, and D. Rothenhäusler.
  - To appear in the proceedings of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS '24)
- R3. Group Fairness in Dynamic Refugee Assignment. D. Freund, T. Lykouris, E. Paulson, B. Sturt, and W. Weng. Under review.
  - Accepted to the 4th annual Symposium on Foundations of Responsible Computing (FORC '23)
  - Accepted to the 24th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC '23)
- R4. Outcome-Driven Dynamic Refugee Assignment with Allocation Balancing, K. Bansak and E. Paulson. Submitted.
  - Accepted to the 2nd Workshop on AI & Analytics for Social Good
  - Accepted to the 23rd ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC '22)
- R5. Optimal Interventions for Healthy Food Consumption Among Low Income Households. R. Levi, E. Paulson, and G. Perakis. Submitted.

- Finalist, POMS College of Supply Chain Management Best Student Paper Competition (2021)
- Finalist, IBM Best Student Paper Award (2019)
- Accepted for oral presentation, Workshop on Mechanism Design for Social Good (2020) (acceptance rate 29%)
- R6. Reverse Information Sharing: Reducing Costs in Supply Chains with Yield Uncertainty. A. Jagmohan, P. Harsha, R. Levi, E. Paulson, and G. Perakis. Submitted.
  - 2nd place, POMS College of Sustainable Operations Best Student Paper Competition (2021)

#### Published

- P1. Public Health Risks Arising from Food Supply Chains: Challenges and Opportunities. L. Chen, D. Guttieres, R. Levi, E. Paulson, G. Perakis, N. Renegar, S. Springs. *Naval Research Logistics*, special issue on OR Models for Developmental Studies, 2021.
- P2. Cooperation Can Emerge in Prisoner's Dilemma from a Multi-Species Predator Prey Replicator Dynamic (2016). E. Paulson and C. Griffin. *Mathematical Biosciences*, 178 p.56-62.
- P3. A Game Theoretic Model for Resource Allocation Among Countermeasures with Multiple Attributes (2016). E. Paulson, I. Linkov, and J. Keisler. *European Journal of Operations Research*, 252 p.610-622. DOI: 10.1016/j.ejor.2016.01.026.
- P4. Deriving and Optimally Deceptive Policy in Two-Player Iterated Games. E. Paulson and C. Griffin. American Control Conference, 2016.
- P5. Optimal Process Control of Symbolic Transfer Functions. C. Griffin and E. Paulson. Feedback Computing, 2015.
- P6. Better Timing of Cyber Conflict. E. Paulson and C. Griffin. Third ASE Conference on Cyber Security, 2014.

### Awards/Honors

 2nd place, POMS College of Supply Chain Management Best Student Paper Competition 2021 • Finalist, POMS College of Sustainable Operations Best Student Paper Competition 2021 • Finalist, IBM Best Student Paper Award 2019 • NSF Graduate Fellowship 2016 - 2019 • Gerard L. Bayles Memorial Scholarship 2011-2015 • Kermit C. Anderson Memorial Award in Mathematics 2014 • Mary Lister McCammon Award in Mathematics 2013 • Merit Scholarship, Mathematics Advanced Study Semester 2012

#### Teaching Harvard Business School, Boston, MA

• Technology and Operations Management Fall 2022, 2023

• Summer Venture in Management Program Summer 2023

Harvard Business Analytics Program
Spring 2023

## Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

• SOCIOL 1186: Refugees in Global Perspective

Fall 2023 (guest lecture)

## Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

• 15.370 - Data, Models, and Decisions

Spring 2020

• 15.S60 - Computating in Optimization and Statistics

January 2020

• 15.S41 - Software Tools for Business Analytics

January 2020

• 15.734 - Intro to Operations Management

Summer 2018

• Microsoft Excel Training

Spring 2018, 2019

• 15.731 - Risk Management

January 2018

#### **Invited Talks**

Outcome-Driven Dynamic Refugee Assignment with Allocation Balancing.

- Workshop on Migration and Forced Displacement: October 2023
- Northeastern, D'Amore-McKim School of Business: April 2023
- · Harvard EconCS seminar: March 2023
- London Business School: December 2021

Short-term Outcomes for Long-term Goals in Dynamic Refugee Matching.

Stanford Causal Science Conference: November 2021

Healthy Food Consumption: Empirical Analysis and Optimization Models of Government Interventions.

• Penn State College of Medicine: March 2021

Optimizing Group-level Food Policy Interventions.

- Stanford GSB: October 2021
- · USC, Marshall Business School: January 2021
- UCLA, Anderson School of Business: January 2021
- Georgia Tech, ISyE: January 2021
- Naval Postgraduate School, OR: January 2021
- · Harvard Business School: January 2021
- Columbia Business School: January 2021
- UBC, Sauder School of Business: December 2021
- University of Minnesota, ISyE: December 2020
- Boston College, Carrol School of Management: December 2020
- Wisconsin School of Business, UW Madison: December 2021
- UC Berkeley, Haas School of Business: December 2020
- Dartmouth, Tuck School of Business: November 2020
- MIT, Sloan School of Management: November 2020

Optimal Interventions for Healthy Food Consumption Among Low Income Households.

- Kellogg-Wharton OM Workshop: July 2020
- Health Systems Innovation Seminar Series, MIT Sloan: April 2019

## Conference Presentations

Group Fairness in Dynamic Refugee Assignment.

• INFORMS '22

Outcome-Driven Dynamic Refugee Assignment with Allocation Balancing.

• EC '22, MSOM '22

Reverse Information Sharing: Reducing Waste and Costs in Supply Chains with Yield Uncertainty.

• POMS '21, INFORMS '20

Fair Group-level Intervention Bundles.

• INFORMS '21, INFORMS '20

Optimal Interventions for Healthy Food Consumption Among Low Income Households.

 POMS '21, Workshop on Mechanism Design for Social Good '20, INFORMS Annual Meeting '19, INFORMS Annual Meeting '18

Impact of Access and Value on Fresh Food Consumption: Policy Implications.

• MSOM '18, INFORMS '17

Choosing What to Protect, and How: Resource Allocation Among Countermeasures With Multiple Attributes.

• INFORMS '14

# Industry experience

## IBM Blockchain Solutions, Yorktown Heights, NY

June 2019 - August 2019

Research intern

#### Booz Allen Hamilton, Annapolis Junction, MD

July 2015 – June 2016

Data Scientist

Bates White, Washington, D.C.

June 2014-August 2014

Summer consultant intern

**U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center**, Concord, MA June 2013 – August 2013

Research intern with the Risk and Decision Science Team Part of the DHS HS-STEM Summer Internship program

#### Service

Reviewer for Management Science, M&SOM, Operations Research, POM

Program Committee, ACM EC Conference 2024

Program Committee, ACM EAAMO Conference 2021

Program Committee, AAAI/ACM AIES 2023

Area Chair, ACM EAAMO Conference 2022, 2023

Judge for the 2021 INFORMS Public Sector OR Best Paper Award