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Interests	Operations management, analytics for social good, public sector operations, food supply chains

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	July 2021 – July 2022
Postdoctoral Fellow, Immigration Policy Lab	

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

PhD in Operations Research	September 2016 – May 2021

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

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

Papers

Working & Under review

W1. Outcome-Driven Dynamic Refugee Assignment with Allocation Balancing, with Kirk Bansak. Soon to be submitted.

W2. Fair group-level intervention bundles, with Retsef Levi and Georgia Perakis. Soon to be submitted.

W3. Optimal Interventions for Healthy Food Consumption Among Low Income Households. R. Levi, **E. Paulson**, and G. Perakis. Major revision, *Management Science*.

- 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%)

W4. Reverse Information Sharing: Reducing Costs in Supply Chains with Yield Uncertainty. A. Jagmohan, P. Harsha, R. Levi, **E. Paulson**, and G. Perakis. R&R, *Management Science.*

- 2nd place, POMS College of Sustainable Operations Best Student Paper Competition (2021)

W5. Impact of Access and Value on Fresh Food Consumption: Policy Implications. R. Levi, **E. Paulson**, and G. Perakis. R&R, *Food Policy.*

Published

*The primary author(s) of each paper is bolded.

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.

Teaching

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

- 15.370 - Data, Models, and Decisions   Spring 2020
Teaching assistant for core Executive MBA class.
TA evaluation score: 6.73/7

- 15.S60 - Computating in Optimization and Statistics   January 2020
Co-taught a 3-hour session on machine learning in R to PhD students

- 15.S41 - Software Tools for Business Analytics   January 2020
Taught a 3-hour session on machine learning in R to MIT undergrads

- 15.734 - Intro to Operations Management   Summer 2018
Teaching assistant for core Executive MBA class.
TA evaluation score: 6.26/7

- Microsoft Excel Training   Spring 2018, 2019
Co-taught Microsoft Excel training for Executive MBA students (three 3-hour sessions).

- 15.731 - Risk Management   January 2018
  Teaching assistant for Executive MBA elective on risk management (two full-day sessions).
  TA evaluation score: 7/7

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

- POMS: May 2021
- INFORMS Annual Meeting: November 2020

Fair Group-level Intervention Bundles.

- INFORMS Annual Meeting: November 2021
- INFORMS Annual Meeting: November 2020

Optimal Interventions for Healthy Food Consumption Among Low Income Households.

- POMS: May 2021
- Workshop on Mechanism Design for Social Good: August 2020
- INFORMS Annual Meeting: October 2019
- INFORMS Annual Meeting: November 2018

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

- INFORMS Annual Meeting: October 2017
- MSOM: July 2018

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

- INFORMS Annual Meeting: November 2014

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