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Academic Position

Assistant Professor, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

Operations, Information & Decisions (OID), 2018 – present

- Affiliate, Warren Center for Networks & Data Sciences
- Affiliate, Penn Research in Machine Learning (PRiML)
- Senior Fellow, Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics

Herman Goldstine Postdoctoral Fellow, IBM Research

Math for AI, 2017-2018

Education

Stanford University

Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering, 2012-2017

Harvard University

A.M. in Physics, 2011-2012

A.B. summa cum laude in Physics and Mathematics, 2008-2012

Journal Papers

Predicting with Proxies: Transfer Learning in High Dimension

H. Bastani

Management Science (forthcoming)

Mostly Exploration-Free Algorithms for Contextual Bandits

H. Bastani, M. Bayati and K. Khosravi *Management Science* (forthcoming)

Online Decision-Making with High-Dimensional Covariates

H. Bastani and M. Bayati

1st Place, Pierskalla Award for Best Paper in Healthcare (2016)

1st Place, George Nicholson Student Paper Competition (2016)

1st Place, MSOM Student Paper Competition (2016)

1st Place, IBM Service Science Best Student Paper Award (2016)

Operations Research (2020)

Evidence of Upcoding in Pay-for-Performance Programs

H. Bastani, J. Goh and M. Bayati

1st Place, Health Applications Society Best Student Paper Award (2015)

Management Science (2019)

Multiplex coherent anti-Stokes Raman scattering (MCARS) for chemically sensitive, label-free flow cytometry

C. Camp, S. Yegnanarayanan, A. Eftekhar, H. Sridhar and A. Adibi *Optics Express* (2009)

Under Review

Adaptive Clinical Trial Designs with Surrogates: When Should We

Bother? A. Anderer, H. Bastani and J. Silberholz

1st Place, Pierskalla Award for Best Paper in Healthcare (2019)

Major Revision, Management Science

Meta Dynamic Pricing: Learning Across Experiments

H. Bastani, D. Simchi-Levi and R. Zhu Major Revision, Management Science

Are Bans Effective despite Limited Enforcement? Evidence from

High Seas Management, H. Bastani and J. F. de Zegher

People's Choice Award, Early-Career Sustainable OM Workshop (2019)

Major Revision, Management Science

Learning Personalized Product Recommendations with Customer

Disengagement, H. Bastani, P. Harsha, G. Perakis and D. Singhvi

2nd Place, Service Science Best Paper Award (2019)

Hon. Mention, POMS Best Student Paper in Supply Chain (Singhvi, 2019)

Major Revision, M&SOM

Responsible Sourcing: The First Step is the Hardest

P. Ramchandani, H. Bastani and K. Moon

People's Choice Award, Early-Career Sustainable OM Workshop (2020)

Book Chapters

Proceed with Care: Integrating Predictive Analytics with Patient

Decision-Making, H. Bastani and P. Shi

Draft invited chapter for *Modeling for Health: Making Changes*

(editors: Sze-Chuan Suen, Eva Enns and David Scheinker)

Refereed Conference Papers

Exploring the Causal Relationships between Initial Opioid Prescriptions

and Outcomes, J. Zhang, V. Iyengar, D. Wei, B. Vinzamuri, H. Bastani, A. Macalalad, A. Fischer, G. Yuen-Reed, A. Mojsilović, and K. Varshney

AMIA Workshop on Data Mining for Medical Informatics (2017)

Interpretability via Model Extraction

O. Bastani, C. Kim and H. Bastani

FATML Workshop on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (2017)

Analysis of Medicare Pay-for-Performance Contracts

H. Bastani, M. Bayati, M. Braverman, R. Gummadi and R. Johari

EC Workshop on Mechanism Design for Social Good (2017)

Creating Optical Vortex Modes with a Single Cylinder Lens

H. Sridhar, M. Cohen and J. Noe

Proceedings of SPIE (2010)

Working Papers

Word Embeddings for New Domains via Group-Sparse Transfer Learning

K. Xu, H. Bastani and O. Bastani

Learning Best Practices: Can Machine Learning Substitute for

Experience? H. Bastani, O. Bastani and W. Sinchaisri

Interpreting Predictive Models for Human-in-the-Loop Analytics

H. Bastani, O. Bastani and C. Kim

Finalist, Pierskalla Award for Best Paper in Healthcare (2018)

Analysis of Medicare Pay-for-Performance Contracts

H. Bastani, M. Bayati, M. Braverman, R. Gummadi and R. Johari

Students

Arielle Anderer, Wharton OID

Pia Ramchandani, Wharton OID

Kan Xu, Penn Economics

Maya Balakrishnan, HBS TOM (primary advisor: H. Lakkaraju)

Wichinpong Sinchaisri, Wharton OID (primary advisor: G. Allon)

Ruihao Zhu, MIT IDSS (primary advisor: D. Simchi-Levi)

Divya Singhvi, MIT ORC (primary advisor: G. Perakis), grad. in 2020

- Co-authored job market paper
- Initial Placement: Assistant Professor at NYU Stern

Khashayar Khosravi, Stanford EE (primary advisor: M. Bayati), grad. in 2019

- Co-authored job market paper
- Initial Placement: Postdoctoral fellow at Google

Teaching

Wharton OID, University of Pennsylvania

Instructor, Introduction to Management Science (OIDD 321), 2018 – present

- Recipient of Wharton Teaching Excellence Award, 2019

Graduate School of Business, Stanford University

TA, Business Intelligence from Big Data (OIT 367), 2016

TA, Data for Action (OIT 536), 2015

Harvard College

TA, Quantum Mechanics (Phys 143a), 2011

TA, Linear Algebra & Real Analysis (Math 25), 2009-2010

Invited Talks

2020: Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing; Yale School of Management; Chicago Booth OM; U of Maryland DO⁢ Utah Operations Conference; Facebook Adaptive Experimentation Workshop

2019: MIT IDSS Data Science Lab; NYU Stern OM; UC Irvine Operations & Decision Technologies; UC Irvine Algorithms, Combinatorics & Optimization Center; Wharton Empirical Research in OM Workshop; Information & Learning Workshop, IESE; ISOM Workshop, Emory; Healthcare SIG; CUHK Shenzhen Healthcare & Service Operations Workshop; UT Dallas Naveen Jindal OM; Wharton OID

2018: IMA Data-Driven Supply Chain Mgmt (Applied) Workshop; IMA Data-Driven Supply Chain Mgmt (Theory) Workshop; UPenn Warren Center for Network & Data Sciences; IBM Research Math for AI; IDinsight; MIT ORC IAP Seminar on OR for Social Impact

2017: MIT IDSS Data Science Lab; Judge Business School, University of Cambridge; IBM Research Applied Probability Seminar; Cornell Tech; Stanford-Berkeley Health Economics Workshop; UCLA Anderson; Duke Fuqua; USC Marshall; Northwestern IEMS; Yale School of Management; Harvard Business School; Columbia IEOR / DRO; Ross School of Business; INSEAD; Kellogg OM; Purdue Krannert IS; Chicago Booth OM

2016: Cornell ORIE; Wharton OID; Indiana Kelley; London Business School; Pittsburgh Katz; MIT Sloan OM; Stanford GSB OIT; Stanford Biostatistics Workshop; Stanford Medical School Med-X Conference; Healthcare SIG

2015 & earlier: Cornell ORIE; Cornell ORIE Young Scholars Workshop; Wharton Empirical Research in OM Workshop

Awards

People's Choice Award, Early-Career Sustainable OM Workshop, 2020
1st Place, Pierskalla Award for Best Paper in Healthcare, 2019
2nd Place, Service Science Best Paper Award, 2019
People's Choice Award, Early-Career Sustainable OM Workshop, 2019
Wharton Teaching Excellence Award, 2019
Finalist, Pierskalla Award for Best Paper in Healthcare, 2018
1st Place, Pierskalla Award for Best Paper in Healthcare, 2016
1st Place, George Nicholson Student Paper Competition, 2016
1st Place, MSOM Student Paper Competition, 2016
1st Place, IBM Service Science Best Student Paper Award, 2016
1st Place, Health Applications Society Best Student Paper Award, 2015
National Science Foundation Fellow, 2012-2017
Stanford Department Fellowship in Electrical Engineering, 2012-2013
Finalist, Intel Science Talent Search, 2008

Service

Co-Chair, George Nicholson Student Paper Competition, 2020
Co-Chair, Pierskalla Award for Best Paper in Healthcare, 2020
Program Committee, EC Conference, 2020
Program Committee, AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2020
Program Committee, EC Mechanism Design for Social Good Workshop, 2018
Wharton Dean's Advisory Council, 2019-2020
Area Chair, Mechanism Design for Social Good Workshop, 2019
Meritorious Service Award for Management Science, 2018
Co-Chair, Pierskalla Award for Best Paper in Healthcare, 2017
Speaker, CMU YinzOR Student Conference, 2017

Judge for Healthcare SIG in MSOM (2018-2020), Sustainability SIG in MSOM (2020), POMS Best Healthcare OM Paper Competition (2020), George Nicholson Student Paper Competition (2019), Revenue Management & Pricing Conference (2019), Healthcare Applications Society Student Paper Competition (2019), MSOM Student Paper Competition (2019), Elwood S. Buffa Doctoral Dissertation Award (2019), Service Science Best Cluster Paper Award (2017)

Reviewer for Management Science, Operations Research, M&SOM, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series B, Annals of Statistics, and Nature