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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**     **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. Eftekhari, H. Sridhar and A. Adibi  
*Optics Express* (2009)

**Under Review**     **Predicting with Proxies: Transfer Learning in High Dimension**  
H. Bastani  
*Minor Revision, Management Science*

**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***

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

**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)*

**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

**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:** Utah Operations Conference; Chicago Booth OM; Facebook Adaptive Experimentation Workshop; U of Maryland DO&IT; Yale School of Management

**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*