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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Business Administration – Marketing University of Iowa	2018 (Expected)
Master of Science in Economics University of Iowa	2012
Bachelor of Science in Economics Brigham Young University	2010

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Consideration sets, durable goods, econometric modeling.

WORKING PAPERS

Bell, J. Jason, Sanghak Lee, and Gary J. Russell, “An Empirical Model of Screening Rule Choice”
To be submitted to Marketing Science.

Bell, J. Jason and Gary J. Russell “Demographics and Consideration Set Size”
To be submitted to Marketing Letters.

Bell, J. Jason, Sanghak Lee, and Thomas S. Gruca “Reaching Rural Heart Patients: A Spatial Allocation Game with Competition”
To be submitted to Marketing Science.

Bell, J. Jason and Thomas S. Gruca “Hardware and Software Integration in Two-Sided Markets”
To be submitted to Management Science.

DISSERTATION

“The Effects of Competition on Choice”
(see appendix for abstracts)

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PRESENTATIONS

“An Empirical Model of Screening Rule Choice,” To be presented at the ISMS Marketing Science Conference, Los Angeles, CA, June 2017

“An Empirical Model of Screening Rule Choice,” Haring Doctoral Symposium, Bloomington, IN, April 2017

“Reaching Rural Heart Patients: A Spatial Allocation Game with Competition,” ISMS Marketing Science Conference, Baltimore, MD, June 2015

AWARDS AND HONORS

Sheth Fellow, University of Iowa, 2017

Paul D. Converse Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2016

Graduate College Post-Comprehensive Research Award, University of Iowa, Fall 2016

Ponder Summer Fellowship, University of Iowa, 2014 - 2016

TEACHING INTERESTS

Marketing Research, Marketing Analytics, Marketing management, Marketing Strategy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Head Teaching Assistant

Fall 2016 – current

Introduction to Marketing Strategy

- Managed seven other TAs
- Collaborated on assignment design
- Proofread and influenced test design

Co-Instructor (11 semesters)

Fall 2010 – current

Introduction to Marketing Strategy

- Led weekly discussion sections
- Teaching evaluations: 4.4/6.0, Fall 2015; 4.8/6.0, Fall 2016

Money, Banking and Financial Markets

- Led weekly discussion sections, explained problem sets
- Occasionally gave main lecture to roughly 200 students

Statistics for Strategy Problems

- Led weekly discussion sections, explained problem sets

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Financial Services Department, Brigham Young University

July 2008 - May 2010

Auditor

- Conducted transaction audits

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APPENDIX

DISSERTATION

“The Effects of Competition on Choice”

Proposal defended in April, 2017

Choices reflect competition. When an agent makes a choice in a market, that choice often reveals something about the strategic landscape. Because choice data are commonly available, the ability to harvest competitive information from them is an important component of marketing. However, this process can be quite difficult because competition is not directly observable, and instead must be extracted carefully from the data with the aid of theory. Often the contextual nuances of a problem place demands on modeling, estimation, and identification. This dissertation deals with two related such cases, specifically where functions of observed data have discontinuities, or ‘jumps.’ One example, studied in Essay 1, is an allocation model where the decision spaces of agents are partly discrete and partly continuous. A second example, studied in Essay 2, is a model of consideration set formation where agents screen out alternatives at sharply defined thresholds. Both essays showcase the power of econometric modeling for gaining insights about competition from choices.

Essay One: Reaching Rural Heart Patients: A spatial Allocation Game with Competition

We develop and estimate a model of strategic allocation that allows for entry and constrained quantity across a discrete set of alternatives. We apply our model to a novel data set involving outreach decisions by cardiology practices in the Des Moines, Iowa region. Using this dataset, we estimate the degree to which competition influences allocation decisions. We address the problem of multiple equilibria using a two-step estimator. While this study is the first to model and estimate an allocation game, the methods can be used in a wide range of marketing settings. The empirical results suggest that firms consider competitor activity when making outreach decisions. This result implies that traditional models of sales resource allocation should incorporate competition.

Essay Two: An Empirical Model of Screening Rule Choice

Consideration sets contain a wealth of information about competition between alternatives and brands. Consideration set formation is often thought to proceed using non-compensatory rules, which very often include discontinuities. Because of this, modeling consideration sets can be challenging. In this essay, we overcome this challenge with a model where consumers choose from among a set of rules, and evaluate the rules by anticipating their impact. Our econometric specification allows us to simulate the screening behavior of consumers, understand patterns of brand competition, and perform counterfactuals. We estimate the model with Bayesian techniques using a unique dataset from the automobile industry where considerations sets are observed.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Computer Languages/Software

R, Python, Stata, C++, C, Latex,
HTML, CSS, Matlab

Tools

Git, GitHub, spaCy, BeautifulSoup

Proficiencies

Natural language processing,
basic machine learning, web scraping,
data mining