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EDUCATION

Columbia University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Doctor of Philosophy, Chemical Engineering

Feb. 2017

Columbia University, Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science

Master of Science, Chemical Engineering

May 2012

Full GPA (4.13/4)

National University of Singapore, Faculty of Engineering

Bachelor of Engineering, Chemical Engineering

Jun. 2011

First Class Honors

PUBLICATIONS

Published

1. **Yu Luo**, Garud Iyengar, and Venkat Venkatasubramanian. "Soft regulation with crowd recommendation: coordinating self-interested agents in sociotechnical systems under imperfect information." PLoS One 11, no. 3 (2016): e0150343.
2. Venkat Venkatasubramanian, **Yu Luo**, and Jay Sethuraman. "How much inequality in income is fair? A microeconomic game theoretic perspective." Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications 435 (2015): 120-138. **Featured by the "ScienceDirect Top 25 List of Most Downloaded Articles."**
3. Richard Bookstaber, Paul Glasserman, Garud Iyengar, **Yu Luo**, Venkat Venkatasubramanian, and Zhizun Zhang. "Process systems engineering as a modeling paradigm for analyzing systemic risk in financial networks." The Journal of Investing 24, no. 2: 147-162.

Preprints

4. **Yu Luo**, Garud Iyengar, and Venkat Venkatasubramanian. "Social influence makes self-interested crowds smarter: an optimal control perspective." arXiv preprint arXiv:1611.01558 (2016).
5. Venkat Venkatasubramanian, **Yu Luo**, and Jay Sethuraman. "Game theory, statistical mechanics and income inequality." arXiv preprint arXiv:1406.6620 (2014).

In preparation

6. Garud Iyengar, **Yu Luo**, Shiva Rajgopal, Venkat Venkatasubramanian, and Zhizun Zhang. "Towards a financial statement based approach to modeling systemic risk in insurance and banking." Work presented.
7. **Yu Luo**, Ashutosh Nanda, Shiva Rajgopal, Vinay Ramesh, Zhizun Zhang, Catherine Zhao, and Venkat Venkatasubramanian. "A data-driven early warning system for mining accidents." Work presented.
8. **Yu Luo**, Garud Iyengar, and Venkat Venkatasubramanian. "Making Crowds Smarter: Mathematical Principles of Creating Superior Collective Intelligence for Individuals, Organizations, and Nations." Book manuscript.

AWARDS AND HONORS

AICHE CAST Division Director's Student Presentation Award (Finalist and Recipient of \$500 Travel Grant)	May 2016
ScienceDirect Top 25 List of Most Downloaded Articles (Ranked 5 th for Physica A)	Jun. 2015
Undergraduate Degree with First Class Honors	Jun. 2011
Dean's List (3)	2007 – 2011
Science and Technology Undergraduate Scholarship for International Students	2007 – 2011

EXPERIENCE

University of Delaware, Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Postdoctoral Researcher

2017 – Present

Co-Advisors: Prof. Babatunde Ogunnaike and Prof. Kelvin H. Lee**Columbia University, Department of Chemical Engineering**

Doctoral Student

2011 – 2016

Advisor: Prof. Venkat Venkatasubramanian; Co-Advisor: Prof. Garud IyengarDissertation: “Multi-agent control in sociotechnical systems”

- Applied process control principles to social systems
- Modeled collective dynamics of multiple interacting and intelligent agents
- Designed soft feedback mechanisms that make crowds “smarter”
- Formulated a control-theoretic framework to study wisdom of crowds
- Conducted behavioral research experiments on social influence with human subjects
- Discovered deep connections through game theory between income inequality and thermodynamics
- Guest-lectured “Managing Systemic Risk in Complex Systems” and assisted other courses

Columbia University, Center for the Management of Systemic Risk

Graduate Research Assistant

2012 – 2016

Advisor: Prof. Venkat Venkatasubramanian; Co-Advisor: Prof. Garud Iyengar

- Developed a data-driven early warning system that predicts mining accidents
- Worked with Prudential on a financial statement based risk measure for insurers and banks
- Implemented an agent-based model to understand effects of high-frequency trading
- Applied process hazard analysis to identifying vulnerabilities in financial networks
- Managed website and assisted in organizing three university-level symposia and workshops
- Collaborated with both world-class scholars and executive-level practitioners on systemic risk research
- Led multiple research teams of graduate and undergraduate students

PNC Bank

Quantitative Analyst Intern

2015 – 2015

Manager: Dr. Brian Burk

- Supervised two graduate students and built a loss distribution approach operational risk model

Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology, Center for Environmental Sensing and Modeling

Undergraduate Research Assistant

2010 – 2011

Advisor: Prof. Wing-Keung Law

- Improved image processing algorithm and numerical model for sand sedimentation experiments

PRESENTATIONS

1. “A data-driven early warning system for mining accidents.” Global Congress on Process Safety, San Antonio TX, Mar. 2017.
2. “The control of self-interested agents: learning from nature’s wisdom of crowds.” AIChE Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA, Nov. 2016. **Finalist and travel grant recipient for the “AIChE CAST Division Director’s Student Presentation Award.”**
3. “Process systems engineering beyond chemical plants: signed digraph as a modeling tool for analyzing systemic risk in financial networks.” AIChE Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA, Nov. 2016.
4. “Process systems engineering beyond chemical plants: design and control of complex sociotechnical systems.” AIChE Annual Meeting, San Francisco CA, Nov. 2016.
5. “Soft regulation: coordinating distributed self-interested agents in sociotechnical systems.” AIChE Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA, Nov. 2014.
6. “Soft regulation: coordinating self-interested agents.” Third-Year Chemical Engineering Graduate Student Symposium, Columbia University, New York NY, May 2014.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

1. **Computational Multi-Agent Systems: Collective Dynamics and Control**
Quantitatively model collective dynamics of multiple intelligent and interacting agents
Understand role of feedback in multi-agent systems
Design distributed coordination algorithms for intelligent agents using optimal control methods
Identify individual behavioral models based on empirical data
Implement large-scale multi-agent control mechanisms in policymaking
2. **Process Systems Engineering Beyond Chemical Plants**
Apply process systems engineering techniques to other complex sociotechnical systems
Create systematic methodologies for design and control of complex systems
Develop fault detection, diagnosis, and risk management mechanisms in financial and healthcare systems
3. **Artificial Intelligence and Data Science in Chemical Engineering**
Develop data-driven risk and safety management frameworks
Use machine learning to analyze human behavioral and market data
Recover information and knowledge from regulatory filings, financial reports, news, and academic papers
Introduce artificial intelligence and optimization to process control syllabus

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Journal of Computers and Chemical Engineering

Invited Reviewer 2012 – Present
Peer-reviewed 19 manuscripts on fault detection, fault diagnosis, optimization, risk management, and other topics

Columbia University, Center for the Management of Systemic Risk

Webmaster 2012 – Present
Assistant – Workshop on Systemic Risk in Insurance Oct. 2016
Assistant – Symposium on Managing Systemic Risk in Energy, Environment, and Infrastructure May 2016
Assistant – Symposium on the Management of Systemic Risk in Finance Jun. 2014
Designed program brochures and other print media, assisted event logistics, and facilitated coordination between schools

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Coursework

Chemical Engineering	Advanced process control, statistical mechanics, transport phenomena, thermodynamics, process safety, reaction kinetics, atmospheric science, and polymer science
Computer Science	Artificial intelligence, machine learning, and databases
Mathematics and Economics	Linear programming, deterministic models, partial differential equation, numerical method, game theory, and mechanism design

Technical Expertise

Language	Python, R, MATLAB, JavaScript, SQL, LISP, HTML, and LaTeX
Simulation	SimuLink, COMSOL, NetLogo, and Aspen HYSYS
Media	Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Premiere, and Adobe After Effects

Artistic Skills

Graphic Design	Vector art, brochure design, and event poster
Traditional Art	Portrait painting, calligraphy, and piano
Creative Art	Musical composition, song writing, and video editing