# Michael Huang

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#### EDUCATION

# University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

**2017-2022** (Expected)

Ph.D. Student in Data Sciences and Operations

Thesis: Data-driven optimization for the small-data regime

Advisors: Vishal Gupta, Paat Rusmevichientong

# Columbia University, New York, NY

2011-2016

M.S. in Operations Research

2016

B.S. in Operations Research, Minor in Computer Science

2015

# Research Interests

Large-scale, data-driven optimization with scarce data and algorithm design with applications in transportation, healthcare, and recommender systems.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- C. W. Chan, M. Huang, V. Sarhangian, "Dynamic server assignment in multiclass queues with shifts, with application to nurse staffing in emergency departments." Operations Research, to appear.
- M. Huang and C. Stein. Extending Search Phases in the Micali-Vazirani Algorithm. 16th International Symposium on Experimental Algorithms, pp. 10:1–10:19, 2017.

WORKING PAPERS V. Gupta, M. Huang, P. Rusmevichientong, "Learning Policy Performance in the Small-Data, Large-Scale Optimization Regime."

Manuscript in Preparation. Targeted Journal Management Science

#### Projects

# **Emergency Department Nurse Scheduler**

2016-2017

- Implemented web application to schedule nurses for a trial at Weill Cornell Medicine which significantly reduced wait times in the Emergency department.
- Developed data-driven nurse scheduling policies by studying the discrete-time fluid control problem for a multiclass queuing system that minimizes holding cost

# Professional EXPERIENCE

#### IBM, Yorktown Heights, NY

2020-Present

Research Intern

- Developing a dimension reduction algorithm to improve learning and scalability for optimal decision trees

#### Mora, Boston, MA

2019-Present

Co-founder, Data Scientist

- Accepted into Harvard Business School Rock Incubator Venture Program
- Developing a matching algorithm to improve the quality of behavioral healthcare experience and referral process. Currently collaborating with Harvard University Health Services.

#### Aquant Capital Management, LLC, New York, NY

2016

Consultant

- Replicated a private equity fund strategy through a risk-adjusted portfolio of small, value stocks
- Built a tool to numerically solve a game theory problem for use in a trading strategy

# Haidar Capital, New York, NY

2014-2015

Generalist Intern

- Constructed VBA macros to automate P&L reconciliations and provide other operational support
- Researched competitor funds focusing on macro strategy to identify potential and untapped ideas

# ${\bf Commodity \ Futures \ Trading \ Commission}, \ {\rm New \ York}, \ {\rm NY}$

2014

Surveillance Analyst Intern

- Developed tools and quantitative models to detect disruptive trading signals

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Columbia University

Teaching Assistant, CSOR 4231 Analysis of Algorithms I

Course Assistant, IEOR 4405 Production Scheduling

Spring 2016

## University of Southern California

Teaching Assistant, BUAD 311 Operations Management Spring 2020

#### Honors and Awards

# 1st Place, Correlation One Datathon, Southern California 2017 2nd Place, Correlation One Datathon, West Coast Regional 2020

Data science competition with over 125 selected participants that used real datasets to answer open-ended problems with the 1st prize of \$20,000. We used statistical and network analysis models to answer questions about transportation like Uber and Citibike and offer policy suggestions

## Marshall/Graduate School Fellowship

2017-2022

Competitive fellowship for graduate students to support their doctoral work, covering their tuition and stipend.

### The Robert Gartland Fellowship

2016

Fellowship to support M.S. students in the Columbia IEOR department, who have demonstrated academic excellence and professional promise in engineering and its business applications.

# Conferences & Invited Talks

"Decomposition Methods for Small-Data, Large-Scale Discrete Optimization"

• INFORMS Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA

Oct. 2019

"Extending Search Phases in the Micali-Vazirani Algorithm"

• Symposium on Experimental Algorithms, London, UK

Jun. 2017

SERVICES Conference Organization: INFORMS Session Chair 2019

Computing Python, R, Julia, C/C++, SQL, Mathematica, Matlab, Gurobi