

# Rudy Zhou

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## Research Interests

Optimization uncertainty, Approximation Algorithms, Combinatorial Optimization, Operations Research

## Academic Experience

Postdoc 2023 - present  
Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University  
Advisor: Benjamin Moseley

PhD Algorithms, Combinatorics, and Optimization 2018 - 2023  
Tepper School of Business, Carnegie Mellon University GPA 3.83/4.00  
Advisor: Benjamin Moseley  
Dissertation: *On Combinatorial and Stochastic Optimization*  
**Winner of 2023 Gerald L. Thompson Doctoral Dissertation Award in Management Science**  
Dissertation Committee: Gérard Cornuéjols, Anupam Gupta, Benjamin Moseley (chair), Viswanath Nagarajan (external, University of Michigan)

MS Computer Science 2016 - 2017  
Washington University in St. Louis GPA 3.84/4.00  
Advisor: Brendan Juba

BA Mathematics 2012 - 2016  
Washington University in St. Louis GPA 3.98/4.00

## Industry Experience

Research Intern Summer 2022  
Microsoft Research Redmond, Cloud Operations Research (CORE) group  
Mentor: Konstantina Mellou

## Publications

Author order is alphabetical by last name unless otherwise noted by (★).

Konstantina Mellou, Marco Molinaro, Rudy Zhou  
Online Demand Scheduling with Failovers  
International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP) 2023. [Link](#)

Franziska Eberle, Anupam Gupta, Nicole Megow, Benjamin Moseley, Rudy Zhou  
Configuration Balancing for Stochastic Requests  
Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization (IPCO) 2023. [Link](#)

Anupam Gupta, Benjamin Moseley, Rudy Zhou  
Minimizing Completion Times for Stochastic Jobs via Batched Free Times  
Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA) 2023. [Link](#)

Benjamin Moseley, Kirk Pruhs, Clifford Stein, Rudy Zhou  
A Competitive Algorithm for Throughput Maximization on Identical Machines  
Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization (IPCO) 2022. [Link](#)  
In submission to Math Programming

Silvio Lattanzi, Benjamin Moseley, Sergei Vassilvitskii, Yuyan Wang, Rudy Zhou  
Robust Online Correlation Clustering  
Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2021. [Link](#)

Sungjin Im, Benjamin Moseley, Rudy Zhou  
The Matroid Cup Game  
Operations Research Letters 2021. [Link](#)

Anupam Gupta, Benjamin Moseley, Rudy Zhou  
Structural Iterative Rounding for Generalized  $k$ -Median Problems  
International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP) 2021. [Link](#)  
In submission to Mathematics of Operations Research

Rudy Zhou, Han Liu, Tao Ju, Ram Dixit (★)  
Quantifying the polymerization dynamics of plant cortical microtubules using kymograph analysis  
Methods in Cell Biology, 2020. [Link](#)

Sungjin Im, Mahshid Montazer Qaem, Benjamin Moseley, Xiaorui Sun, Rudy Zhou  
Fast Noise Removal for  $k$ -Means Clustering  
Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS) 2020. [Link](#)

### Presentations

International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP) Online Demand Scheduling with Failovers	2023
Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization (IPCO) Configuration Balancing for Stochastic Requests	2023
Dagstuhl Scheduling Seminar Minimizing Completion Times for Stochastic Jobs via Batched Free Times	2023
INFORMS Annual Meeting Combinatorial Optimization under Uncertainty	2022
Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization (IPCO) A Competitive Algorithm for Throughput Maximization on Identical Machines	2022
Combinatorial Optimization and Logistics Seminar, University of Bremen A Competitive Algorithm for Throughput Maximization on Identical Machines	2022
Theory Reading Group, Dartmouth College Structural Iterative Rounding for Generalized $k$ -Median Problems	2022
International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP) Structural Iterative Rounding for Generalized $k$ -Median Problems	2021
INFORMS Annual Meeting	2020

*Structural Iterative Rounding for Generalized  $k$ -Median Problems*

*Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)*  
*Fast Noise Removal for  $k$ -Means Clustering*

2020

### Teaching

*MBA Calculus Fundamentals (Main Instructor)*

*Spring 2023 Session 2*

*Teaching Evaluations: 3.75/5 Course, 4.75/5 Instruction*

*MBA Calculus Fundamentals (Main Instructor)*

*Spring 2022 Session 2*

*Teaching Evaluations: 5/5 Course, 5/5 Instruction*

*MBA Calculus Fundamentals (Main Instructor)*

*Spring 2022 Session 1*

*Teaching Evaluations: 4.8/5 Course, 4.93/5 Instruction*

*Teaching Assistant at Carnegie Mellon University: Graph Theory (Fall 2020, Fall 2021)*

*Teaching Assistant at Washington University in St. Louis: Computational Geometry (Fall 2017), Object-Oriented Software Development Laboratory (Spring 2017)*

### Service

*Reviewer for: International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), International Symposium on Algorithms and Computation (ISAAC), European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA), Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA), Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC), Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization (IPCO), International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming (ICALP), Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems (APPROX), Math Programming, Information Processing Letters*

### Programming Skills

*Python, Java, C++*