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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

The University of Chicago, Booth School of Business

August 2024 – Present

Principal Researcher Supervisor: Amy R. Ward

EDUCATION

National University of Singapore

August 2020 - January 2025

Ph.D. in Industrial Systems Engineering & Management

Advisors: Loon Ching Tang and Zhisheng Ye

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

September 2016 – June 2020

B.E. in Industrial Engineering & Management

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Modern service operations, queuing control, data-driven decision making

Medical emergency response, voluntary/on-demand workforce management, drone delivery, matching platforms

PUBLICATIONS

[1] Expanding Service Capabilities Through an On-Demand Workforce

Sun, X. & Liu, W.

Forthcoming at Operations Research (2023)

[2] Energy-Aware and Delay-Sensitive Management of a Drone Delivery System

Liu, W. & Sun, X.

Manufacturing & Service Operations Management (2022) Vol. 24, No. 3, pp. 1294-1310

[3] Modeling and Optimization for Emergency Medical Services Network

Liu, R., Liu, W., Liu, Y., Pan, E. & Xie, X.

IEEE Transactions on Automation Science and Engineering (2021) Vol. 19, Issue 4, pp. 3520 - 3535

WORKING PAPERS

[1] Matching Impatient and Heterogeneous Demand and Supply while Learning In preparation with Amy R. Ward and Xun Zhang

[2] Community Responder Crowdsourcing for Time-Critical Emergencies

Liu, W., Chan, T., Tang, L. & Ye, Z.

Major revision at Management Science

[3] Robust Data-Driven Design of a Smart Cardiac Arrest Response System

Liu, W., Sun, Q., Tang, L. & Ye, Z.

Major revision at Production & Operations Management

First Place, INFORMS Society on Location Analysis (SOLA) Best Student Paper Competition, 2023

[4] Location-Allocation of Emergency Service Systems in Light Traffic: Application to Lift-Trap Rescue Wang, X., Liu, W., Tang, L. & Ye, Z.

Last Updated: December, 2024

SELECTED AWARDS

First Place, INFORMS Society on Location Analysis (SOLA) Best Student Paper Competition

2023
Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Students Abroad (6,000 USD)

2021
President's Graduate Fellowship

2020 – 2024
Hong Yi Scholarship (3,500 USD)

2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

National University of Singapore

Overseas Research Excellence Scholarship (1,000 USD)

IE4213/EE4802: Learning from Data (Undergraduate, 60+ students)

Springs of 2021, 2022, 2023

IE5005: Data Analytics for Industrial Engineers (Master, 230+ students)

Falls of 2021, 2022

TALKS

Matching Impatient and Heterogeneous Demand and Supply while Learning

INFORMS 2025 APS Conference

POMS 2025 Annual Conference Atlanta, USA

The 15th POMS-HK International Conference, Hong Kong, China

TTIC Summer Workshop on Data-Driven Decision Processes, Chicago, USA

Reinforcement Learning for Stochastic Networks, Toulouse, France

July 2025 (Scheduled)

May 2025 (Scheduled)

January 2025 (Scheduled)

August 2024

Reinforcement Learning for Stochastic Networks, Toulouse, France

June 2024

Community Responder Crowdsourcing for Time-Critical Medical Emergencies

INFORMS 2024 Annual Meeting, Seattle, USA October 2024

Expanding Service Capabilities Through an On-Demand Workforce

INFORMS 2023 Annual Meeting, Phonix, USA October 2023

Robust Data-Driven Design of a Smart Cardiac Arrest Response System

CSAMSE 2023 Annual Meeting (Session Chair), Shenzhen, China

July 2023
POMS 2023 Annual Meeting, Orlando, USA

May 2023

RESEARCH VISITS

University of Toronto August - December, 2023

Dept. of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering Host Supervisor: Timothy C. Y. Chan

University of Florida June - September, 2019

Dept. of Industrial & Systems Engineering

Host Supervisor: Xu Sun

COMPUTER SKILLS

Programming Language C++, Python

Software Gurobi, MATLAB, LaTex, Mathematica

PERSONAL

Languages Cantonese (native), Mandarin (native), English (fluent)

Interests Ultimate frisbee, traveling