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EDUCATION

Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia

2025 (Expected)

Ph.D. in Management Science Advisor: Micheal Jong Kim

University of Toronto

2018

M.A.Sc. in Operations Research, Industrial Engineering

McGill University

2015

B.S.Hons in Mathematics and Physics

Languages: English, Chinese (Mandarin), French

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Methodologies: dynamic programming, stochastic control, statistical learning, Bayesian statistics, data-driven optimization, decentralized control
- Applications: data-driven decisions in complex information-sharing environments (misinformation, strategic behavior, bias and fairness), with applications in health-care analytics, revenue management, and social learning

RESEARCH

Journal Publication:

- Keppo, J., Kim, M. J., Zhang, X. (2022). Learning manipulation through information dissemination. *Operations Research*, 70(6), 3490-3510.
 - ❖ Runner-up, INFORMS DAS Best Student Paper Award, 2022

Papers Under Review or In Preparation:

• Dynamic service allocation with returns: application to admission and discharge control with readmission in hospital

with Hossein Abouee-Mehrizi, Ya-tang Chuang and Micheal Jong Kim Under Review at *Operations Research*

- Second Place, CORS Health Care Operational Research SIG Student Paper Competition, 2024
- Diversified learning: Bayesian control with multiple biased information sources with Jussi Keppo and Micheal Jong Kim
 Manuscript in preparation

• Efficiency gains in the health sector through data-driven patient scheduling: The case of paediatric rehabilitation services

with Hossein Abouee-Mehrizi, Benjamin Ravenscroft, and Brendan Wylie-Toal Manuscript in preparation

❖ Finalist, CORS Practice Prize Competition, 2024

Work in Progress:

- Optimal feature selection for multi-variate Bayesian control charts
- Robust data-driven scheduling with multiple follow-up appointments

PRESENTATIONS

Diversified learning: Bayesian control with multiple biased information sources

- INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2024; CORS, June 2024; MSOM, June 2024, 2023; POMS, April 2024;

Learning manipulation through information dissemination

- INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2021, 2019; INFORMS Revenue Management and Pricing Conference, June 2019;

Dynamic service allocation with returns: application to admission and discharge control with readmission in hospital

- CORS Annual Conference, June 2023, 2021;

Multi-armed bandit with sensor selection.

- MIE Graduate Symposium, June 2016; C-MORE Annual Consortium, May 2016;

TEACHING

Instructor

Undergraduate Operations & Logistics (COMM 204), UBC

Summer 2021

- Teaching evaluation of 4.7/5 (class size: 58)
- Introductory course in operations management for students in the Bcom program; covers process analysis, queuing systems, project management, inventory and supply chain management;

Guest Lecturer

Graduate Descriptive and Predictive Analytics (BABS 507), UBC	Spring 2024
Undergraduate Operations & Logistics (COMM 204), UBC	Fall 2020, 2022
Graduate Stochastic Processes (MIE 1605H), University of Toronto	Winter 2016, 2017

Teaching Assistant

Graduate Descriptive and Predictive Analytics (BABS 507), UBC	Fall 2023, Spring 2024
Undergraduate Decision Analysis Under Uncertainty (BAMS 517), UBC	Fall 2020
Graduate Analyzing and Modelling Uncertainty (BABS 506), UBC	Fall 2019, Fall 2020
Graduate Application of Statistics in Management (BABS 550), UBC	Winter 2019

SERVICE

Reviewer for Operations Research, Management Science, IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, Healthcare Management Science

Session chair for CORS 2021 and INFORMS Annual Meeting 2021; Co-organizer for C-MORE consortium meetings 2015-2017; Co-president of the Ph.D. Student Society at UBC Sauder School of Business

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Second Place, CORS Health Care Operational Research SIG Student Paper Competition, 2024

Finalist, CORS Practice Prize Competition, 2024

Runner-up, INFORMS DAS Student Paper Award, 2022

President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award 2020, 2021, 2022

Shelby L Brumelle Memorial Graduate Scholarship 2018, 2023

Dean Earle D MacPhee Memorial Fellowship 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021,2022

Sauder School of Business Graduate Award 2017

Edward and Miriam Silber Memorial Graduate Scholarship 2017

OGS Ontario Graduate Scholarship 2015

MIE Fellowship 2015-2017

NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award 2013

First Class Honours in Mathematics and Physics 2011-2014

REFERENCES

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