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# EMPLOYMENT

2023 - present
2017 - 2023
2014 - 2017
2009 - 2013
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with Kunal Menda, Justin Grana, James Bono, Brendan Tracey, Mykel Kochenderfer, and David Wolpert. IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (2019), 20(4): 1259-1268.

# Learning Discrete Bayesian Networks from Continuous Data

with Tim Wheeler and Mykel Kochenderfer.

Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (2017), 59: 103-132.

# **Refereed Conference Papers:**

# Improving Offline Value-Function Approximations for POMDPs by Reducing Discount Factors with Mykel Kochenderfer and Matthijs Spaan.

IEEE/RSJ 2018 International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems.

## TEACHING

# UCL School of Management

Statistics for Business Research, MSc in Management

## Awards and Honors

Dreze Dissertation Award, UCLA Anderson.	2022
Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA.	2021
Honorable Mention, INFORMS George E. Nicholson Student Paper Prize.	2020
Winner, INFORMS Decision Analysis Student Paper Award.	2019
Second Place, INFORMS Jeff McGill Revenue Management and Pricing Student Paper Award.	2019
Finalist, INFORMS Service Science Best Paper Award.	2019
Spotlight Presentation, INFORMS Revenue Management and Pricing Conference.	2019
Ph.D. Fellowship, UCLA Anderson.	2017
Presidential Awards, National Taiwan University.	2012, 2013
Chau-Ting Chang Memorial Fellowship, Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences, Taiwan.	2012

#### PRESENTATIONS

A Nonparametric Stochastic Set Model: Identification, Optimization, and Prediction INFORMS Conference (10/2023).

### Assortment Optimization Under the Decision Forest Model

INFORMS Conference (10/2022), INFORMS RM&P Conference (06/2021), MSOM Conference (06/2021).

# Column-Randomized Linear Programs: Performance Guarantees and Applications

INFORMS Optimization Conference (03/2022), INFORMS Conference (11/2020).

#### Decision Forest: A Nonparametric Approach to Modeling Irrational Choice

INFORMS Conference (11/2021), INFORMS Conference (11/2020), INFORMS Conference (10/2019), INFORMS RM&P Conference (06/2019), SoCal OR/OM Day (05/2019), POMS Conference (05/2019), INFORMS Conference (11/2018).

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

## **Ad-Hoc Journal Referee**

Management Science, Operations Research, Manufacturing & Service Operations Management, Production and Operations Management, Computational Management Science.

## **Professional Society Roles**

Council member, Decision Analysis Society, INFORMS.

2024 - Present

## LANGUAGES

Mandarin (native), English (fluent), Turkish (beginner).

2023 Fall