

# Hannah Li

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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### Columbia Business School

Assistant Professor

July '23 – Present

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Postdoctoral Associate

Sep '22 – July '23

## EDUCATION

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### Stanford University

**Ph.D. Candidate in Operations Research (Management Science & Engineering)**

June 2022

Research: I developed statistical methodology for online marketplaces, using techniques from operations research, causal inference, and economics. I also worked on education applications and utilized operations research techniques to design accessible education systems. I was advised by Prof. Ramesh Johari and Prof. Gabriel Weintraub.

*Awards: Dantzig Dissertation Award 2023, MSOM Service Management SIG Best Paper Award 2023, INFORMS DEI Best Student Paper Award 2022, RMP Jeff McGill Student Paper Award 2021 (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Best Student Paper Award at ACM EAAMO '21, Dantzig-Lieberman Operations Research Fellowship, MS&E Department Service Award*

### Pomona College

2016

#### Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics

Thesis: The Manickam-Miklos-Singhi Conjecture in Combinatorics (*Received Distinctions*)

Relevant Coursework: Combinatorics, graph theory, discrete math, abstract algebra, Galois theory

*Awards: Llewellyn Bixby Prize for Excellence in Mathematics; Phi Beta Kappa*

**Budapest Semester in Mathematics-** Budapest, Hungary (*Received High Honors*)

2015

## PAPERS

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- “Standardized Tests and Affirmative Action: The Role of Bias and Variance.”
  - With Nikhil Garg and Faidra Monachau
  - Working paper, Major Revision at *Management Science*.
  - Preliminary version accepted to *ACM Conference in Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency Conference (FAcT)*, 2021
  - INFORMS DEI Best Student Paper Award '22
  - Best Paper with a Student Presenter Award at *ACM Equity and Access in Algorithms, Mechanisms, and Optimization (EAAMO)* '21.
- “Experimental Design in Two-Sided Platforms: An Analysis of Bias.”
  - With Ramesh Johari, Inessa Liskovich, and Gabriel Weintraub

- Published in *Management Science* (2022)
- Featured post on the [Management Science Blog](#)
- Part of the winning thesis for the *INFORMS Dantzig Dissertation Award 2023*
- *MSOM Service Management SIG Best Paper Award 2023*
- *RMP Jeff McGill Student Paper Award (2021), 2<sup>nd</sup> Place*
- Presented in *MSOM Service SIG 2021*
- Presented in *Conference on Web and Internet Economics (WINE): Spotlights Beyond Wine*
- Preliminary version presented in *ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC '20)*.
- “Interference, Bias, and Variance in Two-Sided Marketplace Experimentation: Guidance for Platforms.”
  - With Geng Zhao, Ramesh Johari, and Gabriel Weintraub.
  - Accepted to *TheWebConf (WWW) '22*.
  - Presented in *EC '20 Workshop on Design of Online Platforms*.
- “Decision Making using Platform Experiments: Errors Under Interference.”
  - In preparation.
- “Exploration vs. Exploitation in Team Formation.”
  - With Ramesh Johari, Vijay Kamble, and Anilesh K. Krishnaswamy.
  - Accepted to *Conference on Web and Internet Economics (WINE)*, 2018.
- “Novel Characterization and Live Imaging of Schlemm’s Canal Expressing Prox-1.”
  - With Tan Truong, Young-Kwon Hong, and Lu Chen.
  - *PLoS One*, 2014.

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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### **Vinted**

*Research Consultant*

2021-2022

Launched experiments designed to reduce interference bias.

### **Common App**

*Volunteer Consultant*

2021-2022

Using data science to promote equitable and accessible college education.

### **Airbnb**

*Data Science Intern*

Jun '19 – Sep '19

Implementing causal inference methods to assess marketplace features.

### **Opendoor**

*Data Science Intern*

Jun '18 – Sep '18

Implementing causal inference methods to optimize real estate pricing.

### **State Street Global Advisors / Worcester Polytechnic Institute**

*Math Finance Intern/Researcher*

May '14– Aug '14

Developing liquidity metrics to assess financial portfolio risk.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Assistant for the following classes.

### Stanford University (Graduate Classes)

- Foundations of Data Science, Fall '19, Fall '20, and Fall '21. (Stanford Management Science & Engineering)
- Data Science for Online Marketplaces, Spring '19. (Stanford Graduate School of Business)

### Pomona College (Undergraduate Classes)

- Abstract Algebra
- Operations Research
- Calculus II Honors

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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- INFORMS DEI Best Student Paper Award (2022)
- INFORMS RMP Jeff McGill Student Paper Award (2021), 2<sup>nd</sup> place
- ACM EAAMO Best Student Paper Award '21
- Dantzig-Lieberman Operations Research Fellowship (Stanford University)
- Management Science & Engineering Department Service Award (Stanford University)
- Llewellyn Bixby Prize for excellence in mathematics (Pomona College)
- Phi Beta Kappa
- National Merit Scholar

## SERVICE AND OUTREACH

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### Reviewer

- *Management Science*
- *Journal of Causal Inference*
- *WINE*
- *WWW*
- *FAccT*
- *EC*
- *EAAMO*
- EC'21 Operations of People-Centric Systems Workshop

### Conferences, Workshop, and Seminar Organizing

- Session Chair for INFORMS 2020-2023
- AsuFest 2023
- Stanford Research on Algorithms, Incentives, and Networks (RAIN) Seminar

### Service and Outreach

- Senior student mentor at *ACM Economics and Computation (EC '20 and EC '21)*
- Mentor, Stanford Data Science Inclusive Mentoring program
- Stanford MS&E department liaison and student mentor
- Pomona College Math Department liaison

## PRESENTATIONS

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### “Scaling up Healthcare Interventions using Experimentation”

- INFORMS APS 2023
- AsuFest 2023
- Marketplace Innovation Workshop 2023
- INFORMS Applied Probability Society Conference 2023

### “Platform Experimentation and Decision-Making Under Marketplace Interference”

- INFORMS RMP 2023
- ACM SIGMETRICS Workshop on “Causal Inference for Engineers”
- Airbnb Academic Collaborators Seminar 2023
- Workshop on Mathematical Social Science 2023
- Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Business Analytics 2022
- Simons Workshop on Quantifying Uncertainty: Stochastic, Adversarial, and Beyond 2022
- Marketplace Innovation Workshop 2022
- INFORMS Annual Meeting 2021
- Cornell Young Researchers Workshop 2021

### “Interference, Bias, and Variance in Marketplace Experimentation”

- MIT Conference on Digital Experimentation (CODE) 2021.

### “Experimental Design in Two-Sided Platforms: An Analysis of Bias”

- American Causal Inference Conference 2022
- WINE '21: Spotlights Beyond Wine
- Stanford Causal Science Center
- 2021 Conference on Digital Experimentation (CODE)
- INFORMS MSOM SIG Conference 2021
- Marketplace Innovations Workshop (MIW) 2021
- Vinted Data Science Team
- Stanford Data Science Lab
- INFORMS Annual Meeting 2020
- Lyft Data Science Team
- Kellogg-Wharton Operations Management Workshop
- ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC) 2020
- Revenue Management and Pricing Live Paper Series
- 2020 Conference on Digital Experimentation (CODE)
- Facebook Core Data Science Seminar
- Stanford Causal Inference Seminar

### “Dropping Standardized Testing for Admissions: Differential Variance and Access”

- INFORMS MSOM Conference 2021

### “Exploration vs. Exploitation in Team Formation”

- Informs Annual Meeting 2020.
- Conference on Web and Internet Economics 2018
- INFORMS Annual Meeting 2018
- Upwork Data Science Seminar
- Stanford Social Algorithms Seminar

## TECHNICAL TOOLS

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- Python
- R
- SQL

## OTHER EXPERIENCE

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### **Writer for College Student Blog**

Student Voices, Pomona College

Jan '15 - May '15

### **Research Assistant**

UC Berkeley Vision Sciences- Berkeley, CA

May - Aug '13

### **News Writer**

The Student Life, Pomona College

Aug '12 - May '13