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## **Professional Interests**

Creation of novel and innovative solution methods using Industrial and Systems Engineering principles to study logistical problems of significant societal and business impact.

## **Education**

Doctor of Philosophy in Operations Research (1984)

Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Bachelor of Technology in Mechanical Engineering (1980)

Department of Mechanical Engineering

Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, India

## **Academic and Administrative Experience**

*School of Engineering and Applied Sciences*

Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Recognition: 2023-present

Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Diversity: 2020-2023

Interim Dean, 2019-2020

Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Diversity: 2016-2019

Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs: 2014-2016

Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education: 2013-2014

Acting/Interim Dean: 2011-2012

Associate Dean for Graduate Education: 2006-2011

*Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering*

SUNY Distinguished Professor: 2013-present; Professor: 1994-2013; Associate Professor: 1990-1994;  
Assistant Professor: 1984-90

Director of Graduate Studies: 2003-2005; Chair: 1994-2003; Interim Chair: 1992-1994

## **Professional Society Fellow Designations**

### **1. Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences, 2022.**

Citation: For advanced theoretical research and use-inspired models for addressing location, layout, security, and HAZMAT transport problems; and for sustained outstanding academic education and leadership.

Note: Only 0.1% of the membership can receive a fellow award each year (currently at a maximum of 12)

### **2. Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers, 2006.**

This designation recognizes outstanding leaders of the profession who have made significant, nationally recognized contributions to industrial and systems engineering.

## Research Awards

**1. 2024 Koopman Prize, Military and Security Society, INFORMS. For the paper: M. Moskal, E. Dasdemir and R. Batta, "Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Information Collection Missions with Uncertain Characteristics," *INFORMS Journal on Computing*, Vol. 35, No. 1, (2023), pp. 120-137.**

As stated on the INFORMS website, this Prize was named after Bernard Koopman, a founding father of military operations research. It is awarded for the outstanding publication in military operations research of the previous year.

Note: At most one award each year.

**2. 2023 Lifetime Achievement in Locational Analysis Award, Section on Locational Analysis, INFORMS.**

The Lifetime Achievement in Location Analysis (LALA) award is a triennial honor awarded to a person who has made significant lifetime contributions to location analysis research. The award is given every third year at the closing dinner of ISOLDE, the International Symposium on Locational Decisions (<http://isoldeconference.org/>).

Note: Award is made every three years, usually to one person, sometimes to two people. Only one recipient in 2023.

**2. 2022 Frank and Lillian Gilbreth Industrial Engineering Award, Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers.**

This is the highest and most esteemed honor bestowed by IISE. It recognizes those who have distinguished themselves through contributions to the welfare of mankind in the field of industrial engineering. The contributions are of the highest caliber and nationally or internationally recognized.

Note: At most one award each year.

**3. 2020 MOR Journal Award, Military Operations Research Society. For the paper: M. Moskal and R. Batta, "Adaptive Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Surveillance Using a Prize-Collecting Vertex Routing Model," *Military Operations Research*, 24,4, (2019), 5-22.**

Each year the journal editor selects the best paper published in *Military Operations Research*.

Note: At most one award each year.

**4. 2018 Koopman Prize, Military and Security Society, INFORMS. For the paper: Y. Xia, R. Batta and R. Nagi, "Routing a fleet of vehicles for decentralized reconnaissance with shared workload among regions with uncertain information," *Operations Research*, Vol. 65, No. 3, (2017), pp. 674-692.**

As stated on the INFORMS website, this Prize was named after Bernard Koopman, a founding father of military operations research. It is awarded for the outstanding publication in military operations research of the previous year.

Note: At most one award each year.

**5. 2016 Award for Technical Innovation in Industrial Engineering, Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers.**

As stated on the IISE website, this award honors a single innovative technical contribution to the industrial engineering profession that may be recognized in any of several forms, including theory, design, application, implementation, and leadership, to name a few.

Note: At most one award each year.

**6. 2013 Best Paper Award for the journal *IIE Transactions: Design and Manufacturing*. For the paper: M. Zhang, R. Batta and R. Nagi, "Designing Manufacturing Facility Layouts to Mitigate Congestion," Vol. 45, No. 4, (2011), pp. 132-145.**

Each year the journal editor selects the best paper published in *IIE Transactions: Design and Manufacturing*.

Note: At most one award each year.

**7. 2012 AIIMS-MOPTA Optimization Modeling Competition Winner, Lehigh University.**

The yearly AIMMS/MOPTA Optimization Modeling Competition attracts entries from around the world. The challenge problem for 2012 related to scheduling smart grids. Gina Galindo, Ruben Yie (both doctoral students) and Rajan Batta (faculty) were the winners.

Note: At most one award each year.

**8. 2008 Dr. David F. Baker Distinguished Research Award, Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers.**

As stated on the IISE website, this award recognizes outstanding research in the profession. This award is for a career of accomplishments that broadly benefited practitioners, organizations, or other researchers rather than for a single activity or application.

Note: At most one award each year.

**9. 2007 SUNY Research Foundation Award for Research and Scholarship.**

The Research and Scholarship Award is the highest honor the Research Foundation can bestow on SUNY faculty for their outstanding scholarly and research contributions.

**10. 2005 MOR Journal Award, Military Operations Research Society. For the paper: S. Mishra, R. Batta and R. J. Szczerba, "A Rule-Based Approach for Aircraft Dispatching to Emerging Targets," *Military Operations Research*, 9,3, (2004), 17-30.**

Each year the journal editor selects the best paper published in *Military Operations Research*.

Note: At most one award each year.

**11. 2002 Sustained Achievement Award, Exceptional Scholar Program, University at Buffalo.**

According to the UB website, the Exceptional Scholar Award for Sustained Achievement recognizes an unprecedented accomplishment in a senior scholar's career.

## **Teaching Awards**

### **1. 2015 Albert G. Holzman Distinguished Educator Award, Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers.**

As stated on the IISE website, this award is for significant contributions to the industrial engineering profession by an outstanding educator.

Note: At most one award each year.

### **2. 2014-15 University at Buffalo Excellence in Graduate Student Mentoring Award.**

As per the UB graduate school website, this award reward recognizes truly outstanding and sustained support and development of graduate students from course completion through research and subsequent career placement.

### **3. 2007 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.**

This is the highest teaching award available from the State University of New York system.

## **Journal Editorial Board Service**

1. Editor-in-Chief, *Socio-Economic Planning Sciences* (2021-present)
2. Associate Editor, *Operations Research* (2024-present)
3. Departmental Editor, *IISE Transactions* (2001-present)
4. Editorial Advisory Board, *Computers & Operations Research* (1997-present)

## **Leadership Designations**

1. Eminent Engineer Designation, Tau Beta Pi, The Engineering Honor Society, 2008
2. Faculty in Leadership Fellow, Office of the Provost, University at Buffalo, 2005-06
3. Meritorious Service Award, *Operations Research*, 1996

## **Student Awards**

1. Merit Scholarships for all five years of study (1975-80), Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India
2. Junior and Senior Science Talent Awards, 1972 and 1974, Government of India

## **News Articles on Research**

### **Airport Security Applications**

My research on the impact of queue length on the integrity of an airport security system is discussed at the following website:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21569234/>

### **Military Applications**

"UB Software to Give U.S. Military a Clearer Picture of 'Theater of War'," Read more.

"Understanding Battlefield Realities: Software Allows the Military to Track and Predict Movements," Industrial Engineering, March 2004.

"New Software Helps Lift 'Fog and War'," Read more.

### **Crime Modeling Applications**

"Mathematical Model Joins War on Drugs," OR/MS Today, October 1992, Vol. 19, No. 5.

"Industrial Engineers Develop Model for War on Drugs," Industrial Engineering, September 1992, Vol. 24, No. 4.

"War on Drugs gets Help from Unlikely Source: Math Model Predicts Success," Crime Control Digest, June 22, 1992, Vol. 26, No. 25.

"The Police Department in Buffalo gets Some Ideas About how to Make its Drug-Enforcement Efforts More Efficient," The Chronicle of Higher Education, July 8, 1992, Vol. 38, No. 44.

"Researchers Eye Formula for War on Drug Business," The Buffalo News, June 22, 1992.

"Fighting Drugs with Mathematics," UB Today, Fall 1992.

"Drug War: Researchers Say Common Manufacturing Strategy Could Help," Narcotics Control Digest, September 15, 1993, Vol. 23, No. 19.

Discussion on CBS Radio, Seattle, Washington. "Waging an Optimal War on Drugs," OR/MS Today, October 1993, Vol. 20, No. 5.

## **Professional Service**

### ***Service to Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers (IISE)***

**Senior Vice-President for Publications, Board of Trustees** (April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2011): Task was to manage the publications delivered by IISE. This included strategic planning of publication stream to match the objectives of IIE and participation in other board activities and functions. Helped IIE launch three brand new journals: *IIE Transactions on Healthcare Systems Engineering*; *IIE Transactions on Occupational Ergonomics and Human Factors*; *Journal of Enterprise Transformation*.

**Chair for IERC for 2006 conference:** Tasks included creation of conference committee, solicitation of a plenary speaker (a first for IERC), solicitation of tutorials, working with committee members to organize invited sessions, coordination with the Solutions conference for overlap day activities, selection of contributed talks among those submitted, assistance in publicity about the conference, reporting to CIEADH regarding conference status, and coordination of review process and creation of the conference proceedings.

**Departmental Editor for IIE Transactions (Scheduling & Logistics):** Handle about 6 papers a year for the journal. Handling a paper involves assignment of an appropriate Associate Editor and subsequent coordination of the refereeing process. On completion of the refereeing process and receipt of the AEs recommendation a decision is made on how to proceed (accept, revise, reject).

**ABET Evaluator:** Have served as an evaluator on several occasions and have received evaluator training on two separate occasions. Tasks included review of the self-study documents, a visit onsite for 3 days, coordination with other team members on school-wide issues, and submission of an evaluation to the team chair.

**ABET Engineering Accreditation Commission Member:** Served on the EAC Board. Duties include serving as a team chair for ABET EAC visits.

### ***Service to Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)***

**Served as President for ACORD,** Association of Operations Research Related Department Heads. In this role coordinated the meeting of department heads at the INFORMS conference and created action items relative to helping the society in student recruitment and membership growth in general.

**Served as a Chair of the FORA committee.** In this role helped create two special interest groups that have since become very active in the society. These are the Junior Faculty Interest Group that serves as a conduit to encourage junior faculty to join and subsequently succeed in the profession, and the Women Interest Group that serves as a similar role for women.

**Co-chair for tutorials, INFORMS Annual Conference, Houston 2017.** In this role helped solicit tutorials for the conference, which included handling chapters (that needed to be reviewed) from authors.

**Member of Scientific Committee, TSL Conference, Chicago 2017.** In this role helped review submissions for the conference and helped promote the conference among colleagues.

## **Service to University at Buffalo**

### **Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Recognition—July 2023 to present**

Assist and serve as counsel to the dean in matters related to the faculty. These include faculty tenure and promotion cases, faculty recruitment, faculty awards, and junior faculty mentoring initiatives.

### **Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Diversity—July 2016 to June 2019 and May 2020 to June 2023**

Assist and serve as counsel to the dean in matters related to the faculty. These include faculty tenure and promotion cases, faculty recruitment, faculty awards, and junior faculty mentoring initiatives. Also assist the dean in matters that relate to diversity in faculty, students and staff.

### **Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs—July 2014 to June 2016**

Assist and serve as counsel to the dean in matters related to the faculty. These include faculty tenure and promotion cases, faculty recruitment, faculty awards, and junior faculty mentoring initiatives.

### **Acting/Interim Dean—April 2011 to December 2012 and July 2019 to April 2020**

Development and Execution of Strategic Plans:

Worked with department chairs to help develop and craft a 3-year unit plan, aimed at a significant expansion of our school (35% growth anticipated in faculty and staff over the next 5-year period). This 3-year plan for the school is tied with 3-year plans developed by each of the departments, and is also linked with the metrics and plan set forth by the UB Provost Office and follows the guiding principles of NYSUNY2020.

Education and Outreach:

Worked with the College of Arts and Sciences towards a successful 3 E proposal, that led to an initiative to create a new graduate program (MS and PhD) in Materials Science and Engineering. This initiative will hire six additional faculty members across the two schools and foster a new inter-disciplinary graduate program in Materials Science and Engineering.

On the international front, the nominee successfully renewed our 5-year MOU for the Dual Degree Program with Istanbul Technical University in Civil Engineering. The nominee visited several international universities to foster collaborations.

### **Associate Dean for Graduate Studies—January 2006 through April 2011, and January 2013-June 2014 (with Research responsibilities added)**

Several new initiatives were established in this role. These included: (i) welcoming activities for graduate students to ensure a smooth transition to UB Engineering; (ii) three sets of surveys for graduate students to monitor student intent, progress and satisfaction level; (iii) a career fair specifically for graduate students; (iv) a student ambassador program for fielding questions from prospective students; (v) a poster competition; (vi) a workshop for students interested in being faculty members; and (vii) development of an electronic review system for graduate student applications.

**Faculty in Leadership Fellow for the 2005-2006 academic year**

Work was with the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and focused on various activities in managing university faculty, including tenure and promotion, and mentoring. Helped create a new workshop for department chairs for issues related to managing their faculty effectively and in being effective leaders

**Department Chair for Industrial and Systems Engineering for 1992-2003 (first 2 years as Interim)**

During this period, the department transformed itself from being a major generator of UG degrees to being a major generator of MS, MEng and PhD degrees. Research funding substantially increased during this period. A major success was mentoring junior faculty and creation of new leadership in the department.

## **RESEARCH PHILOSOPHY**

My research philosophy is that of being problem motivated—that is, given a relevant, interesting, real-world application, develop and analyze mathematical models for the related problem. Of particular interest is the creation of novel, innovative application areas for Operations Research techniques. My solid Engineering background coupled with an excellent, in-depth knowledge of a broad range of Operations Research techniques give me the tools that are necessary for effectively performing this type of research activity.

### **Current Research Summary**

I am active in the following research areas:

**Satellite Scheduling for Reconnaissance Tasks**

**Hazardous Materials Routing/Logistics**

**Routing/Scheduling for Search Missions**

**Electric Vehicle Routing and Location of Charging Stations**

## **Overall Statistics for Published (or Accepted) Journal Papers**

Total count = 167

Accident Analysis and Prevention: 2

Annals of Operations Research: 8

Central European Journal of Operations Research: 1

Computers & Industrial Engineering: 4

Computers & Operations Research: 21

Decision Sciences: 1

EURO Journal on Transportation and Logistics: 2

European Journal of Operational Research: 22

Geographical Analysis: 2

Human Factors and Ergonomics in Manufacturing: 1

IIE Transactions: 5

Information Systems and Operational Research: 1

INFORMS Journal on Computing: 1

Interfaces: 2

International Journal of Mathematics of Operations Research: 2

International Journal of Operations and Quantitative Management: 1

International Journal of Operational Research: 4

International Journal of Production Research: 4

Journal of Defense Modeling and Simulation: 2

Journal of Geographical Systems: 1

Journal of Simulation: 2

Journal of Intelligent Transportation Systems: 1

Journal of the Operational Research Society: 4

Journal of Transportation Security: 2

Management Science: 3

Military Operations Research: 10

Naval Research Logistics: 2

Networks: 4

Networks and Spatial Economics: 2

Operations Research: 8

OR Insight: 4

OR Letters: 1

OR Spectrum: 2

Risk Analysis: 1

SIAM Journal on Applied Mathematics: 1

Socio-Economic Planning Sciences: 12

Sustainability: 1

Theoretical Issues in Ergonomics Science: 1

TOP: An Official Journal of the Spanish Society of Statistics and Operations Research: 2

Transport Policy: 1

Transportation Research B: 1

Transportation Research C: 3

Transportation Research Record: 1

Transportation Science: 11

## **JOURNAL PAPERS UNDER INITIAL REVIEW**

1. E. Jose, N. Oladzad, D. Sudit, M. Sudit and R. Batta, "Kriging-Based Optimization of Satellite-Sensor Coverage for Enhanced Information Collection," submitted to *Geographical Analysis*. SATELLITE RECONNAISSANCE
2. N. Oladzad, E. Jose, R. Batta and M. Lejeune, "UAV Search and Routing Planning in a Disaster Area," submitted to *Transportation Science*. SEARCH PROBLEMS
3. N. Oladzad, E. Jose, J. Becker and R. Batta, "On a Generalization of the Information Collection Problem," revision under preparation for *Operations Research*. INFORMATION COLLECTION

## **PUBLISHED JOURNAL PAPERS**

### **2025**

H. Caceres, M. Duran, H. Lespay, J.B. Conteras and R. Batta, "School Bus Routing Problem with Open Offer Policy: A case study in a New York school district," to appear in *Computers & Industrial Engineering*. SCHOOL BUS ROUTING

E. Dasdemir, E. Jose and R. Batta, "Scheduling and Routing with Degradation-Triggered Arrivals: An Application to Forest Fighting with an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Fleet," to appear in *European Journal of Operational Research*. JOB SCHEDULING

Y. Zhou and R. Batta, "Using Imperfect Sensors and Blocks to Reduce Infiltration Success at a Border Crossing," to appear in *International Journal of Operational Research*. MILITARY OPERATIONS RESEARCH

H. Vempati, J. Bhadury and R. Batta, "Locating Inspection Points to Control Hazmat Transportation Risk," to appear in *International Journal of Mathematics in Operational Research*. HAZMAT ROUTING

N. Oladzad and R. Batta, "Using Prize-Collection Concepts to Solve Time-Limited Search Problems: A Military and Security Case Study," to appear in *Military Operations Research*. SEARCH PROBLEMS

A. Narin, J. Becker and R. Batta, "UAV Search Optimization for Recording Emerging Targets with Camouflaging Capabilities," *The Journal of Defense Modeling and Simulation*, 22 (2), 105-127, (2025). UAV ROUTING

F. Mousapour, R. Batta and J. L. Walteros, "On the Development and Analysis of a Comprehensive Police Patrolling Model," *EURO Journal on Transportation and Logistics*, 14, (2025), 100153. POLICE PATROLLING

M. Sabbaghtrokan, R. Batta and Q. He, "Adding Servers to Reinforce Facilities in a Spatially Distributed Queueing System," *Computers & Operations Research*, 173, (2025), 106862. FACILITY LOCATION

### **2023**

B. Bhattacharya, R. Batta, L. Lin and P. Ram, "Mathematical Programming Methods for Reducing Inequity due to Stock-outs of Pharmaceuticals in Low-resourced Regions using a Mobile Pharmacy," *Computers & Industrial Engineering* (2023), Volume 182, 109353. HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

A. Khare, R. Batta and Q. He, "Using Social Media to Enhance the Search for Gasoline During a Hurricane Evacuation Event," *EURO Journal on Transportation and Logistics* (2023), Volume 12, 100111. HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS

M. Moskal, E. Dasdemir and R. Batta, "Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Information Collection Missions with Uncertain Characteristics," *INFORMS Journal on Computing* (2023), 35 (1), 120-137. UAV ROUTING

J. Becker and R. Batta, "Canadian Prize Collection Problem: Assessing the Impact of a Disaster Event," *Military Operations Research* (2023), Vol. 28, No. 2, 55-92. DISASTER ESTIMATION

## 2022

E. Dardemir, R. Batta, M. Koksalan and D. Ozturk, "UAV Routing for Reconnaissance Mission: A Multi-Objective Orienteering Problem with Time-dependent Prizes and Multiple Connections," *Computers & Operations Research* (2022), 145, 105882. UAV ROUTING

M. Sabbaghtorkan, R. Batta and Q. He, "Managing Gas Supplies in a Short-notice Hurricane Evacuation," *OR Spectrum*, (2022), Vol. 44, No. 3, pp. 911-945. HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS

## 2021

S. Jotrao and R. Batta, "Time Constrained UAV Path Planning in 3D Network for Maximum Information Gain," *Military Operations Research*, (2021), Vol 26, No. 3, pp. 5-25. UAV ROUTING

P. Cho and R. Batta, "UAV Search Path Optimization for Recording Emerging Targets," *Military Operations Research*, (2021), Vol. 26, No. 3, pp. 27-48. UAV ROUTING

A. Khare, R. Batta and J.E. Kang, "On the Analysis of Last-Mile Relief Delivery on a Tree Network: Application to the 2015 Nepal Earthquake," *Journal of the Operational Research Society*, (2021), Vol. 72, pp. 727-743. HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS

A. Madani, R. Batta and M. Karwan, "The Balancing Traveling Salesman Problem: Application to Warehouse Order Picking," *TOP*, Vol. 29, (2021), Vol. 29, pp. 442-469. WAREHOUSE ORDER PICKING

## 2020

F. Aarabi and R. Batta, "A Mixed Integer Programming Approach for Scheduling Spatially Distributed Jobs with Degradation Rate: Application to Pothole Repair," *Socio-Economic Planning Sciences*, (2020), Vol. 72, December. JOB SCHEDULING

M. Taslimi, R. Batta and C. Kwon, "Medical Waste Collection Considering Transportation and Storage Risk," *Computers and Operations Research*, (2020), Vol. 120, August. HAZMAT ROUTING

N. Wei, J. Walteros and R. Batta, "On the Distance between Random Events on a Network," *Networks*, (2020), Vol. 75, pp. 203-231. URBAN OPERATIONS RESEARCH

A. Khare, Q. He and R. Batta, "Predicting Gasoline Shortage During Disasters Using Social Media," *OR Spectrum*, (2020), Vol. 42, pp. 693-726. HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS

M. Sabbaghtorkan, R. Batta and Q. He, "Prepositioning of Resources and Supplies in Disaster Operations Management: Review and Research Gap Identification," *European Journal of Operational Research*, (2020), Vol. 284, pp. 1-19. HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS

B. Bhattacharya, L. Lin, R. Batta and P. Ram, "Stock-out Severity Index: Tool for Evaluating Inequity in Drug Stock-outs," *Central European Journal of Operations Research*, (2020), Vol. 28, pp. 1243-1263. HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

## 2019

M. Moskal and R. Batta, "Adaptive UAV Surveillance Using a Prize-Collecting Vertex Routing Model," *Military Operations Research*, (2019), Vol. 24. UAV ROUTING

H. Cacares, R. Batta and Q. He, "Special Need Students School Bus Routing: Consideration for Mixed Load and Heterogeneous Fleet," *Socio-Economic Planning Sciences*, (2019), Vol. 65, pp. 10-19. SCHOOL BUS ROUTING

## 2018

J. Bhadury, R. Batta, J. Dorismond, C.C. Peng and S. Sadhale, "Strategically Locating Impulse Items in a Store," *International Journal of Operations and Quantitative Management*, (2018), Vol. 24, No. 3, pp. 173-201. STORE LAYOUT

J. Fetzer, H. Cacares, Q. He and R. Batta, "A Multi-Objective Optimization Approach to the Location of Road Weather Information System in New York State," *Journal of Intelligent Transportation Systems: Technology, Planning, and Operations*, (2018), pp. 503-516. LOCATION MODELING

Y. C. Hsu, J. Walteros and R. Batta, "Solving the Petroleum Replenishment and Routing Problem with Variable Demands and Time Windows," *Annals of Operations Research*, (2018), pp. 1-38. PETROLEUM REPLENISHMENT

## 2017

T. Esfandeh, R. Batta and C. Kwon, "Time Dependent Hazardous Network Design Problem," *Transportation Science*, Vol. 52, (2017), pp. 454-473. HAZMAT ROUTING

R. Swamy, J. E. Kang, R. Batta and Y. Chung, "Hurricane Evacuation Planning using Public Transportation," *Socio-Economic Planning Sciences*, Vol. 59, (2017), pp. 43-55. HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS

H. Cacares, R. Batta and Q. He, "School Bus Routing with Stochastic Demand and Duration Constraints," *Transportation Science*, Vol. 51, No. 4, (2017), pp. 1349-1364. SCHOOL BUS ROUTING

D. Sun, J. Kang, R. Batta and Y. Song, "Optimization of Evacuation Warnings Prior to a Hurricane Disaster," *Sustainability*, Vol. 9, No. 11, (2017), pp. 2152. HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS

M. Moskal and R. Batta, "Macrogrid Approach for Routing UAVs in Support of Information Gathering," *Military Operations Research*, Vol. 22, No. 4, (2017), pp. 35-54. UAV ROUTING

R. Auad and R. Batta, "Location-Coverage Models for Preventing Attacks to Interurban Transportation Networks," *Annals of Operations Research*, Vol. 258, No. 2, (2017), pp. 679-717. HOMELAND SECURITY APPLICATION

Y. Xia, R. Batta and R. Nagi, "Routing a fleet of vehicles for decentralized reconnaissance with shared workload among regions with uncertain information," *Operations Research*, Vol. 65, No. 3, (2017), pp. 674-692. UAV ROUTING

X. Li, R. Batta and C. Kwon, "Effective and Equitable Supply of Gasoline to Impacted Areas in the Aftermath of a Natural Disaster," *Socio-Economic Planning Sciences*, Vol. 57, (2017), pp. 25-34. HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS

A. Sadeghnejad-Barkousaraie, R. Batta and M. Sudit, "Convoy Movement Problem: A Civilian Perspective," *Journal of the Operational Research Society*, Vol. 68, No. 1, (2017), pp. 14-33. MILITARY OR

M. Taslimi, R. Batta and C. Kwon, "A Comprehensive Modeling Framework for Hazmat Network Design, Hazmat Response Team Location, and Equity of Risk," *Computers & Operations Research*, Vol. 79, (2017), pp. 119-130. HAZMAT ROUTING

## 2016

T. Geetla, R. Batta, A. Blatt, M. Flanigan and K. Majka, "Clustering Intelligent Transportation Sensors using Public Transportation," *TOP: An Official Journal of the Spanish Society of Statistics and Operations Research*, Vol. 24, No. 3, (2016), pp. 594-611. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

D. Myers, R. Batta and M. Karwan, "A Real-Time Network Approach for Including Obstacles and Flight Dynamics in UAV Route Planning," *Journal of Defense Modeling and Simulation*, Vol. 13, No. 3, (2016), pp. 291-306. UAV ROUTING

M. Kim, R. Batta and Q. He, "Optimal Routing of Infiltration Operations," *Journal of Transportation Security*, Vol. 9, (2016), pp. 87-104. MILITARY APPLICATION

T. Esfandeh, C. Kwon and R. Batta, "Regulating Hazardous Materials Transportation by Dual Toll Pricing," *Transportation Research Part B*, Vol. 83, (2016), 20-35. HAZMAT ROUTING

G. Galindo and R. Batta, "Forecast-Driven Model for Prepositioning Supplies in Preparation for a Foreseen Hurricane," *Journal of the Operational Research Society*, Vol. 67, No. 1, (2016), pp. 98-113. HUMANITARIAN LOGISTICS

## 2015

S. Huang, Q. Wang, R. Batta and R. Nagi, "An Integrated Model for Site Selection and Space Determination of Distribution Centers," *Computers and Operations Research*, Vol. 62, (2015), pp. 169-176. WAREHOUSE LOCATION

M. Henchey, R. Batta, A. Blatt, M. Flanigan and K. Majka, "A Study of Situationally Aware Routing for Emergency Responders," *Journal of the Operational Research Society*, Vol. 66, No. 4, (2015), pp. 570-578. EMERGENCY RESPONSE

## 2014

R. Wei, A.T. Murray and R. Batta, "A Bounding Based Solution Approach for the Continuous Arc Covering Problem," *Journal of Geographical Systems*, Vol. 16, No. 2, (2014), pp. 161-182. LOCATION ANALYSIS

M. Henchey, R. Batta, M. Karwan and A. Crassidis, "A Flight Time Approximation Model for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles: Estimating the Effects of Flight Dynamics and Wind," *Military Operations Research*, Vol. 18, (2014) pp. 51-68. UAV ROUTING

T. Geetla, R. Batta, A. Blatt, M. Flanigan and K. Majka, "Optimal Placement of Omnidirectional Sensors in a Transportation Network for Effective Emergency Response and Crash Characterization," *Transportation Research Part C: Emerging Technologies* Vol. 45, (2014) pp. 64-82. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

R. Batta, M. Lejeune and S. Prasad, "Public Facility Location Using Dispersion, Population, and Equity Criteria," *European Journal of Operational Research*, Vol. 234, No. 3, (2014) pp. 819-829. PUBLIC FACILITY LOCATION

Y. Kang, R. Batta and C. Kwon, "Value-at-Risk Model for Hazardous Material Transportation," *Annals of Operations Research*, Vol. 222, (2014), pp. 361-387. HAZMAT ROUTING

Y. Kang, R. Batta and C. Kwon, "Generalized Route Planning Model for Hazardous Material Transportation with VaR and Equity Considerations," *Computers and Operations Research*, Vol. 43, (2014), pp. 237-247. HAZMAT ROUTING

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Collaborative Research: Advancing Supply Prepositioning for Emergency Preparedness by Social Sensing, \$369,965, 2017-2020. R. Batta and Q. He are co-PIs. Y. J. Son from University of Arizona is our collaborator and has a separate \$150,000 budget.

Collaborative Research: Regulating Hazardous Materials Transportation by Multi-Objective Dual Toll Pricing, \$318,362, 2011-2014. R. Batta and C. Kwon are co-PIs. Y. J. Son from University of Arizona is our collaborator and has a separate \$150,000 budget.

Inspection Strategies in Airport Security Systems, \$300,000, 2005-2008. R. Batta, C. Drury and L. Lin are co-PIs. Also got an REU Supplement for \$12,000 and an IREE Supplement for \$15,000.

Congestion in Facilities Location and Layout: Deterministic and Stochastic Models. \$200,000, 2003-2006. R. Batta and R. Nagi are co-PIs. Also got an REU supplement--\$12,000.

Facility Layout (Re)Design Using Planar & Network Location Approaches. \$255,545. 1998--2001. R. Batta and R. Nagi were Co-PIs. Also got an REU Supplement--\$10,000 and International Supplement--\$14,000.

Development and Analysis of Conflict-Free Routing Strategies for Free-Ranging Automated Guided Vehicles, \$109,961, 1992--1994. R. Batta and M.H. Karwan were Co-PIs. Also got an REU Supplement--\$10,000.

### **National Science Foundation (special programs)**

S-STEM: A Socio-Technical Approach to Solve Grand Societal Challenges: Engineering Design and Innovation Scholars Program. \$1,489,993.00. 2022-2027. R. Batta, M. Miles, K. Moore and L. Thomas are co-PIs.

IGERT: Integrated Graduate Education and Research Training in Geographic Information Science. \$4,000,000. 2004-2009. Co-PI with 6 other UB Faculty. D.M. Mark is PI/PD.

IGERT: Integrated Graduate Education and Research Training in Geographic Information Science. \$3,000,000. 1998-2003. Co-PI with 4 other UB Faculty. D.M. Mark is PI/PD.

### **National Institute of Justice (regular award)**

Detection and Prediction of Geographical Changes in Crime Rates. \$221,520.

1999-2001. R. Batta, P. Rogerson and C.M. Rump were co-PIs.

### **National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis**

Research on Aggregation Analysis for Location Problems, NCGIA, \$19,600. June 1995 through May 1996.

Research on Aggregation Analysis for Location Problems, NCGIA, \$9,500, September 1994 through May 1995.

Research on the Modifiable Areal Unit Problem, Aggregation Analysis for Location Problems, and Modeling Trader Behavior. NCGIA, \$8,799, Summer 1994.

Continuation of "Theoretical Analysis of Aggregation Methods in Location-Allocation Models," \$8,058, Summer 1993.

Theoretical Analysis of Aggregation Methods in Location-Allocation Models, \$7,306, Summer 1992.

Integration of the Hypercube Queueing Model for Police Districting into the ARC/INFO GIS, \$7,306, Summer 1991.

Sensitivity Analyses and the Development of Fast and Accurate Algorithms for Locating and Deploying Emergency Facilities in a Congested Environment, \$8,369, Summer 1990.

Demand Point Approximation for Location Problems, \$7,600, Summer 1989.

### **Center for Transportation Injury Research**

Using Advanced Technology for Emergency Response. \$210,000. July 2009 through September 2012.

Delivery of Critical Items in a Prolonged Disaster Response Effort. \$70,000. July 2008 through June 2009. P. Rogerson is a co-PI.

Models for Air Medical Service Base Location. \$40,000. July 2006 through June 2007. P. Rogerson is a co-PI.

Provision of Air Medical Services, and Interpolation of Results from Mobile Sensors. \$87,000. January 2005 through May 2006. P. Rogerson is a co-PI.

Coverage Models in Cellular Communications. \$77,000. September 2003 through August 2004. P. Rogerson was a co-PI.

Data Analysis and Solution Methods for Coverage Models that arise in Cellular Communications. \$70,000. September 2002 through August 2003. P. Rogerson was a co-PI.

Cell Tower Location and Data Analysis Project. \$68,000. September 2001 through August 2002. P. Rogerson was a Co-PI.

ACN/Cell-Phone Coverage Project. \$57,313. September 2000 through August 2001. P. Rogerson was Co-PI.

CTIR Crash Registry and Cell Phone Coverage Analysis for the ACN System. \$67,500. September 1999 through August 2000. P. Rogerson was a Co-PI.

Western New York Baseline Study. \$32,000. October 1998 through August 1999. P. Rogerson was a Co-PI.

Research on Building an Accident Data Base, Developing a Probabilistic Model, and Identifying Geographical "Hot Spots" for the ACN Project, \$28,881. February 1996 through January 1997. P. Rogerson was a co-PI.

### **Lockheed Martin**

Military Mission Planning. \$25,000 grant + \$20,000 gift. 2002.

Supply Chain Optimization. \$25,000 grant + \$14,000 gift. 2001.

Advanced Supply-Chain/Logistics Problems. \$25,000. 2000.

Postal Dispatching Study. \$25,000. 1999.

### **Government and Department of Defense**

Managing Exponential Decision Spaces. \$1,100,000. 2020-2023. M. Sudit is PD. Co-PIs from UB: R. Batta and J. Walteros. Funded by the Office of Naval Research.

Effective and Equitable Supply of Gasoline to Impacted Areas in the Aftermath of a Natural Disaster. \$79,572. 2014-15. R. Batta is PD. Co-PIs: C. Kwon and A. Baveja (Rutgers). Funded by Region II University Transportation Research Center.

Optimization Planning and Tactical Intelligent Management of Aerial Sensors (OPTIMAS). \$1,171,247. 2008-2011. M. Karwan is PD. Co-PIs: R. Batta, J. Crassidis, R. Nagi, M. Sudit, T. Jasinski, P. Deignan, C. Barsalou, PM: M. Moskal. Funded by Office of Naval Research. 25

Redistricting and School Bus Route Optimization for Sweet Home School District: A GIS Approach. \$10,095. 2006. I. Casas is PD. R. Batta and R. Nagi are co-PIs. Funded by the Sweet Home School District, Amherst, New York.

Information Fusion Applied in an Earthquake Disaster Setting. \$2,500,000. 2000-2005. P. Scott is PD. J. Llinas, L. Lin, K. Kesavadas, and A. Bisantz are co-PIs. Funded by Air Force Office of Scientific Research.

Innovative Fusion Capabilities: Tracking, Networking and Visualization. \$553,564. 2004. T. Singh and R. Nagi are co-PDs, K. Kesavadas and B. Jayaraman are co-PIs. Funded by Rosettex Technology and Ventures Group (NIMA/NGA).

The Design of Police Patrol Operations in the City of Buffalo. \$22,300. 1997-1998. C. Rump was a Co-PI.

Buffalo Police Department, Optimal Allocation of Police Cars in the City of Buffalo. \$5,000. 1997. C. Rump was a co-PI.

### **United Airlines**

Irregular Operations Optimization. \$50,000.

### **Industry**

Re-layout Study. \$44,000. 2025. Funded by Great Lakes Dental Technologies.

Material Flow Study. \$47,000. 2024. Funded by Sumitomo Rubber.

Layout Study. \$27,000. 2023. Funded by Moog Corporation.

Linde Sustainability Fund. \$125,000 gift through Linde. 2022-2027.

Routing and Dispatching Software Development for the Center for Transportation Excellence. \$45,579. 2007. Funded as a sub-contract through CUBRC.

Computer Based Order Combination Method. \$6,662. 2007. Funded by American Coaster Company.

Layout Efficiency Analysis. \$11,000. 2007. Funded by Niagara Transformer.

Layout and Analysis of Assembly Packaging Area. \$14,000. 2006. Funded by Hydro-Air Components.

Warehouse Layout Study. \$16,923. 2006. Funded by Curbell, Inc. R. Nagi is a co-PI.

Manufacturing Layout Study. \$16,923. 2006. Funded by Curbell, Inc. R. Nagi is a co-PI.

Optimization of Roll and Sheet Sizes. \$14,478. 2005. Funded by MOD-PAC, Inc.

Improvement of Storeroom Operations and Inventory Management, Phase-I. \$35,882. 2005. Funded by NFTA. L. Lin was a co-PI.

Distributed Mobile Fusion. \$50,000. 2001. R. Nagi was a co-PI. Funded by Boeing.

Support for Scheduling Software. \$8,500. 2001. L. Lin was a co-PI. Funded by Quebecor Printing.

Operations Analysis and Plant Layout/Facility Redesign Studies. 2001. \$9,943. R. Nagi was a co-PI. Funded by Ferro Electronics, Inc.

Assessment of Operation Efficiency/Layout Design and Development of a Computerized Production Scheduling System in Cylinder Manufacturing Operations. \$25,000. 2000. L. Lin was a co-PI. Funded by Quebecor Printing.

IE-Related Projects at Buffalo Wireworks, Buffalo Wireworks, Inc., \$60,000. 1991-1996.

Capacity Planning and Detailed Scheduling, Clearing Niagara, \$23,500. 1995. L. Lin was a co-PI. 26

The Development of Vehicle Routes for Overnight Parcel Deliveries, Federal Express Corporation, \$16,500. 1989-1990.

Protective Closures, Inc., Plant Layout. \$6,591. 1997.

Diversified Manufacturing, Inc., GRIT project, Process Improvement-Assessment with Implementation. \$19,166. 1996-1997. C.G. Drury was a co-PI.

Materials Management and Plant Layout Analysis, Harrison Radiator, \$25,000. 1988-1989.

Methods Study for Various Tasks Involved in the Overhauling Procedure of New York City Cars in Blasdell, New York, General Electric Co., \$13,524. 1987.

Data Collection, Relationship Analysis and Personnel Training for a Critical Path Method (CPM) Procedure for Overhauling New York City Cars in Blasdell, New York, General Electric Co., \$9,223. 1986.

## Completed Doctoral Dissertations (Supervised or Co-Supervised)

Total Count = 60

N. Oladzad; graduated 8/25. Dissertation title: "On the Stochastic Nature of Civilian Search and Information Collection Problems."

E. Jose; graduated 6/25. Dissertation title: "Integrating Spatio-Temporal Analysis and Optimization to Enhance Information Collection from Space and Airborne Assets." Job Placement: Assistant Professor, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

J. Becker; graduated 6/24. Dissertation title: "Routing on Discoverable Networks." Job Placement: Assistant Professor, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland.

Monir Sabbaghtorkan; graduated 1/23. Dissertation title: "Managing Gas Stations Congestion and Gas Shortages during a Short-notice Hurricane Evacuation: Optimization and Queuing." Co-advisor was Qing He. Job Placement: Postdoctoral Fellow, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health.

Yu Zhou; graduated 1/23. Dissertation title: "Analytical Approaches for Stationary and Mobile Sensor Deployment to Detect Suspicious Moving Targets." Job Placement: Postdoctoral Fellow, Xiamen University, China.

Fatemeh Mousapousiahgourab; graduated 5/22. Dissertation title: "On the Development and Analysis of a Comprehensive Police Patrolling Model." Co-advisor was Jose Walteros. Job Placement: Data Scientist, Denso R&D Labs.

Abhinav Khare; graduated 5/21. Dissertation title: "Social Sensing Based Models for Managing Essential Commodity Shortage during Disasters." Co-advisor was Qing He. Job Placement: Quantitative Analyst, JP Morgan, New York.

Fatemeh Arabi; graduated 8/20. Dissertation title: "Scheduling Spatially Distributed Jobs with Degradation: Light, Medium and Heavy Traffic Cases." Job Placement: Quantitative Analyst, Deccan International, San Diego.

Atieh Madani; graduated 8/19. Dissertation title: "Warehousing in the New Era of E-Commerce." Co-advisor was Mark Karwan. Job Placement: Postdoctoral Associate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Biplab Bhattacharya; graduate 8/19. Dissertation title: "On Equitably Reducing Stock-Outs for Essential Pharmaceuticals in Low-Resource Countries." Co-advisor was Li Lin. Job Placement: Senior Modeler—Operations Research, Institute for Health Innovation, Geisinger, Danville, Pennsylvania.

Jessica P. Dorismond; graduated 1/19. Dissertation title: "Data-Driven Models for Promoting Impulse Items in Supermarkets." Co-advisor was Jose Walteros. Job Placement: Operations Research Analyst, Air Force Research Laboratory, Rome, New York.

Azar Sadeghnejad-Barkousaraie; graduated 1/18. Dissertation title: "Transportation Problems with Safety and Security Considerations." Co-advisor was Moises Sudit. Job Placement: Postdoctoral Associate, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas.

Nan Ding; graduated 8/17. Dissertation title: "Enabling Urban Parcel Pickup and Delivery Services Using All-Electric Trucks." Co-advisor was Changhyun Kwon. Job Placement: OR Analyst, Golf Now, Inc., Orlando, Florida.

Yan-Cheng Hsu; graduated 6/17. Dissertation title: "Mathematical model for solving petroleum replenishment and routing problem." Co-advisor was Jose Walteros. Job Placement: OR Analyst, Ford Research, Dearborn, Michigan.

Hernan Caceres; graduated 1/17. Dissertation title: "A Study of Realistic and Innovative Features of the School Bus Routing Problem." Co-advisor was Qing He. Job Placement: Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, Universidad Católica del Norte, Chile.

Michael D. Moskal II; graduated 1/16. Dissertation title: "Adaptive Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Routing Methods for Tactical Surveillance Operations." Job Placement: Scientist, Modus Operandi Inc., Melbourne, Florida.

Masoumeh Taslimi; graduated 1/16. Dissertation title: "On the Analysis of Two Problems Related to Risk Management in Urban Transportation Networks." Co-advisor was Changhyun Kwon. Job Placement: Operations Research Manager, CSX Transportation, Jacksonville, Florida.

Tolou Esfandeh; graduated 8/15. Dissertation title: "Regulating Hazardous Materials Transportation by Dual-Toll Pricing and Time-Dependent Network Design Policies." Co-advisor was Changhyun Kwon. Job Placement: Operations Research Analyst, Innovative Scheduling, Inc., Gainesville, Florida.

Yan Xia; graduated 8/15. Dissertation title: "Routing and Time Allocation Problems in Designing Automatic Control of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Information Collection." Co-advisor was Rakesh Nagi. Job Placement: Operations Research Analyst, Amazon, Inc., Seattle, Washington.

Tejswaroop Reddy Geetla; graduated 11/13. Dissertation title: "Applying Operations Research Techniques to Improve Motor Vehicle Crash Emergency Response and Traffic Monitoring Using Intelligent Transportation Sensors." Job Placement: Operations Research Analyst, Federal Express, Inc., Memphis, Tennessee.

Ruben Yie Pinedo; graduated 6/13. Dissertation title: "Safe Transportation with Extreme Danger Zones." Co-advisor was M. Sudit. Job Placement: Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Del Norte, Barranquilla, Colombia.

Gina Galindo Pacheco; graduated 1/13. Dissertation title: "Prepositioning Supplies in Preparation for a Foreseen Hurricane." Job Placement: Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Del Norte, Barranquilla, Colombia.

Matt Henchey; graduated 12/12. Dissertation title: "Emergency Response in Advance Transportation Systems: Studying Data Capture and Routing Methodologies Using Simulation." Job Placement: Senior Operations Research analyst, Herron Associates, Washington DC.

Yingying Kang; graduated 5/11. Dissertation title: "Value-at-Risk Models for Hazardous Material Transportation." Co-advisor was C. Kwon. Job Placement: Analyst, Southern Pacific Railroad Company, Atlanta, GA.

Frank Muffali; graduated 4/11. Dissertation title: "Simultaneous Sensor Selection and Routing of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles for Complex Mission Plans." Co-advisor was R. Nagi. Job Placement: Analyst, Praxair, Inc., Tonawanda, NY.

Wanyan Yu; graduated 2/11. Dissertation title: "Search for an Entity on a Network." Job Placement: Analyst, Bloomberg Financial Services, Inc., New York.

Yen-Hung Lin; graduated 8/10. Dissertation title: "Delivery of Critical Items in a Disaster Relief Operation: Centralized and Distributed Supply Strategies." Co-advisor was P. Rogerson. Job Placement: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Industrial Engineering, University of Arkansas.

Amruth Sivalenka; graduated 5/10. Dissertation title: "Pricing and Expiration Management in Apartment Industry." Job Placement: Vice President, Rainmaker Group, Atlanta.

Elif Tokar-Erdermir; graduated 10/08. Dissertation title: "Location-covering models: Nodal and path demand, multiple-type facilities, unavailability of servers." Co-advisor was P. Rogerson. Job Placement: Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota.

Justin T. Yates; graduated 8/08. Dissertation title: "Network-based Risk Mitigation and Resource Evaluation in the Transportation of Hazardous Materials and Terrorist Threat." Co-advisor was M. Karwan. Job Placement: Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Texas A&M University. 28

Xiaofeng Nie; graduated 7/08. Dissertation title: "Optimization and Resource Allocation Models in an Aviation Security System." Job Placement: Postdoctoral Associate, School of Business, McGill University.

Min Zhang; graduated 11/07. Dissertation title: "Designing the Layout and Routing of a Manufacturing Facility to Mitigate Workflow Congestion." Co-advisor was R. Nagi. Job placement: Operations Research Analyst, AVIS-Budget Rent-a-Car, New York, New York.

Jomon Paul; graduated 8/06. Dissertation title: "Study of Effects of Facility Damage on Hospital Capacity Estimates and Location-Allocation Planning for Management of Natural Disasters." Co-advisor was L. Lin. Job placement: Visiting Assistant Professor, Kennesaw State University, Georgia.

Arun Jotshi; graduated 8/06. Dissertation title: "Search for an Immobile Entity on a Network." Job placement: Operations Research Analyst, AT&T Corporation, Morristown, New Jersey.

Abhay Joshi; graduated 2/06. Dissertation title: "Optimization Approaches to Network Toplogy Design for Dynamic Distributed Wireless Sensing in a Hostile Environment." Co-advisor was R. Nagi. Job Placement: Operations Research Analyst, Curbell Inc., Orchard Park, New York.

Jayasankar Neelakantan; graduated 9/05. Dissertation title: "Strategies for Clearance-Markdown Optimization in the Retail Industry." Co-advisor was A. Gosavi. Job Placement: Visiting Assistant Professor, Kennesaw State University, Georgia.

Qiang Gong; graduated 9/05. Dissertation title: "Responding to Casualties in a Disaster Relief Operation: Initial Ambulance Allocation and Reallocation, and Switching of Casualty Priorities." Job Placement: Operations Research Analyst, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois.

Mohan R. Akella; graduated 2/05. Dissertation title: "Base Station Location and Channel Allocation Problems in Cellular Network Design." Job Placement: Operations Research Analyst, Trilogy, Inc., Bangalore, India.

Simin Huang, graduated 9/04. Dissertation title: "The Connection/Location Problem and its Application to Supply Chain Design." Co-advisor was R. Nagi. Job Placement: Postdoctoral Associate, School of Business, University of Toronto.

Avijit Sarkar; graduated 9/04. Dissertation title: "Finite-Size Facility Placement in the Presence of Generalized Congested Regions." Co-advisor was R. Nagi. Job Placement: Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Toledo.

William J. Frank; graduated 9/01. Dissertation title: "On Investigating the Effect of Temporal Link Parameters on Hazmat Route Selection." Job Placement: Postdoctoral Associate, CMIF Lab, University at Buffalo (SUNY).

Vedat Akgun; graduated 2/01. Dissertation title: "Routing Hazardous Materials in the Presence of Weather Systems." Co-advisor was C. Rump. Job Placement: Senior System Analyst, Emery Worldwide Airways.

Abdul Sarac; graduated 2/01. Dissertation title: "Daily Operational Aircraft Maintenance Routing Problem." Co-advisor was C. Rump. Job Placement: Operations Research Analyst, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois.

Shoou-Jiun Wang; graduated 9/00. Dissertation title: "Optimal Police Enforcement Allocation - A Socio-Economic Model of Criminal Geographic Displacement." C. Rump was a co-advisor. Job placement: First USA Bank, Wilmington, Delaware.

Selcuk Savas; graduated 9/00. Dissertation title: "A Spatial Modeling Perspective to Problems in Facilities Design." R. Nagi was a co-advisor. Job Placement: Assistant Professor, Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey.

Qian Wang; graduated 9/00. Dissertation title: "Discrete Facility Location Design with Stochastic Customers and Immobile Servers." Co-advisor was C. Rump. Job Placement: Senior Operations Research Specialist, Synquest, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Christopher Oboth; graduated 2/97. Dissertation title: "Conflict-Free Routing of Automated Guided Vehicles: A Simulation Study." M. Karwan was a co-advisor. Job Placement: Lecturer, Makerere University, Uganda.

Peiwu Zhao; graduated 6/96. Dissertation title: "Analysis of Aggregation Effects in Location Problems." Job Placement: OR Analyst, ESRI Corporation, San Bernadino, California.

Ramprasad T. Narasimhan; graduated 1/96. Dissertation title: "Conflict-Free Routing and Scheduling of Automated Guided Vehicles." M. Karwan was a co-advisor. Job Placement: Analyst, Corporate Research, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois.

Linda Chattin; graduated 9/94. Dissertation title: "Maximizing Expected Coverage Using State Sensitive Dispatch Assignments." Job Placement: Lecturer, Department of Industrial Engineering, State University of New York at Buffalo.

Alok Baveja; graduated 9/93. Dissertation title: "Crackdowns on Drug Markets." M. Karwan was a co-advisor. Job Placement: Assistant Professor, Department of Management Science, Rutgers, Camden, New Jersey.

Thomas D. Hill; graduated 9/93. Dissertation title: "Equity Constrained Preventive Police Patrolling." Job Placement: Lecturer, Dept. of Ind. Engg., SUNY at Buffalo.

Honghua Jin; graduated 9/93. Dissertation title: "Routing of Hazardous Materials: A Probabilistic Perspective." M. Karwan was a co-advisor. Job Placement: Systems Analyst, U.S. Steel Corporation, Gary, Indiana.

Dake Sun; graduated 9/93. Dissertation title: "Dynamic Job Shop Scheduling: An Integrated Approach." Li Lin was a co-advisor. Job Placement: OR Analyst, AVIS Rent-a-Car, New York, New York.

Raj A. Sivakumar; graduated 9/92. Dissertation title: "Transportation of Hazardous Materials: A New Modeling Perspective." M. Karwan was a co-advisor. Job Placement: Senior Analyst, Corporate Research, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois.

Mary Helander; graduated 9/92. Dissertation title: "A Discrete Framework for Modeling and Analyzing HIV Transmission Dynamics." Job Placement: Assistant Professor, Department of Industrial Engineering and Information Systems, Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts.

Mamnoon Jamil; graduated 6/91. Dissertation title: "The 1-Center Problem with Queueing." Job Placement: Assistant Professor, Department of Management Science, Rutgers, Camden, New Jersey.

Robert F. Dell; graduated 9/90. Dissertation title: "Development of Equitable Vehicle Routes for Overnight Parcel Deliveries." M. Karwan was a co-advisor. Job Placement: Assistant Professor, Department of Operations Research, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.

Nirup N. Krishnamurthy; graduated 9/90. Dissertation title: "Modeling Blocking in Automated Guided Vehicle Systems." M. Karwan was a co-advisor. Job Placement: Analyst, Corporate Research, United Airlines, Chicago, Illinois.

Wilfred V. Huang; graduated 2/87. Dissertation title: "The Effects of Special Cost Functions and Promotion in Locational Decisions." Job Placement: Assistant Professor, Division of Industrial Engineering, Alfred University, Alfred, New York.

## Completed Masters' Theses (Supervised or co-Supervised)

Total Count = 61

Sumanth Meela, graduated 6/25. Thesis title: "Simulation Approach to Evaluate Electric Vehicle Routes with Time Windows."

Xiaoyue Liu, graduated 6/25. Thesis title: "A Comprehensive Model for Time Limited Search for Camouflaging Targets Using an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle."

Rahul Ravishankar, graduated 9/24. Thesis title: "A Practical Branch-and-Bound Approach to Hazardous Material Vehicle Routing Problems with Load-Dependent Risk Considerations."

Vamsi Krishna Kunapareddy, graduated 1/24. Thesis title: "Exploration of approaches to design Private Charging Infrastructure for Electric Fleet."

Abhinandra Singh, graduated 8/23. Thesis title: "Multi Agent Canadian Prize Collection Problem."

Ashwin Neelakantan Jayasankar, graduated 8/23. Thesis title: "Influence of Street Parking on Snow Plowing in Urban Areas."

Khushbhu Raitha, graduated 5/21. Thesis title: "Identification of Circumstances in which Zone Formation is Beneficial in a Manual Order Picking E-commerce Warehouse."

Miti Patel, graduated 5/21. Thesis title: "Study of Equity in Picker Workload in a Manual Order Picking E-commerce Warehouse."

Adil Narin, graduated 5/21. Thesis title: "UAV Search Optimization for Recording Moving Targets."

Pin-Chun Cho, graduated 5/20. Thesis title: "Time Constrained UAV Path Planning in 3D Network for Maximum Information Gain."

Sumit Jotrao, graduated 5/20. Thesis title: "Time Constrained UAV Path Planning in 3D Network for Maximum Information Gain."

Abhinav Khare, graduated 07/17. Thesis title: "Computational Advances in Relief Distribution Models on Tree Graphs." Jee-Un (Jamie) Kang was a co-advisor.

Harshavardhan Vempati, graduated 7/16. Thesis title: "Studying the Impact of a Distance Constraint and Inspection Points on Hazmat Transportation Risk." Joyendu Bhadury was a co-advisor.

Rahul Swamy, graduated 01/16. Thesis title: "Hurricane Evacuation Planning using Public Transportation." Jee-Un (Jamie) Kang was a co-advisor.

Mingyu Kim, graduated 06/15. Thesis title: "Optimal Routing of Infiltration Operations." Qing He was a co-advisor.

Bijaya Rath, graduated 09/14. Thesis title: "Case Studies Related to Prepositioning Supplies Related to a Hurricane Disaster."

Mike Moskal, graduated 08/13. Thesis title: "A Mathematical Programming Approach to Immobile Entity Search."

Atieh Madani, graduated 08/13. Thesis title: "Enhancement to a Staffing Model for a Service Center with Flexible Servers." M. Karwan was a co-advisor.

Tejswaroop Geetla, graduated 04/11. Thesis title: "Air Marshall Scheduling to Meet a Game Theoretic Solution."

Chien-Chi Peng, graduated 03/11. Thesis title: "Optimizing the Layout of a Grocery/Convenience Store to Maximize Revenue from Impulse Items."

Gautam Pranab, graduated 01/11. Thesis title: "Simulation-Based Selectee Lane Queueing Design for Passenger Checkpoint Screening."

Shrideep Shadale, graduated 12/08. Thesis title: "Optimal Grocery Store Layout to Maximize Impulsive Item Revenue."

Partibhan Thalayan, graduated 8/08. Thesis title: "Comparative Study of Item Storage Policies, Vehicle Routing Strategies and Warehouse Layouts Under Congestion." R. Nagi was a co-advisor.

Esra Cosar, graduated 9/05. Thesis title: "Performance Evaluation of a Mathematical Programming Based Clustering Algorithm for a Wireless *Ad hoc* Network Operating in a Threat Environment." R. Nagi was a co-advisor.

Viral Garach, graduated 2/05. Thesis title: "Enforcing Equity by Route Selection in Hazardous Materials Transportation."

Amit Malik, graduated 9/04. Thesis title: "Routing of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) to Reduce the Possibility of Detection." M. Karwan was a co-advisor.

Sameer Naik, graduated 9/04. Thesis title: "Delay Estimation and its Impact on the Aircraft Ground Holding Problem."

Karen S. Holness, graduated 6/04. Thesis title: "A Case Study in Personnel Assignment." C. Drury was a co-advisor.

Amit Parekh, graduated 9/03. Thesis title: "Dynamic Shortest Path Algorithms for Routing of a Hazmat Truck in the Presence of Weather Systems." C. Rump was a co-advisor.

Nishant Mishra, graduated 9/03. Thesis title: "Capacity and Non-Steady State Generalizations to the Dynamic MEXCLP Model for Distributed Sensing Networks." R. Nagi was a co-advisor.

Karthik Tyagarajan, graduated 9/03. Thesis title: "Routing Aircraft to Minimize the Chance of Detection During Mission Ingress." M. Karwan was a co-advisor.

Seethal Mishra, graduated 6/03. Thesis title: "A Rule Based Approach for Handling Time Critical Targets in a Dynamic Battlefield Environment."

Lazar Babu, graduated 6/03. Thesis title: "Airport Security System Design." L. Lin was a co-advisor.

Hari Kettalachu, graduated 6/03. Thesis title: "Contour Line Construction for a New Rectangular Facility in an Existing Layout with Rectangular Departments." R. Nagi was a co-advisor.

Dipeshkumar J. Patel, graduated 2/03. Thesis title: "Clustering Sensors in Wireless *Ad hoc* Networks Using a Dynamic Expected Coverage Model." R. Nagi was a co-advisor.

Mohan Akella, graduated 2/03. Thesis title: "Base Station Location and Channel Allocation in a Cellular Network with Emergency Coverage Requirements."

Geetika Rana, graduated 9/02. Thesis title: "Optimizing Inventory Levels and Order Fulfillment Strategies in a Supply Chain."

Avijit Sarkar, graduated 6/02. Thesis title: "Study of Rectilinear Least Cost Travel (Path and Entry/Exit) through Convex Polygonal Congested Regions." Rakesh Nagi was a co-advisor.

H-C. Su, graduated 6/02. Thesis title: "A Queueing Model of Airline Passenger Demand Spill and Recapture for Revenue Management." C. Rump was a co-advisor.

Feng Gao, graduated 6/02. Thesis title: "A Constrained Transportation Model for Optimizing Crackdowns on Illicit Drug Markets." C. Rump was a co-advisor.

Goutham Ekollu, graduated 9/01. Thesis title: "Three Tier Flight Attendant Recovery Model During Airline Disruptions." C. Rump was a co-advisor.

Mayur Vamanan, graduated 2/01. Thesis title: "A Heuristic for Optimal Order Fulfillment in an (s,S) Inventory System with Stochastic Customer Demands."

Pavan Kumar Nandikonda, graduated 9/00. Thesis title: "1-Center Facility Placement in a Rectilinear Plane with Barriers." R. Nagi was a co-advisor.

Mohamed H. Badr; graduated 9/98. Thesis title: "Dyanmic Facility Location with Time Varying Demands." J. Bhadury was a co-advisor.

Jorge H. Jaramillo; graduated 9/98. Thesis title: "Genetic Algorithms for Location Problems." J. Bhadury was a co-advisor.

Steven J. D'Amico; graduated 9/97. Thesis title: "Allocation of Police Patrol Cars in the City of Buffalo." C. Rump was a co-advisor.

Abdulkadar Sarac; graduated 6/97. Thesis title: "One Dimensional Systematic Search with Finite Defect Length." C. Drury was a co-advisor.

Colleen Eagen; graduated 2/96. Thesis title: "Practical Hazardous Materials Routing Under Insurance Parameters."

Amitabh Bansal; graduated 9/94. Thesis title: "Analysis of Error due to Aggregation of Demand in Location Problems."

Pradeep Bandla; graduated 6/94. Thesis title: "Aircraft Route Selection for Effective Maintenance Repairs."

Gautham Vemuganti; graduated 2/93. Thesis title: "A Hardware Simulation of an AGV System." L. Lin was a co-advisor.

George Martin; graduated 6/92. Thesis title: "Police Patrol Routing."

Mojgan Faraji; graduated 2/90. Thesis title: "A New Dispatching Control Policy that Eliminates Blocking in an Existing Multi-Vehicle Automatic Guided Vehicle System (AGVS) by forming Cells--A Simulation Study."

Raj A. Sivakumar; graduated 9/89. Thesis title: "Modeling Wind Effects in the Transportation of Liquefied Gas Hazardous Materials."

V. A. Viswanathan; graduated 9/89. Thesis title: "Demand Point Approximations for the Planar, Euclidean Metric,  $p$ -Median Problem, With and Without Barriers to Travel."

Yolanda M. Carson; graduated 9/88. Thesis title: "Locating an Ambulance on the State University of New York at Buffalo Amherst Campus."

Sharad Elhence; graduated 9/88. Thesis title: "Modeling Uncertainties in Plant Layout Problems."

Krishna S. Kolluri; graduated 9/88. Thesis title: "Multiple Routing for Equity of Risk in the Transportation of Hazardous Materials." M. Karwan was a co-advisor.

Heidi J. Wild; graduated 6/88. Thesis title: "Optimization of a Deterministic Conveyor System."

Ram Gopalan; graduated 9/87. Thesis title: "Modeling the Equity of Risk in the Transportation of Hazardous Materials." M. Karwan was a co-advisor.

June M. Squilla; graduated 6/86. Thesis title: "Relaxing the Independence Assumption of a Maximal Covering Location Problem."

## Teaching

### Formal classroom teaching:

When teaching IE 575, a required graduate course for our operations research students, I focus on the fundamentals of applied probability. The course is challenging and yet very rewarding both for the students and for myself. The material covered is of significant use in other classes that the students take.

When teaching IE 504, a required graduate course for our production systems students, I focus on the specifics of the field of facilities design. Here I heavily use my experiences on industry-sponsored projects. I report back to the class the results of two recent industry projects that I undertook with former students of the class. I also tie in the results of recent research work that has been accomplished by my graduate students into the course.

When teaching IE 678, an elective graduate course for our operations research students, I focus on applications of operations research in urban systems. In this course I challenge the students extensively, both in class and in assigned homework. The material is conceptually difficult but it is very much possible to discuss it in an interesting way, which is why I cherish the opportunity each time I teach the course.

### Interaction with master's and doctoral students:

I have had the good fortune of advising many graduate students—43 completed master's and 37 completed doctoral students (supervised or co-supervised) over the past 27 years. For me the most challenging part of working with a student for a doctorate or master's is to train them to be an independent researcher and to instill in them the desire for scientific enquiry. I pride myself with my work with graduate students and in the fact the overwhelming majority of my 105 journal papers have been co-authored with former students. Also, most of these papers are published in the best journals of my field, like *Operations Research*, *IIE Transactions*, *Transportation Science*, *Networks*, *Management Science*, *Computers & Operations Research* and *European Journal of Operational Research*.

### Interaction with graduate students to execute industry-sponsored projects:

I have worked on many local industry projects (usually 1-2 per year) through The Center for Industrial Effectiveness and some directly through companies. All these projects have involved the use of graduate students. I have used these opportunities to train graduate students on how to execute a project, i.e., first conceptualize the problem, gather the relevant data, perform the analysis, and finally present results in a coherent presentation. This training—particularly that of project completion within a slated timeframe—has had several benefits. First, it has been excellent practical experience for students who have used it successfully to find a suitable job upon graduation—it is a great conversation piece at an interview. Second, I have taken materials from several of these projects and incorporated them in my IE 504 class—this has a magnifying effect on the impact to students. Third, it has led to several research papers, both directly (write ups of the project in a journal) and indirectly (by identifying inherent theoretical problems in a specific type of industry, leading to proposals to NSF and/or journal papers).

## Consulting

**The Center for Industrial Effectiveness at University at Buffalo (SUNY):** Work on a regular basis to solve relevant problems in local industry. On average perform 2 projects of this type each year. The most recent projects are with Great Lakes Dental Technologies, Sumitomo Rubber, MOOG Corporation, Williamsville Central Schools, FMC corporation (chemical manufacturer), American Coaster (manufactures of coasters), Hydro-air (heater and air conditioning unit manufacturer), Curbell, Inc. (hospital electronic accessory manufacturer), MOD-PAC, Inc. (package printing operation), NFTA (our region's transportation authority), and Quebecor, Inc. (book printing operation). These projects are usually 12-30 weeks long and often consist of two phases. In the first phase there is an assessment offered with specific recommendations on how to move forward. The second phase involves studying one or more specific problems in depth and making recommendations for improvement. The projects vary from those in supply chain (ex: inventory control; production scheduling; forecasting; materials requirement planning) to facilities design (warehouse layout; manufacturing facility layout).

**Georgia-Pacific/Fort James; Atlanta/Chicago:** Served for a period of 3 years as a strategic consultant in supply-chain. Projects that I was associated with included those related to supply-chain integration, and in specific with the translation of a strategic plan for production in factories to the detailed factory schedules needed to support that plan. Another aspect that I was involved in was the development of a simulation model to help plan for spikes in demand due to customer promotions. A third aspect of the work related to asset management in factories as well as opening/closing of distribution centers to better meet customer demand.

**Buffalo Wireworks, Inc.; Buffalo:** Worked as a strategic consultant for a period of 8 years to help facilitate a complete business transformation of the company. Over this extensive period of interaction several projects were undertaken. These included time studies of production tasks and the use of these to more accurately price and schedule products. Also, the entire supply chain, from vendors to customers was optimized, first in individual pieces and then across each of these pieces. Finally, a quality initiative was undertaken at the company to encompass quality control in key manufacturing areas as well as statistically based inspection of incoming and outgoing goods.

**American Stock Exchange; New York City:** Worked as a consultant in queueing models for stock transactions for a period of 3 months. The project involved the use of queueing theory principles to model the working of a stock exchange. This allowed us to capture transaction delays that were likely to occur given a specific computer technology. The sizing of the computational resources needed to handle the demands of the exchange was the specific issue examined.

**Texas Instruments; Houston:** Worked as a consultant in production planning of repairs for a period of 3 months. The entire process was modeled as an optimization problem, and this was solved to yield the best assignment of workers to workstations to handle the repair process most efficiently.

**NYNEX Science and Technology; White Plains, New York:** Worked as a consultant in financial engineering to help develop an options trading station for a period of 3 months. The idea of this station was to allow an investor to study the diversification effects in portfolio risk by introducing various stock options into the mix of traditional equities.

### **Professional Conference and University Presentations (January 2010 through January 2025)**

N. Oladzad, E. Jose, R. Batta and M. Lejeune, "UAV Search and Routing Planning in a Disaster Area," TRISTAN Conference, Okinawa, Japan, June 2025.

R. Ravishankar and R. Batta, "MILP and branch and bound approaches to the load-dependent hazardous materials vehicle routing problem," ECCO Conference, Marrakech, Morocco, May 2025.

R. Batta, "UAV Search and Routing Planning in a Disaster Area," Department of Mechanical Engineering Seminar, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi, India, March 2025.

N. Oladzad, E. Jose, J. Becker and R. Batta, "On a Generalization of the Information Collection Problem," INFORMS Annual Conference, Seattle, October 2024.

A. Rathore, R. Dell and R. Batta, "Limiting Route Predictability using a Linear Approximation of Shannon Entropy," INFORMS Annual Conference, Seattle, October 2024.

J. Becker, R. Batta and Contardo, "Probabilistic Pruning for Branch and Bound: An example on TSP," INFORMS Annual Conference, Seattle, October 2024.

E. Jose, M. Sudit and R. Batta, "Spatio-Temporal Analysis for Fleet Tracking and Prediction Using Indicator Kriging," INFORMS Annual Conference, Seattle, October 2024.

K. Coleman, R. Batta, P. Sankaran and M. Sudit, "Graph Machine Learning to Estimate the Value of the Lower Bound of Orienteering Problems," INFORMS Annual Conference, Seattle, October 2024.

M. Nasab and R. Batta, "Enhancing Public Transport Evacuation Efficiency: A Round-Trip Bus Evacuation Model," INFORMS Annual Conference, Seattle, October 2024.

R. Batta, "UAV Search and Routing Planning in a Disaster Area," Departmental Seminar, Department of Industrial & Systems Engineering, University of Oklahoma, October 2024.

R. Batta, "Using Operations Research Methods to Guide UAV Search in a Disaster Area," Workshop presented at the 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Operational Research, KOI 2024, Brela, Croatia, September 2024.

N. Oladzad, E. Jose, R. Batta and M. Lejeune, "UAV Search and Routing Planning in a Disaster Area," EURO Annual Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 2024.

E. Jose, R. Batta and M. Sudit, "Situational Assessment Using Quad-Trees and Indicator Kriging for Fleet Tracking and Prediction," MORS Annual Symposium, Monterey, June 2024.

R. Batta, J. Becker and R.F. Dell, "Routing Agents over an Uncertain Network with Visibility Considerations," MORS Annual Symposium, Monterey, June 2024.

R. Ravishankar and R. Batta, "Routing with Dynamic Risk Considerations for Hazmat Transportation," IISE Annual Conference, Montreal, May 2024.

R. Batta, "On the Generalized Information Collection Problem," Operations Research Colloquium, Penn State University, April 2024.

R. Batta, "UAV Search and Routing Planning in a Disaster Area," Industrial and Systems Engineering Department Seminar, University of Florida, January 2024.

R. Batta, "Supply Chain Design: Humanitarian Last-Mile Deliveries, Distribution Network Design with Congested Facilities, and Translation of Results While Engaging with Industry Partners," Systems and Industrial Engineering Department Seminar, University of Arizona, November 2023.

E. Jose, M. Sudit and R. Batta, "Maximal Coverage Information Collection Problem Using Kriging," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2023.

N. Oladzad-Abbasabady, R. Batta and M. Lejeune, "Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Routing and Search Planning in a Disaster Area Considering Uncertainty and Equity," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2023.

J. Contreras, H. Caceres, H. Lespay and R. Batta, "School Bus Routing Problem with Open Offer Policy: Incentive Pricing Strategy for Students that Opt-Out Using School Bus," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2023.

R. Batta, J. Becker, E. Jose and N. Oladzad-Abbasabady, "Search and Rescue over Uncertain Terrain in Humanitarian and Military Contexts: Capturing Emerging Targets and Performing Reconnaissance," Tutorial Session at INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2023.

V. Kunapareddy and R. Batta, "Optimal Allocation of Chargers at Recharging Stations to Minimize Time Window Violations in Electric Vehicle Routing Problems with Time Windows and Queuing Times," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2023.

N. Oladzadabbasabady, J. Becker, E. Jose and R. Batta, "On Generalizing Information Collection Problems," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2023.

R. Batta and M. Sabbaghtorkan, "On the Analysis of Allocating Servers to Existing Spatially Distributed Queuing Systems," ISOLDE Conference, June 2023.

E. Jose, R. Batta and M. Sudit, "Optimizing Potential Information Gain over Space and Time for Multi-INT Fusion," IISE Annual Conference, May 2023.

R. Batta and N. Oladzad-Abbasabady, "Using Prize-collection Concepts to Solve Time-limited Search Problems: Application to Humanitarian Operations," IISE Annual Conference, May 2023.

R. Batta and N. Oladzad-Abbasabady, "Using Prize-collection Concepts to Solve Time-limited Search Problems: Application to Humanitarian Operations," CLAIO 2022 Conference, December 2022.

J. Becker, R. Batta and A. Narin, "UAV Search Optimization for Recording Emerging Targets with Camouflaging Capabilities," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2022.

E. Jose and R. Batta, "Optimizing Potential Information Gain over Space and Time for Multi-INT Fusion," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2022.

R. Batta and M. Sabbaghtorkan, "On the Analysis of Allocating Servers to Existing Spatially Distributed Queuing Systems," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2022.

R. Batta, "Stochastic Modeling Challenges for Problems in the Security Domain," Plenary Talk at the INFORMS Security Conference, August 2022.

R. Batta and Y. Zhou, "Optimizing the Location of Sensors and Block Placement for Detecting Suspicious Targets," INFORMS Security Conference, August 2022.

R. Batta, M. Sabbaghtorkan and Q. He, "On the Analysis of an Idealized Model to Manage Gasoline Supplies in a Short-notice Hurricane Evacuation," EURO 2022, July 2022.

R. Batta and J. Becker, ""Canadian Prize Collection Problem: Assessing the Impact of a Disaster Event," Verolog 2022, June 2022.

R. Batta and A. Singh, "Sidekick Routing Canadian Prize Collection Problem," ISE Annual Conference, May 2022.

J. Becker, R. Batta and R.F. Dell, "Reaching a Critical Destination as Quickly as Possible on an Uncertain Network," ISE Annual Conference, May 2022.

K. Coleman and R. Batta, "Maximize Access to COVID-19 Testing Using Mobile Vans," ISE Annual Conference, May 2022.

J. Becker and R. Batta, ""Canadian Prize Collection Problem: Assessing the Impact of a Disaster Event," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2021.

A. Narin and R. Batta, "UAV Search Optimization for Recording Moving Targets," ISERC Conference, May 2021.

M. Patel and R. Batta, "Study of Equity in Picker Workload in a Manual Order Picking E-Commerce Warehouse," ISERC Conference, May 2021.

K. Rathi and R. Batta, "Identification of Circumstances in Which Zone Formation Is Beneficial in a Manual Order Picking E-commerce Warehouse," ISERC Conference, May 2021.

R. Batta, Panelist in "Future of Location Analysis: Challenges and Opportunities," INFORMS Annual Conference, October 2020.

A. Khare, R. Batta and Q. He, "Searching Essential Commodities During Disasters Using Social Media," INFORMS Annual Conference, October 2020.

M. Sabbaghtorkan, R. Batta and Q. He, "Managing Gas Supplies in a Short-Notice Hurricane Evacuation," ISERC Conference, Orlando, FL, May 2019.

A. Khare, R. Batta and Q. He, "Search and Rescue Operations in Disaster Management using Social Media," ISERC Conference, Orlando, FL, May 2019.

A. Khare, R. Batta and J. Kang, "The Analysis of Last-Mile Relief Delivery on a Tree Network," POMS Conference, Washington, DC, May 2019.

F. Aarabi and R. Batta, "A Mixed Integer Programming Approach for Scheduling Spatially Distributed Jobs with Degradation Rate: Application to Pothole Repair," TRISTAN, Hamilton Island, Australia, June 2019.

F. Aarabi and R. Batta, "Using the Hypercube Queueing Model for Response to Jobs with Degradation," INFORMS Conference, Phoenix, AZ, November 2018.

M. Sabbaghtorkan, R. Batta and Q. He, "Prepositioning of Supplies in Domain of Natural Disasters Logistics: A Systematic Review of Operations Research and Management Science Papers," INFORMS Conference, Phoenix, AZ, November 2018.

F. Mousapour, J. Walteros and R. Batta, "Studying the Tradeoff Between Police Presence and Patrolling in a Road Network," INFORMS Conference, Phoenix, AZ, November 2018.

A. Khare, R. Batta and Q. He, "Predicting Gasoline Shortage in Florida During Irma Using Tweets," INFORMS Conference, Phoenix, AZ, November 2018.

A. Madani, R. Batta and M. Karwan, "Wait or Start? A Dynamic Warehouse Order-Picking Phenomenon," INFORMS Conference, Phoenix, AZ, November 2018.

B. Bhattacharya, L. Lin and R. Batta, "Routing of Mobile Pharmacies to Address Drug Stockout Inequity in Developing Countries," EURO Conference. July 2018, Valencia, Spain.

B. Bhattacharya, L. Lin, R. Batta and P. Ram, "Stockout Severity Index: Tool for Evaluating Inequity in Drug Stockouts," EWG-ORD Workshop, July 2018, Madrid, Spain.

M. Taslimi, R. Batta and C. Kwon, "A Comprehensive Modeling Framework for Hazmat Network Design, Hazmat Response Team Location, and Equity of Risk," EWGLA Meeting, May 2018, Edinburgh, Scotland.

R. Bhadawat and R. Batta, "Location and Pricing of a Mobile Food Vending Facility using Public Data," INFORMS Conference, Houston, TX, November 2017.

H. Caceres, C. Olivos, R. Batta and Q. He, "Improving Out-of-hospital Response Time with a Dynamic Ambulance Relocation Model: The Case of Emergency Medical Services in Antofagasta, Chile," INFORMS Conference, Houston, TX, November 2017.

B. Bhattacharya, R. Batta and L. Lin, "Mobile Pharmacies for Reducing Supply Chain Inequities in Low Resource Settings," INFORMS Conference, Houston, TX, November 2017.

J. Dorismond, J. Walteros and R. Batta, "Simulation and Analysis of a Grocery Store Layout," INFORMS Conference, Houston, TX, November 2017.

F. Mousapour, J. Walteros and R. Batta, "Studying the Tradeoff Between Police Presence and Response Time," INFORMS Conference, Houston, TX, November 2017.

F. Aarabi, Jee Eun Kang and R. Batta, "An MIP Approach for Planning Pothole Repairs," INFORMS Conference, Houston, TX, November 2017.

R. Auad and R. Batta, "Location-Coverage Models for Preventing Attacks on Interurban Transportation Networks," POMS International Meeting, Tel Aviv, Israel, June 2017.

G. Galindo and R. Batta, "A Forecast Driven Model for Prepositioning Supplies in Preparation for a Hurricane," INFORMS Conference, Nashville, TN, November 2016.

N. Ding, C. Kwon and R. Batta, "Economic Analysis on Adopting Strategies of Electric Vehicles for Urban Parcel Delivery Industry," INFORMS Conference, Nashville, TN, November 2016.

A. Barkousaraie and R. Batta, "Convoy Formation Process," INFORMS Conference, Nashville, TN, November 2016.

H. Caceres, R. Batta and Q. He, "Pricing Tax Return for Students that Opt-out from Using School Bus," INFORMS Conference, Nashville, TN, November 2016.

Y. Hsu, J. Walteros and R. Batta, "A Mathematical Programming Framework that Integrates Customer Decisions Within the Distribution Planning of Petroleum Products," INFORMS Conference, Nashville, TN, November 2016.

N. Ding and R. Batta, "Locating Depots to Facilitate Routing a Mixed Fleet of Electric and Conventional Vehicles," INFORMS Conference, Nashville, TN, November 2016.

R. Batta and B. Bhattacharya, "Using Mobile Clinics to Address Equity in Pharmaceutical Supply Chains in Low-resource Settings," INFORMS Conference, Nashville, TN, November 2016.

N. Ding, R. Batta and C. Kwon, "Locating Depots to Facilitate Routing a Mixed Fleet of Electric and Conventional Vehicles," XXIII Workshop of EURO Working Group on Locational Analysis, Malaga, Spain, September 2016.

R. Auad and R. Batta, "A Multi-objective Model for Preventing and Responding to Attacks on Interurban Transportation Networks," 28th European Conference on Operational Research, Poznan, Poland, July 2016.

R. Batta and M. Moskall, "Simultaneously Determining Ingress/Egress Points and Time Allocations for UAV Grid Routing," 28th European Conference on Operational Research, Poznan, Poland, July 2016.

H. Caceres, R. Batta and Q. He, "Pricing Tax Return for Students that Opt-out from using School Bus," ISERC Conference, Anaheim, CA, May 2016.

H. Caceres, R. Batta and Q. He, "Pricing Tax Return for Students that Opt-out from using School Bus," Land-Translog 3 Meeting, Santa Cruz, Chile, March 2016.

R. Auad and R. Batta, "Location-Coverage Models for Preventing Attacks on Interurban Transportation Networks," Land-Translog 3 Meeting, Santa Cruz, Chile, March 2016.

R. Batta, C. Kwon and X. Li, "Effective and Equitable Supply of Gasoline to Impacted Areas in the Aftermath of a Natural Disaster," INFORMS Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2015.

R. Batta, M. Taslimi and C. Kwon, "Comprehensive Framework for Hazmat Network Design, Response Team Location, and Equity of Risk," INFORMS Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2015.

A. S. Barkousaraie, R. Batta and M. Sudit, "Sea Escort Transportation," INFORMS Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2015.

T. Esfandeh, C. Kwon and R. Batta, "Hazmat Network Design using Time-dependent Consecutive Road Closures Considering Intermediate Stops," INFORMS Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2015.

H. Cacares, R. Batta and Q. He, "A Heuristic for School Bus Routing of Special-education Students," INFORMS Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2015.

M. Taslimi, R. Batta and C. Kwon, "A Dynamic Load-dependent Vehicle Routing Schedule for Minimizing Risk in Medical Waste Collection," INFORMS Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2015.

R. Batta, "Routing a Fleet of Vehicles for Decentralized Reconnaissance with Shared Workload among Regions with Uncertain Information," Department of Management Science, George Washington University, Washington DC, May 2015.

R. Batta, "School Bus Routing with Stochastic Demand and Duration Constraints," Department of Management Science, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada, April 2015.

R. Batta, "An Exact Method for the Peace-Time Convoy Movement Problem to Minimize Civilian Traffic Disruption," Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, April 2015.

R. Batta, "An Adaptive UAV Routing Model with Uncertainty on Intelligence Values," Department of Management Science, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada, February 2015.

A. Sadeghnejad-Barkousaraie, R. Batta and M. Sudit, "Maritime Escort Transportation: Tugboat Scheduling," ISERC Annual Meeting, Nashville, June 2015.

M. Kim, R. Batta and Q. He, "Optimal Routing of Infiltration Operations," INFORMS International Meeting, Montreal, Canada, June 2015.

R. Batta, "School Bus Routing with Stochastic Demand and Duration Constraints," Department of Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, October 2014.

R. Batta, "Gasoline Delivery with Due Date Optimization," Verolog Conference, Vienna, Austria, June 2015.

Z. Wu, R. Batta and C. Kwon, "Effective and Equitable Supply of Gasoline to Impacted Areas in the Aftermath of a Natural Disaster," ODYSSEUS Conference, Ajaccio, France, June 2015.

M. Taslimi, R. Batta and C. Kwon, "A Network Design Problem for Hazardous Materials Routing and Emergency Response Units Locating," INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2014, San Francisco.

H. Cacares, Q. He and R. Batta, "School Bus Routing with Stochastic Demand and Duration Constraints," INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2014, San Francisco.

M. Moskal and R. Batta, "An Adaptive UAV Routing Model with Uncertainty on Intelligence Values," INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2014, San Francisco.

C. Kwon, T. Esfandeh and R. Batta, "Dual-Toll Pricing Problem for Regulating Hazmat Transportation under Nonlinear Delay," INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2014, San Francisco.

A. Sadeghnejad Barkousa, M. Sudit and R. Batta, "An Exact Method for the Peace-Time Convoy Movement Problem to Minimize Civilian Traffic Disruption," INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2014, San Francisco.

Y. Xia and R. Batta, "Dynamic Search Time Allocation Problem in a Complete Graph," INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2014, San Francisco.

T. Esfandeh, R. Batta and C. Kwon, "A Time-Dependent Road Ban Design Problem in Hazmat Transportation Network," INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2014, San Francisco.

R. Batta, M. Lejeune and S. Prasad, "Public Facility Location Using Dispersion, Population, and Equity Criteria," International Symposium on Locational Decisions, June 2014, Naples/Capri, Italy.

R. Batta, "School Bus Routing with Stochastic Demand and Duration Constraints," Seminar, Department of Industrial Engineering and Management Sciences, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

A. Nikoaeva, R. Batta and J. Zhuang, "Locating Vulnerable Temporary Depots Prior to a Natural Disaster," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2013, Minneapolis.

R. Batta and G. Galindo, "Forecast-Driven Model for Pre-positioning Supplies in Preparation for a Foreseen Disaster," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2013, Minneapolis.

C. Greene, C. Kwon and R. Batta, "Evaluation of Events Involving a Natural Disaster and Hazardous Materials in the OR/MS Field," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2013, Minneapolis.

R. Batta and B. Rath, "Case Studies Related to Pre-positioning Supplies for a Hurricane Disaster," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2013, Minneapolis.

M. Moskal and R. Batta, "Simultaneously Determining Entry/Egress Points and Time Allocations for UAV Grid Routing," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2013, Minneapolis.

Y. Xia, R. Batta and R. Nagi, "UAV Search Optimization under Uncertain Reward," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2013, Minneapolis.

T. Esfandeh, C. Kwon and R. Batta, "Dynamic Dual-toll Pricing with Delayed Departure Times in Hazmat Transportation," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2013, Minneapolis.

M. Taslimi, C. Kwon and R. Batta, "Combined Toll Pricing and Network Design for Hazardous Materials Transportation," INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2013, Minneapolis.

G. Galindo and R. Batta, "Prepositioning Supplies in Preparation for a Foreseen Hurricane," TRISTAN Conference, June 2013, San Pedro de Atacama, Chile.

R. Batta. **Member of a Special Panel** on "Emerging Research Trends in Homeland Security and Emergency Response," ISERC Annual Meeting, May 2013, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

R. Batta and G. Galindo. **Tutorial** on "Review of Recent Developments in ISE Research in Disaster Logistics," ISERC Annual Meeting, May 2013, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

T. Geetla and R. Batta, "Mobile Sensor Optimization in a Transportation System to Facilitate Emergency Response." ISERC Annual Meeting, May 2013, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

R. Pinedo and R. Batta. "Safe Path Optimization with a Mandatory Escort Requirement." ISERC Annual Meeting, May 2013, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

R. Batta and G. Galindo, "Prepositioning of Supplies in Preparation for a Hurricane with Forecast Information Updates." INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2012, Phoenix, Arizona.

C. Kwon, T. Esfandeh, M. Taslimi and R. Batta, "Dual-Toll Pricing and Drivers' Preferences in Hazardous Materials Transportation Regulation." INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2012, Phoenix, Arizona.

R. Batta, A. Blatt, K. Majka, M. Flanigan and T. Geetla, "A Simulation Based Location of Acoustic Sensors in a Data Fusion Capable Environment." INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2012, Phoenix, Arizona.

R. Pinedo, R. Batta and M. Sudit, "Routing and Escorting in Risky Transportation Networks." INFORMS Annual Meeting, October 2012, Phoenix, Arizona.

R. Batta and G. Galindo, "Prepositioning of Supplies in Preparation for a Hurricane with Forecast Information Updates." EURO Conference on Operational Research, July 2012, Vilnius, Lithuania.

R. Batta. **Plenary talk** entitled "Recent Advances in Quantitative Techniques Applied to Disaster Planning and Logistics." Turkish National Operations Research and Industrial Engineering Congress, June 2012, Istanbul, Turkey.

R. Batta, "Scenario-Free Approach for Prepositioning of Supplies for Hurricanes under Demand Uncertainty and Potential Destruction of Prepositioned Supplies," Bilkent University Sixth Annual Workshop on Supply Chain and Logistics, June 2012, Ankara, Turkey.

M. Henchey, R. Batta, A. Blatt, M. Flanigan, K. Majka, "Using Advanced Technology to Develop Robust Routes for Emergency Responders." Canadian Operations Research Society Annual Meeting, June 2012, Niagara Falls, Canada.

R. Batta and G. Galindo, "Prepositioning of Supplies for Hurricane Preparation Under Potential Facility Failures," TRANSLOG II Conference, December 2011, Puerto Varas, Chile.

R. Batta. **Panel Discussion** on Research Trends in Homeland Security." INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2011, Charlotte, North Carolina.

T. Geetla, R. Batta and M. Henchey, "Effective Placement of Accident Detecting Acoustic Sensors on a Road Network." INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2011, Charlotte, North Carolina.

R. Batta and M. Henchey, "Using Advanced Technology to Develop Robust Routes for Emergency Responders." INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2011, Charlotte, North Carolina.

R. Batta and G. Galindo, "Prepositioning of Supplies for Hurricanes under Spatial Relations and Demand Uncertainty." INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2011, Charlotte, North Carolina.

R. Batta, "An Overview of OR/MS Applications in Disaster Logistics," Seminar at Department of Industrial Engineering, July 2011, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China.

R. Batta, "Search for an Immobile Entity on a Network," Seminar at Department of Rothman School of Business, University of Toronto, May 2011, Toronto, Canada.

R. Batta, "Search for an Immobile Entity on a Network," Seminar at Department of Industrial Engineering, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona.

R. Batta and G. Galindo, "A Review of OR Research in Disaster Operations Management," INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2010, Austin, Texas.

A. Sivalenka and R. Batta, "An Optimization Model for Renewal Pricing and Expiration Management in the Apartment Industry," INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2010, Austin, Texas.

W. Yu and R. Batta, "Searching for a Mobile Entity on a Network: An Empirical Study," INFORMS Annual Meeting, November 2010, Austin, Texas.

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