# Övünç Yılmaz

Contact Leeds School of Business Information University of Colorado Boulder \* sites.google.com/view/ovuncyilmaz/ EMPLOYMENT Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado Boulder Assistant Professor of Operations 2020-Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame Assistant Professor of Operations 2017-2020 EDUCATION Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina Ph.D. in Management Science 2013-2017 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill M.S. in Statistics and Operations Research 2010-2012 Koç University, Istanbul - Turkey B.S. in *Industrial Engineering* 2006-2010

RESEARCH AREA

Revenue management and pricing in airline, hotel & event industries.

# JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

[1] Ö. Yılmaz, Y. Son, G. Shang, and H. A. Arslan (2024). Causal Inference under Selection on Observables in Operations Management Research: Matching Methods and Synthetic Controls.

Journal of Operations Management, 70(5):831-859

- [2] H. A. Arslan, N. Tereyağoğlu, and Ö. Yılmaz\* (2023). Scoring a Touchdown with Variable Pricing: Evidence from a Quasi-Experiment in the NFL Ticket Markets. *Management Science*, 69(8):4435-4456.
- Featured Article in August 2023 issue.
- [3] Ö. Yılmaz, M. Ferguson, P. Pekgün, and G. Shang (2022). Strategic Behavior for Hotel Standby Upgrade Programs: Empirical Evidence and Pricing Implications. *Journal of Operations Management*, 68(6-7):675-701.
- [4] H. A. Arslan, R. Easley, R. Wang, and Ö Yılmaz\* (2022). Data-Driven Sports Ticket Pricing for Multiple Sales Channels with Heterogeneous Customers.

  Manufacturing & Service Operations Management, 24(2):1241-1260.
- Finalist, 4th POMS Applied Research Challenge.
- [5] Ö. Yılmaz, P. Pekgün, and M. Ferguson (2017). Would You Like to Upgrade to a Premium Room? Evaluating the Benefit of Offering Standby Upgrades.

  Manufacturing & Service Operations Management 19(1):1-18.
- Featured/Lead Article in Winter 2017 issue.
- [6] Ö. Yılmaz, R. Easley, and M. Ferguson (2023). The Future of Sports Ticketing: Technologies, Data, and New Strategies. *Journal of Revenue & Pricing Management*, 22:219-230.
- [7] Y. Peng, M. Ferguson, Ö. Yılmaz (2023). Airline Revenue Management around Sporting Mega-Events: An Application Using Data from the Super Bowl XLIX. *Journal of Revenue & Pricing Management*, 22:188-200.

# WORKING PAPERS/WORK IN PROGRESS

- [8] Data-Driven Pricing for Availability-Based Upgrades under a Multiple Binary Choice Model with Copula (with Z. Zhao, F. Ekbatani, R. Wang, A. Vakhutinsky)
  - Reject & Resubmit, Manufacturing & Service Operations Management
- Oracle Labs ERO funding (\$30,000)

<sup>\*</sup>Authors are listed alphabetically.

[9] Consumer Choice and Assortment Optimization under the Random Threshold Multinomial Logit Model (with Z. Zhao, C. Ke, R. Wang)

• Reject & Resubmit, Management Science

[10] Unlocking the Benefit of Exchangeable tickets: A Study of Consumer Behavior in Sports Events (with H. A. Arslan and Y. Cui)

• Soon to be submitted

# NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

[11] What's Dynamic Pricing? An Operations Management Scholar Explains (2022). The Conversation.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado Boulder

#### Instructor

Advanced Data Analytics (MSBA, MBA): Fall 2024

Advanced Operations Management Modeling (PhD): Fall 2023

Principles of Operations Management (Undergrad): Fall 2020 - Fall 2023

# Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame

#### Instructor

Introduction to Process Analytics (Undergrad): 2017-2019

## Moore School of Business, University of South Carolina

#### Instructor

Introduction to Operations Management (Undergrad): Spring 2016

### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

# Instructor

Decision Models for Economics (Undergrad): Fall 2012

Introductory Statistics (Undergrad): Spring 2012, Summer 2012

#### INVITED TALKS

George Washington School of Business, November 2024

Johns Hopkins Carey Business School, October 2024

Expedia Group, August 2024

Oracle Labs, July 2024

Bilkent University, June 2023

University of Zurich, May 2023

Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado Boulder, December 2019

Florida State University College of Business, December 2019

Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame, January 2017

# Professional Activities

### Track Chair

Revenue Management & Pricing Track, 2023 POMS Annual Conference (Orlando).

#### **Session Chair**

2021 INFORMS Annual Meeting (Anaheim), 2021 POMS Annual Conference (online), 2020 INFORMS Annual Meeting (online), 2019 INFORMS Annual Meeting (Seattle), 2019 POMS Annual Conference (Washington DC), 2018 INFORMS Annual Meeting (Phoenix), 2018 POMS Annual Conference (Houston), 2017 INFORMS Annual Meeting (Houston), 2017 POMS Annual Conference (Seattle), 2016 INFORMS Annual Meeting (Nashville).

#### Judge

MSOM Student Paper Competition, 2020-

MSOM Practice-Based Research Competition, 2021

MSOM Service SIG Conference 2020-

INFORMS Interactive Sessions Competition, 2018

## **Professional Development**

CU Boulder Leadership Education for Advancement and Promotion, 2022

POMS Emerging Scholars Program, 2019 Darla Moore School of Business Faculty Development Program, 2016 University of Maryland National Transportation Center Summer School, 2016

#### Reviewer

Guest Associate Editor for Journal of Operations Management Reviewer for Management Science, Manufacturing & Service Operations Management, Production and Operations Management, Journal of Operations Management.

Awards & Honors

Finalist, Kahle Family Research Award, 2023 & 2024
Meritorious Service Award, Manufacturing & Service Operations Management, 2021-23
Finalist, POMS Applied Research Challenge, 2020/21
Winner, Leeds Kolb Teaching Award, 2020
Finalist, MIT Sloan Sports Analytics Conference Poster Competition, 2020
Doctoral Student Fellowship, Darla Moore School of Business, 2013-17
Graduate Student Fellowship, University of North Carolina, 2010-12
Winner, North American Collegiate Bridge Championship, 2012
Full Merit Scholarship, Koç University, 2006-10