

Academic Job Search

Panelists: Jonathan Li, Ph.D. candidate in MIE, joining University of Ottawa;
Sharareh Taghipour, Ph.D. (1T1) and Postdoc in MIE, joining Ryerson University;
Vahideh Abedi, PhD candidate at Rotman, joining California State University at

Fullerton

Date: Thursday June 14th, 2012

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: MC310

In this panel seminar, Jonathan will talk about “how to prepare yourself for an academic job search”. Following the presentation, Sharareh and Vahideh will join Jonathan in a panel to further discuss the do’s and don’ts of academic job searching and answer your questions.

Presentation abstract:

In this event, I will share some of my personal experience and subjective view in searching an academic job placement. My intent is to cover, rather than all details of the search process, some of the subtle aspects that are more difficult to learn from public sources of information, e.g. website, and can be easily overlooked by applicants. These for example include: finding someone outside your "circle" to be your reference, positioning yourself properly, understanding that the interview committee could value what you will bring to the department more than what you have done in the past.

Panelists’ bio sketch (in alphabetical order):

Jonathan Li is a Ph.D. candidate in the Mechanical & Industrial Engineering Department at the University of Toronto specializing in Business Analytics, Operations Research, and Financial Engineering. His doctoral research was awarded first prize in the 2011 CORS Student Paper Competition and was selected as a finalist in the 2011 INFORMS Financial Services Section Student Paper Competition. Jonathan will be joining as an Assistant Professor the faculty of Telfer School of Management at the University of Ottawa.

Sharareh Taghipour obtained her PhD in Industrial Engineering from the University of Toronto in the area of Reliability and Maintenance. She is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the C-MORE working on a collaborative health research project. She has produced eight journal papers from her PhD and three from her postdoctoral work. Sharareh received 22 awards and scholarships, including the best student paper award at the Reliability & Maintainability Symposium 2011; the best student paper award of the American College of Clinical Engineering 2010 and the 3rd place at the student paper award of the American College of Clinical Engineering 2011. She won the 2010 Asset Management Council Postgraduate Research Award. She was the Department of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering’s nominee for the 2011 Governor General’s Gold Medal and in 2012 for the CAGS/UMI Distinguished Dissertation Award and the John Leyerle-CIFAR Prize for Interdisciplinary Research. She will join the Department of Mechanical and Industrial

Engineering at Ryerson University as an Assistant Professor.

Vahideh Abedi is currently a PhD candidate at Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto in Operations Management area. She has a background in Mathematics from Sharif University of Technology. Her research is focused on operational aspects of new product introduction, and in more detail, managing the setup of distribution channels and its coordination with selection and expenditure in marketing channels. She will be joining the Mihaylo College of Business of California State University at Fullerton.

Grad School Application Seminar

Speaker: Velibor Mišić, BAsC, oT9 + PEY; MASc, 1T2, starting PhD at MIT Operations Research Center in Fall 2012.

Date: Thursday June 21st, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: MC310

Abstract:

In this seminar, Velibor will give an overview of what graduate school is about, followed by a detailed presentation of what is needed to prepare a strong grad school application, with a particular focus on top-tier PhD programs in Industrial Engineering/Operations Research in the US. This talk will be of interest to undergraduate students in all years looking to pursue PhD/research-based Master's studies, and Master's students looking to pursue PhD studies.

Speaker's bio sketch:

Velibor Misic is a recent graduate of the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAsC, oT9 + PEY) and the Master of Applied Science (MASc, 1T2) programs at the University of Toronto, both in Industrial Engineering. As an undergraduate student he was involved in a research project related to optimization applied to the selection of beam angles for total marrow irradiation, and during his MASc he did research in the design of adaptive and robust treatments for lung cancer radiation therapy. Last Fall, he applied to PhD programs in the United States with 100% success rate, and will be starting his PhD at the Operations Research Center at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) this September.

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