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Personal Data Born 18 October 1957, New Jersey, USA

Research Interests

Integer programming and combinatorial optimization.

Degrees Obtained

BA (Mathematics) 1979, Rutgers University
MS (Operations Research) 1980, Stanford University
PhD (Combinatorics and Optimization), 1983, University of Waterloo

Employment Summary

July 2002 – : Chandler Family Chair Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering, and Adjunct Professor, School of Mathematics, Georgia Tech.
September 2000 - July 2002: Visiting Professor, Program for Applied and Computational Mathematics, Princeton University.
January 1996 - July 2001: Noah Harding Professor, Computational and Applied Mathematics, Rice University.
August 1994 - December 1995: John von Neumann Professor, Research Institute for Discrete Mathematics, University of Bonn, Germany.
December 1988 - August 1994: Member of Technical Staff, Combinatorics and Optimization Research Group, Bell Communications Research.
July 1987 - December 1988: Associate Professor, Industrial Engineering and Operations Research and the Management Science Division of the Graduate School of Business, Columbia University.
August 1986 - June 1987: Visiting Associate Professor, Institut für Ökonometrie und Operations Research, Universität Bonn, Germany.
August 1985 - June 1987: Assistant Professor, School of Operations Research and Industrial Engineering, Cornell University.
September 1983 - July 1985: Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellow, Institut für Ökonometrie und Operations Research, Universität Bonn, Germany.

Editorial Duties

Editor-in-Chief, *Mathematical Programming Computation*, Mathematical Programming Society and Springer Verlag (2008–present)
Editor-in-Chief, *Mathematical Programming, Series A* (2003–2007)
Editor-in-Chief, *Mathematical Programming, Series B* (1999–2003)
Area Editor (Design and Analysis of Algorithms), *INFORMS Journal on Computing* (2003–2007)
Associate Editor, *Mathematical Programming* (1990–2003)
Associate Editor, *INFORMS Journal on Computing* (1992–2003)
Associate Editor, *Mathematics of Operations Research* (1998–present)
Editorial Board, *SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics* (1992–2009)
Editorial Board, *SIAM Journal on Optimization* (2006–present)
Editorial Board, *MPS/SIAM Series on Optimization* (2010–present)

Editorial Board, *Algorithms and Combinatorics*, Springer Series (2010–present)

Prizes

2009 SIAM Fellow.

2007 INFORMS Frederick W. Lanchester Prize. Awarded for the best contribution to operations research and the management sciences published in English. Shared with David L. Applegate, Robert E. Bixby, and Vašek Chvátal for the book *The Traveling Salesman Problem: A Computational Study*.

2003 SIAM I. E. Block Community Lecturer.

2000 Mathematical Programming Society Beale-Orchard-Hays Prize. Awarded for excellence in computational mathematical programming. Shared with David L. Applegate, Robert E. Bixby, and Vašek Chvátal.

1998 International Congress of Mathematicians, Invited 45-minute Lecture. Jointly in Section 16, Applications and in Section 17, Control Theory and Optimization.

1992 Discover Magazine Top 50 Science Stories

1983 Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship

Research Funding

“Efficiently Computable Compressed Sensing”, \$945,809, Office of Naval Research (Basic Research Challenge), 2008–2012, with S. Ahmed, A. Nemirovski (Principal Investigator), and A. Shapiro.

“Experimental Modules for Combinatorial Optimization and Mixed-Integer Programming”, \$810,427, Office of Naval Research, 2001–2011, Principal Investigator.

“An Exact Rational Solver for Mixed Integer Programming”, \$341,319, National Science Foundation, 2007–2010, Principal Investigator.

“Local Cuts in Discrete Optimization and Mixed-Integer Programming”, \$375,000, National Science Foundation, 2003–2006, Principal Investigator.

“Correctness by Construction: Harnessing Computational Knowledge to Provide Correct, Efficient and Cost-Effective Software”, \$176,388 Subcontract, Office of Naval Research, 2002–2004, Principal Investigator.

“A Library for Network Optimization”, \$143,000, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2000–2001, Principal Investigator.

“Large Scale Mixed-Integer Programming”, \$83,000, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2000–2001, Principal Investigator.

“Computational Studies in Large-Scale Discrete Optimization”, \$39,278, Office of Naval Research, 1999, Principal Investigator.

“Mixed Integer Programming Optimization”, \$100,000 (Cash Gift) and \$750,000 (Computing Equipment), Compaq Corporation, 1999–2000, Principal Investigator.

“A Cluster-Based Parallel Solver for Mixed-Integer Programming Problems”, \$169,125, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, 1998–1999, Principal Investigator.

“Center for Computational Discrete Optimization”, \$1,000,000, W.M. Keck Foundation, 1997, Director.

“A computational study of heuristic algorithms for mixed-integer programming”, \$93,000, Office of Naval Research, 1997–2000, Principal Investigator.

“Discrete Optimization”, \$221,919 (Computing Equipment), Intel Corporation, 1997–1999, Principal Investigator.

“Mixed Integer Programming Using Distributed Shared Memory on an Alpha-SMP Cluster”, \$435,000 (Computing Equipment), Digital Equipment Corporation, 1996, Co-Principal Investigator.

Program Committees

Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization, IPCO (2007, 2004, 2002–Chairman, 1998, 1996)

International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics (2007)

International Congress of Mathematicians (2006)

International Symposium on Mathematical Programming (2006)

SIAM Conference on Discrete Mathematics (2004)

ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms, SODA (2000, 1994)

European Symposium on Algorithms (1999)

ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry (1992)

Prize Committees

Fulkerson Prize, AMS and Mathematical Programming Society (2009–Chairman, 2000)

Beale-Orchard-Hays Prize, Mathematical Programming Society (2006, 2003–Chairman)

George Pólya Prize, SIAM (2004–Chairman)

Denis König Prize, SIAM (2010)

INFORMS Computing Society Student Prize (2009)

INFORMS Optimization Section Prize for Young Researchers (2000)

Professional Duties

Hausdorff Research Institute for Mathematics, Germany, Scientific Advisory Board (2006–present)

LANCS Initiative in Foundational Operations Research, United Kingdom, Scientific Board (2008–present)

Oberwolfach Conference on Combinatorial Optimization (2008), Organizer

Bonn Workshop on Combinatorial Optimization (2008), Organizer

Institute for Mathematics and its Applications (IMA), Special Year on Optimization 2002–2003, Organizer

17th International Symposium on Mathematical Programming (2000), Cluster Chair

Workshop on Integer Programming, IBM Yorktown Heights (1999), Organizer

Workshop on the Solution of Hard Combinatorial Optimization Problems, DIMACS (1993), Organizer

Workshop on Polyhedral Combinatorics, DIMACS (1989), Organizer

Books

The Traveling Salesman Problem: A Computational Study, with David L. Applegate, Robert E. Bixby, and Vašek Chvátal, Princeton University Press, 2006.

Combinatorial Optimization, with William Cunningham, William Pulleyblank, and Alexander Schrijver, John Wiley and Sons, New York, 1998.

Research Trends in Combinatorial Optimization, edited with László Lovász and Jens Vygen, Springer, 2009.

Integer Programming and Combinatorial Optimization, edited with Andreas S. Schulz, Springer, Berlin, 2002.

Combinatorial Optimization, edited with László Lovász and Paul Seymour, American Mathematical Society, 1995.

Polyhedral Combinatorics, edited with Paul Seymour, American Mathematical Society, 1990.

Published Papers

“Numerically safe Gomory mixed-integer cuts”, with S. Dash, R. Fukasawa, and M. Goycoolea, *INFORMS Journal on Computing* 21 (2009) 641–649.

“Certification of an optimal TSP tour through 85,900 cities”, with D. Applegate, R. Bixby, V. Chvátal, D. Espinoza, M. Goycoolea, and K. Helsgaun, *Operations Research Letters* 37 (2009) 11–15.

“Mathematical Programming Computation: A new MPS journal”, with T. Koch, *Optima* 78 (2008), pages 1, 7, 8, and 11.

“rh_tsp_map 3.0: End-to-end radiation hybrid mapping with improved speed and quality control”, with A. Schaeffer, E. Rice, and R. Agarwala, *Bioinformatics* 23 (2007) 1156–1158.

“Exact solutions to linear programming problems”, with D. Applegate, S. Dash, and D. Espinoza, *Operations Research Letters* 35 (2007), 693–699.

“Computing with domino-parity inequalities for the TSP”, with D. Espinoza and M. Goycoolea, *INFORMS Journal on Computing* 19 (2007) 356–365.

“Vasek Chvatal: A very short introduction”, with D. Avis, A. Bondy, and B. Reed, *Graphs and Combinatorics* 23-Supplement (2007) 41–65.

“Implementing the Dantzig-Fulkerson-Johnson algorithm for large traveling salesman problems”, with D. Applegate, R. Bixby, and V. Chvátal, *Mathematical Programming* 97 (2003) 91–153.

“Tour merging via branch-decomposition”, with P. Seymour, *INFORMS Journal on Computing* 15 (2003) 233–248.

“Chained Lin-Kernighan for large traveling salesman problems”, with D. Applegate and A. Rohe, *INFORMS Journal on Computing* 15 (2003) 82–92.

“Solution of a min-max vehicle routing problem”, with D. Applegate, S. Dash, and A. Rohe, *INFORMS Journal on Computing* 14 (2002) 132–143.

“TSP cuts which do not conform to the template paradigm”, with D. Applegate, R. Bixby, and V. Chvátal, in *Computational Combinatorial Optimization*, M. Jünger and D. Naddef, editors (Springer, 2001), pp. 261–304.

“On the matrix-cut rank of polyhedra”, with S. Dash, *Mathematics of Operations Research* 26 (2001) 19–30.

“Computing minimum-weight perfect matchings”, with A. Rohe, *INFORMS Journal on Computing* 11 (1999) 138–148.

“Computational experience with parallel mixed integer programming in a distributed environment”, with R. Bixby, A. Cox, and E. Lee, *Annals of Operations Research* 90 (1999) 19–43.

“On the solution of traveling salesman problems”, with D. Applegate, R. Bixby, and V. Chvátal, *Documenta Mathematica Journal der Deutschen Mathematiker-Vereinigung, International Congress of Mathematicians* (1998) 645–656.

“An implementation of the generalized basis reduction algorithm for integer programming”, with T. Rutherford, H.E. Scarf, and D. Shallcross, *ORSA Journal on Computing* 5 (1993) 206–212.

“Solving large-scale matching problems”, with D. Applegate, in *Algorithms for Network Flows and Matching*, D.S. Johnson and C.C. McGeoch, editors (American Mathematical Society, 1993), pp. 557–576.

“On integer points in polyhedra”, with M. Hartmann, R. Kannan, and C. McDiarmid, *Combinatorica* 12 (1992) 27–37.

“A computational study of the job-shop scheduling problem,” with D. Applegate, *ORSA Journal on Computing* 3 (1991) 149–156.

“Integral infeasibility and testing total dual integrality”, with D.L. Applegate and S.T. McCormick, *Operations Research Letters* 10 (1991) 37–41.

“The discipline number of a graph”, with V. Chvátal, *Discrete Applied Mathematics* 86 (1990) 191–198.

“Cutting-plane proofs in polynomial space”, *Mathematical Programming* 47 (1990) 11–18.

“On the complexity of branch and cut methods for the traveling salesman problem”, with M. Hartmann, in *Polyhedral Combinatorics*, W. Cook and Paul Seymour, editors (American Mathematical Society, 1990), 75–82.

“Chvátal closures for mixed integer programming problems”, with R. Kannan and A. Schrijver, *Mathematical Programming* 47 (1990) 155–174.

“On cutting-plane proofs in combinatorial optimization”, with V. Chvátal and M. Hartmann, *Linear Algebra and Its Applications* 114/115 (1989) 455–499.

“Linear systems for constrained matching problems”, with W.R. Pulleyblank, *Mathematics of Operations Research* 12 (1987) 97–120.

“On the complexity of cutting-plane proofs”, with C. Coullard and Gy. Turan, *Discrete Applied Mathematics* 18 (1987) 25–38.

“On box totally dual integral polyhedra”, *Mathematical Programming* 34 (1986) 48–61.

“An integer analogue of Caratheodory’s theorem”, with J. Fonlupt and A. Schrijver, *Journal of Combinatorial Theory (Series B)* 40 (1986) 63–70.

“Sensitivity theorems in integer linear programming”, with A.M.H. Gerards, A. Schrijver, and E. Tardos, *Mathematical Programming* 34 (1986) 252–264.

“A note on matchings and separability”, *Discrete Applied Mathematics* 10 (1985) 202–209.

“A polynomial-time test for total dual integrality in fixed dimension”, with L. Lovász and A. Schrijver, *Mathematical Programming Study* 22 (1984) 64–69.

“A minimal totally dual integral defining system for the b -matching polyhedron”, *SIAM Journal of Algebraic and Discrete Methods* 4 (1983) 221–230.

“Operations that preserve total dual integrality”, *Operations Research Letters* 2 (1983) 31–35.

Research Papers

“Solving very sparse rational systems of equations”, with D. Steffy, February 2009.

“Fifty-plus years of combinatorial integer programming”, February 2009.

“Local cuts for mixed-integer programming”, with V. Chvátal and D. Espinoza, December 2008.

“Generalized domino-parity inequalities for the TSP”, with D. Espinoza and M. Goycoolea, submitted, 2007.

“A parallel cutting-plane algorithm for the vehicle routing problem with time windows”, with J.L. Rich, Technical Report, Rice University, 1999.

“Finding tours in the TSP”, with D. Applegate, R. Bixby, and V. Chvátal, Computational and Applied Mathematics Technical Report TR99-05, Rice University, May 1999.

“Finding cuts in the TSP”, with D. Applegate, R. Bixby, and V. Chvátal, DIMACS Technical Report 95-05, March, 1995.

“An algorithm for the ring-routing problem”, with P.D. Seymour, Bellcore Technical Memorandum, December, 1993.

“Integer programming solutions for capacity expansion of the local access network”, Bellcore Technical Memorandum, TM-ARH-017914, November, 1990.

Ph.D. Students

Ricardo Fukasawa, 2008, Georgia Tech, currently tenure-track Assistant Professor, University of Waterloo, Canada.

Torsten Inkmann, 2007, Georgia Tech (Co-Advised with Dr. Robin Thomas), currently at INFORM, Inc.

Marcos Goycoolea, 2006, Georgia Tech, currently tenure-track Assistant Professor, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Santiago, Chile.

Daniel Espinoza, 2006, Georgia Tech, currently tenure-track Assistant Professor, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile.

William Christian, 2003, Rice University, currently Research Staff Member, National Security Agency.

Sanjeeb Dash, 2001, Rice University, currently Research Staff Member, IBM T. J. Watson Research Center.

Illya V. Hicks, 2000, Rice University, currently Associate Professor with Tenure, Rice University.

Jennifer L. Rich, 1999, Rice University, currently at Aspen Technology, Inc.

Mark Hartmann, 1989, Cornell University, formally Associate Professor with Tenure, University of North Carolina.

Plenary Lectures

- German Mathematical Society 2008 Annual Meeting, Erlangen, Germany (September 15, 2008), “Exact Solutions in Linear and Integer Programming”
- KyotoCGGT 2007, Kyoto, Japan (June 12, 2007), “A Computational Study of the Traveling Salesman Problem”
- Optimization 2004, Lisbon, Portugal, Opening Plenary Lecture (July 26, 2004), “Solving Traveling Salesman Problems”
- Combinatorial Optimization 2004, Lancaster, England, Opening Plenary Lecture (March 28, 2004), Planar Graphs, Parallel Computing, and the Traveling Salesman Problem.
- Big Sky Conference on Discrete Mathematics, Montana, Keynote Address (September 11, 2003), “The Traveling Salesman Problem”
- 18th International Symposium on Mathematical Programming, Copenhagen, Opening Plenary Lecture (August 18, 2003), “In Pursuit of the Traveling Salesman”
- I. E. Block Community Lecture, 2003 SIAM Annual Meeting, Montreal (June 18, 2003), “The Traveling Salesman Problem and Optimization on a Grand Scale”
- IMA Public Lecture, Minneapolis (October 16, 2002), “The Traveling Salesman Problem”
- Foundations of Computational Mathematics, Minneapolis, Semi-Plenary Lecture (August 5, 2002), “Solution Methods for the Traveling Salesman Problem”
- INFORMS National Meeting, Miami, Keynote Address (November 5, 2001), “The Traveling Salesman Problem”
- Workshop on Novel Approaches to Hard Discrete Optimization, Waterloo, Opening Plenary Lecture (April 26, 2001), “Parallel search in the traveling salesman problem”
- 32nd Southeastern International Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory, and Computing, Baton Rouge (March 2, 2001), *Series of two lectures*, “Optimization via branch-decomposition” and “The traveling salesman problem”
- SIGOPT Conference on Optimization, Trier, Germany (March 23, 1999), “Discrete Optimization via Graph Decomposition”
- International Congress of Mathematicians, Berlin, Germany (August 21, 1998), “The traveling salesman problem” (45 minute lecture, given jointly in Section 16, Applications and in Section 17, Control Theory and Optimization)
- Ninth SIAM Conference on Discrete Mathematics, Toronto, Canada (July 13, 1998), “The traveling salesman problem”
- Euler Institute for Discrete Mathematics and its Applications, Eindhoven, The Netherlands (June 9–13, 1997), *Series of ten lectures*, “Computational Combinatorial Optimization”
- 28th Southeastern International Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory, and Computing, Boca Raton (March 5, 1997), *Series of two lectures*, “Branch-width and the travelling salesman problem” and “Computing optimal matchings”
- 15th International Symposium on Mathematical Programming, Ann Arbor, Opening Plenary Lecture (August 15, 1994), “Large-scale combinatorial optimization” Australian Society for O.R. 12th National Conference, Adelaide (July 7, 1993), “Solving travelling salesman problems”

Summer School on Combinatorial Optimization, Maastricht (August 9–13, 1993), *Series of four lectures*, “The travelling salesman problem”

1993 SIAM Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (July 16, 1993), “Solving travelling salesman problems”

Waterloo 92 Conference on Combinatorics and Optimization, Waterloo (June 24, 1992), “Solving travelling salesman problems”

SIAM Conference on Discrete Mathematics, Vancouver (June 10, 1992), “Solving integer programming problems”

Invited Lectures (since 1990)

Columbia University (February 9, 2010)

Princeton University, Lunch 'n Learn Series (December 16, 2009)

Oberlin College, 2009 Vance Lecture (November 11, 2009)

University of Bonn (August 7, 2010)

Tapia 70th Birthday Conference, Houston (May 30, 2009)

Princeton University (April 9, 2009)

University of Bonn (June 13, 2008)

New Directions in Algorithms, Combinatorics, and Optimization, Atlanta (May 6, 2008)

Columbia University (April 29, 2008)

McGill University, Computer Science Colloquium (March 14, 2008)

University of Bonn (January 24, 2008)

50 Years of Integer Programming, Aussois (January 7, 2008), one-hour survey

40th Annual Meeting of the Society for Mathematical Psychology, University of California, Irvine (July 27, 2007), keynote address

C&O@40, University of Waterloo (June 20, 2007), semi-plenary lecture

Mathematical Research Institute, Oberwolfach (May 8, 2007), one-hour survey

University of Waterloo (March 19, 2007)

Ottawa-Carleton Discrete Mathematics Days (May 13, 2006)

Cornell University (November 29, 2005)

GERAD, Montreal (October 14, 2004)

Lehigh University, Industrial Engineering Colloquium (November 12, 2003)

XXXV Brazilian Symposium on Operations Research (November 6, 2003)

University of Montana, Mathematics Colloquium (September 11, 2003)

Eurocomb'03, Prague (September 8, 2003)

ROUTE 2003 Workshop, Copenhagen (June 23, 2003)

MIT, HPCES Distinguished Speakers Series (April 23, 2003)

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (April 10, 2003)

Integer Programming in honor of Egon Balas, Carnegie Mellon (June 4, 2002)

Carnegie Mellon University (February 28, 2002)

26th Lunteren Meeting on Mathematics of Operations Research (January 15 and 16, 2002)

8th ARCO Workshop, Copenhagen (January 14, 2002)

1st Columbia Optimization Day (November 28, 2001)

Lucent Technologies, Bell Laboratories (May 17, 2001)

Georgia Tech (May 3, 2001)

Ohio State University, Discrete Mathematics Seminar (April 19, 2001)

Ohio State University, Mathematics Colloquium (April 19, 2001)

Fordham University, Mathematics and Computer Science Colloquium (March 20, 2001)

IBM Watson Research Lab, Director's Series Lecture (February 12, 2001)

Telcordia, Information and Computer Science Seminar (February 2, 2001)

University of Bonn (July 15, 2000)

Foundations of Computational Mathematics, Oxford (July 23, 1999)

University of Bonn (July 8, 1999)
Yale University (March 4, 1999)
Princeton University (February 9, 1999)
Large-scale Discrete Optimization in Logistics, DIMACS (February 8, 1999)
1998 Research Conference on Computational Biology, Galveston (November 20, 1998)
Oakland University (October 27, 1998)
AT&T Laboratories (October 20, 1998)
University of Bonn (July 23, 1998)
16th International Symposium on Mathematical Programming (August 27, 1997)
Princeton University (April 21, 1997)
Georgia Tech (January 28, 1997)
Mathematical Research Institute, Oberwolfach (January 7, 1997)
London School of Economics (June 28, 1995)
Max-Planck-Institute, Saarbrücken (June 27, 1995)
19th Lunteren Meeting on Mathematics of Operations Research (January 10 and 12, 1995)
Han-sur-Lesse, Belgium (December 9, 1994)
University of Augsburg (December 6, 1994)
Supercomputing Research Center, Washington (November 1, 1993)
ASOR-IBM Seminar on Decision Systems in Transportation, Sydney (July 5, 1993)
University of Bonn (May 21, 1992)
Center for Operations Research and Econometrics, Brussels (May 8, 1992)
Workshop on Increasing Returns, Santa Fe Institute (March 22, 1992)
DIMACS Challenge Workshop (October 16, 1991)
Brown University (July 18, 1991)
Canadian Mathematical Society Summer Meeting, Sherbrooke (June 1, 1991)
Campinas Combinatorics Workshop, Brazil (May 21 and 23, 1991)
New York University (April 5, 1991)
International meeting on Sets, Graphs, and Numbers, Budapest (January 22, 1991)
Mathematical Research Institute, Oberwolfach (January 15, 1991)
Rice University (November 12, 1990)
IBM Watson Research Center (October 25, 1990)
University of Bonn (August 16 and 17, 1990)
University of Waterloo (June 1, 1990)
Rice University (April 22, 1990)
Yale University (February 23, 1990)
14th Lunteren Meeting on Mathematics of Operations Research (January 16 and 17, 1990)