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## Education

1/96- 12/03	PhD Industrial Engineering Texas A&M University
1/93-5/96	MS Operations Research and Industrial Engineering University of Texas at Austin
9/89-12/92	BS Mechanical Engineering University of Texas at Austin

## Areas of Interest

- Optimization
- Data Mining
- Logistics and Scheduling
- Supply Chain Management
- Software Development
- Natural Language Generation

## Academic Experience

Lamar University Department of Industrial Engineering  
*Associate Professor (9/12 – Present), Assistant Professor (8/06- 9/12)*

### Teaching at Lamar:

Taught courses to undergraduate engineering, undergraduate technology and graduate students. Maintained high student evaluations in all courses. Course titles include:

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| • Production and Inventory Control* | • Introduction to Engineering             |
| • Operations Research*              | • Introduction to Industrial Engineering* |
| • Operations Research II            | • Text Engineering                        |
| • Simulation*                       | • Enterprise Business Intelligence        |
| • Computer Application*             | • Data mining with SAS and mySQL          |

\* Indicates online and face to face.

### **Funded Research Projects at Lamar University:**

PI or CO-PI on 9 funded projects. The total value of these projects is over \$1,500,000.

1. Scholarships, Career Mentoring, Outreach and Advisement, Professional Societies and Engineering Learning Community (SCOPE) NSF S-STEM (Scholarship for STEM) grant. PI Dr. Zhu, CO-PIs: Dr. Curry, Dr. Craig, Dr. Zhou and Dr. Chu (September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2020) \$625,300.
2. Development of the ASTM Standard for Injury and Illness Data Collection and Reporting and the ASTM Standard for Near Miss Collection and Reporting, Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP), Woodinville, Washington, B. Craig – Principal Investigator with Co-PI's: James Curry and Weihang Zhu (2014 – Present) \$50,000.
3. Prototype Leading Indicator Tool, American Bureau of Shipping, Houston, Texas, Brian Craig – Principal Investigator with Co-PI's: James Curry and Weihang Zhu (Fall 2010 – Present) \$437,099. The system has performed safety culture assessments on seven international marine companies and government organizations. The results are used to develop and improve safety within the marine industry. My primary roles are report development, testing and data analysis.
4. Mariner Safety Program (formerly Mariner Personal Safety), American Bureau of Shipping, Houston, Texas, Brian Craig – Principal Investigator with Co-PI's: James Curry and Weihang Zhu (Fall 2009 – Present) \$469,402. The project developed an international mariner personal safety data system representing 31 international marine companies and government organizations. To date over 100,000, near miss and injury events have been collected and studied. My primary roles are data collection and database design.
5. Co-PI with Dr. Victor Zaloom on Army Material Command fellows Masters program. This Masters of Engineering program provides degrees to army civilian personnel. My primary responsibilities were writing the proposal, developing degree plans, developing distance education procedures and advising students. One group of 11 students completed the program. (December 2009- December 2011).
6. CO-PI with Dr. Zhu PI and Dr. H. Lou CO-PI on a grant to use Agent-based Modeling and Simulation for Hazardous Waste Reverse Logistics. (Sept 2008 - August 2009).
7. Modeling wood procurement policies for a paper mill. This project developed a decision support system to assist with pricing and network designs given random weather conditions and seasonality. This project employed GIS data developed from satellite images to estimate the amount of wood available in the draw area. The project also developed a series of reports and forecasting tools based on time series models to assist buyers with purchasing wood. (March 2008- December 2008)
8. Data capture and reporting for an automated coating line for a local manufacturing company. Productivity reports were constructed using data captured from RS View software monitoring the material handling system hardware. The reports describe the daily and hourly performance of the line. The reports also display down time by reason code. Using this information, the team developed process improvements. The reports provide a clear description of the productivity of the line. (Fall 2006 – Fall 2007)
9. Internal research enhancement grant on the vehicle routing problem. (Academic year 2008). A student completed his MS thesis on this topic.

### **Graduate Students Advised at Lamar University:**

Primary advisor for 6 Doctor of Engineering and 5 MS Thesis students. Co-advisor for 2 doctoral students and committee member for 5 Doctor of Engineering and 2 MS Thesis students.

#### *Doctoral Students*

1. Chinar Potnis (Spring 2016). Cleaning Large Data Sets with a Coordinated Machine Learning and Manual Approach
2. Naif AlShammari (Fall 2014). Refinery Production Planning Considering Nervousness
3. Fatemeh Hosseinzadehdastak (Fall 2014). Developing Effective Cross Tabs to Visualize Data Sets

4. Majed Al-Bokhari (Summer 2014). A Data to Text Framework for Describing Regression Models: An Optimization Approach for Content Determination
5. Lonnie Turpin (Spring 2014). Using Natural Language Generation to Document Portfolio Performance: An Optimization Approach for Content Determination
6. Pavan Mhasavekar (Summer 2013). Inventory Metrics for Lead Time Focused Manufacturing
7. Carol Schulte (Spring 2008). A Heuristic Algorithm for Scheduling Hazardous Waste Incinerators

#### *Master of Engineering Science Thesis Students*

1. Kallul Paul (2012). Classifying Records Using Text Mining
2. Vaibhav Chauhan (2012). Cleaning Records Using Text Mining Algorithms
3. Jovan Hill (Spring 2008). Currency Impact on Vendor Selection in a Bid Environment
4. Prashant Mehta (Fall 2008). Calculating the Internal Rate of Return of Mortgages
5. Pavan Masvekar (Fall 2008). Vehicle Routing Problems with the Dual Objectives of Days and Miles

#### **Service at Lamar University:**

- Supported writing ABET reports.
- Redesigned the Industrial Engineering Departments website (<http://engineering.lamar.edu/industrial/>). Developed videos to support department outreach efforts.
- Helped setup and market a 2+2 online version of the BSIE program.
- Setup a program for US Army civilian employees to obtain their master's degrees at Lamar University. My responsibilities included developing an implementation plan, writing 6 reports on program performance, conducting student surveys, coordinating graduation, and establishing procedures for aiding at risk students.
- Reviewed about 30 student resumes per year.

#### **Awards at Lamar University:**

- Lamar University Merit Award Spring 2011

### **Industry Experience**

Vector SCM (Logistic Provider for GM)

*Senior Engineer* (2/04-8/06)

- Conducted studies to locate distribution centers, remote sequencing/subassembly centers, and intercontinental warehouse facilities for GM North America, GM AP, China, and GM Europe. Study results guided the procurement of these facilities. (1/05-7/06)
- Designed and implemented cost saving initiatives (routing changes and cube improvements) for the GM ocean transportation network. (1/06 – 8/06)
- Developed and implemented an effective software tool to identify milkruns and truckloads that can be routed at a lower cost via a consolidation center. This software is periodically used by eight engineers to find cost saving opportunities. (7/05-8/05)
- Developed an Access based program for redesigning GM routes from Mexico to assembly plants in the United States and Canada. Primary program features are cube calculation, route display using PC\*Miler Mapping, automated bid template creation, and a flat file interface to MaxLoad for load construction. The program allows engineers to quickly build effective routes. (11/05 - 1/06).
- Designed and implemented route changes for GM Mexico. (3/05-4/05)

- Improved global ocean freight bids (container and vehicle) by developing reports, business processes, and databases. (2/04-1/05)

#### IBM Global Services - Supply Chain Services

*Associate Consultant (11/98-11/01)*

- Developed reports for i2 Transportation Manager for the retail industry. The reports described carrier performance, network performance, and operational status of freight. (6/01-9/01)
- Developed functional and technical specifications for a custom scheduling system for IBM Business Recovery Services. The proposed system would schedule over 5000 resources. The proposal was approved for funding. (02/01-11/01)
- Implemented i2 Transportation Manager at a major third party logistics provider (UPS). Primary responsibilities were master operating procedure development, reports development, tariff development, post implementation go live support, and testing. (11/99- 1/01)
- Assisted in developing an intellectual capital database for the supply chain management practice. (10/99-11/99)
- Implemented SynQuest software for supply chain management, scheduling, and manufacturing execution at client sites in the printing industry. Primary responsibilities were optimization, process documentation, and end user training. (3/99-10/99)

#### Texas A&M University - Computer Aided Lab

*Research Assistant (1/96-11/98)*

- Manufacturing Developed production and inventory control models for an aircraft remanufacturing facility in a project for Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) using CPLEX and Arena.
- Developed simulation models of intruder detection systems in a project for Sandia National Labs using Arena, Visual Basic, and Access.

#### City of Austin

*Engineering Associate (12/94-1/96), Research Specialist (1/94-12/94), Professional Intern (6/93 - 1/94)*

- Wrote four major reports on the effectiveness of government programs.
- Analyzed large data using statistical techniques (regression and time series analysis).
- Developed three major grant proposals with two receiving funding.
- Developed databases.

#### University of Texas at Austin

*Teaching Assistant for Engineering Economic Analysis (1/93-5/93)*

### Computer Skills

**Data Analysis:** R, SAS, SPSS, Rapid Miner

**OR:** CPLEX, Arena, At Risk

**Database:** SQL Server, Oracle, Access, MySQL

**Languages:** C++, Visual Basic, C#, R, VBA, Python, Java

**SCM:** SAP and Transportation Manager

Strong Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point, Access) skills both teaching and using.

## Articles and Conference Papers

1. Schulte, C., Curry, J., Zaloom, V., Zhu, W., Lou, H., Marquez, A. (2010). Scheduling Hazardous Waste Incinerators Using a Simulated Annealing Linear Programming Heuristic, *Environmental Engineering Science*. 27(7): 569-575. (Peer Reviewed Journal with Impact Factor of .893)
2. Zhu, W., Curry, J., and Marquez, A. (2008). SIMD Tabu search for the Quadratic Assignment Problem with graphics hardware acceleration. *International Journal of Production Research* *International Journal of Production Research*, Volume 48, Issue 4, 1035 - 1047. (Peer Reviewed Journal with Impact Factor of 1.03)
3. Curry, J. and Peters, B. A. (2005). Rescheduling parallel machines with stepwise increasing tardiness and machine assignment stability objectives. *International Journal of Production Research*, 43 (15), 3231-3246. (Peer Reviewed Journal with Impact Factor of 1.03)
4. James Curry, Weihang Zhu, Brian Craig, Lonnie Turpin Jr., Majed Al-Bokhari, Pavan Mhasavekar, Using a Natural Language Generation Approach to Documenting Simulation Results, Winter Simulation Conference, December 2013, Washinton DC, USA. (Peer Reviewed)
5. Kevin McSweeney, Brian Craig, James Curry, Weihang Zhu, Are Mariner Near Misses Influencing Design?, Journal of Transportation Research Board, 2013. (Peer Reviewed)
6. Weihang Zhu, James Curry, Anjali Mishra and Victor Zaloom (2009). A study of Ant Colony-Based Parallel Machine Scheduling with Graphics Hardware Acceleration, *Proceedings of the ASME 2009 International Manufacturing Science and Engineering Conference*, October 4-7, 2009, West Lafayette, Indiana, USA. (Peer Reviewed)
7. Weihang Zhu and James Curry (2009). Parallel Ant Colony for Nonlinear Function Optimization with Graphics Hardware Acceleration, *Proceedings of IEEE System, Man and Cybernetics Conference*, Oct 11~14, 2009, San Antonio, TX, USA. (Peer Reviewed)
8. Weihang Zhu and James Curry (2009). Particle Swarm with Graphics Hardware Acceleration and Local Pattern Search on Bound Constrained Problems, *IEEE Swarm Intelligence Symposium*. (Peer Reviewed)
9. Weihang Zhu and James Curry (2009). Multi-walk Parallel Pattern Search on a GPU Computing Platform, *International Conference of Computational Science*, Baton Rouge, LA, USA, 2009. (Peer Reviewed)
10. Weihang Zhu, James Curry, A. Marquez, GPU-accelerated SIMT Tabu Search for the Quadratic Assignment Problem, *Transactions of SME/NAMRC 2009*. (Peer Reviewed)
11. Smith, J.S., Peters, B.A, Curry, J. and Gupta, D., Prototype software model for designing intruder detection systems with simulation, *Proceedings of SPIE '98*, Orlando, FL, April, 1998. (Peer Reviewed)
12. Peters, B.A., Smith, J.S., Curry, J., LaJimodiore, C. and Drake, G.R. (1996), Simulation based scheduling and control, *Proceedings of the 1996 Winter Simulation Conference*, San Diego, CA. (Peer Reviewed)
13. Craig, B., Curry, J., Zhu, W., McSweeney, K., and Papillon, R., Reporting Practices for Near Miss Reporting Systems, *Proceedings of the 2014 Offshore Technology Conference*, Houston, Texas, May 2014.
14. Dr. James Curry, Dr. Brian Craig P.E., and Dr. Weihang Zhu (2016). An Online 2+2 Bachelor's

- Degree Program Track in Industrial Engineering at Lamar University. ASEE 123rd Annual Conference and Exposition, New Orleans, June 26-29. (Peer Reviewed)
15. Dr. Nicholas Brake and Dr. James C. Curry (2016). The Impact of One-Credit Introductory Engineering Courses on Engineering Self-Efficacy: Seminar v. Project-Based. ASEE 123rd Annual Conference and Exposition, New Orleans, June 26-29. (Peer Reviewed)
  16. M Bokhari, J Curry, A El-Houbi, HW Chu, A Marquez, X Liu (2015). A Data To Text Framework For Describing Regression Models: An Optimization Approach For Content Determination. International Journal of Business, Marketing, & Decision Science 8 (1).
  17. Shreyas Shashidhara, Xinyu Liu, Weihang Zhu, James Curry, Victor Zaloom (2013). Experimental Investigation of the Tool Wear and Tool Life in Micro Hard Milling, ASME 2013 International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition.