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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, 1985
- MBA, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, 1978
- Bachelor of Technology (Electronics Engineering), Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, 1976

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Dean for Research, McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin (2004–2011)
- Kenneth M. and Susan T. Jastrow II Chair in Business, McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin (2005–present)
- Red McCombs Endowed Chair in Business, McCombs School of Business, The University of Texas at Austin (2002–05)
- Smeal Chaired Professor of Management Science & Information Systems, Smeal College of Business, The Pennsylvania State University (1996–2002)
- Associate Professor/Assistant Professor, Sloan School of Management, MIT (1988–95)
- Assistant Professor, Krannert Graduate School of Management, Purdue University (1985–88)
- Research Associate, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (1979–80)

AWARDS

- McCombs School of Business *Career Award for Outstanding Research Contributions*, 2017
- Finalist, INFORMS *Daniel H. Wagner Prize for Excellence in Operations Research Practice*, 2017
- *IIE Transactions Best Paper Award*, Institute of Industrial and Systems Engineers, 2016
- *Wickham Skinner Best Published Paper Award*, Production and Operations Management Society, 2011
- *Best paper award*, Telecommunications Section, INFORMS National Meeting, San Jose, California, 2002
- *Research Fellow*, eBusiness Research Center, Penn State University, 2001–02
- *Salgo Noren Outstanding MBA Teaching Award*, Krannert Graduate School of Management, Purdue University, 1988
- *Transportation Science Best Dissertation Prize*, Operations Research Society of America, 1985
- *Zenon and Clotilde Zannetos Dissertation Prize*, Sloan School of Management, MIT, 1985

- *Institute Gold Medal*, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, 1978
- *Air India Scholarship*, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, 1977, 1978

PRIMARY RESEARCH AREAS

- Operations planning and scheduling
- Logistics and distribution management
- Supply chain design and coordination
- Telecommunications network planning and optimization
- Network optimization and integer programming

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Balakrishnan, A., T. L. Magnanti, P. Mirchandani, and R. T. Wong. 2020. "Network Design with Routing Requirements," in *Network Design with Applications to Transportation and Logistics*, T. G. Crainic, M. Gendreau, and B. Gendron, (eds.) Springer 2020
- Roth, B., A. Balakrishnan, P. Dewan, A. Kuo, D. Mallampati, and J. Morales. 2018. "Crew Decision Assist: System for Optimizing Crew Assignments in BNSF Railway," *Interfaces* (now called *INFORMS Journal on Applied Analytics*), Vol. 48, pp. 436-448, 2018
- Balakrishnan, A., G. Li, and P. Mirchandani. 2017. "Optimal Network Design with End-to-End Service Requirements," *Operations Research*, Vol. 65, pp. 729-750.
- Balakrishnan, A., and C. V. Karsten. 2017. "Container Shipping Service Selection and Cargo Routing with Transshipment Limits," *European Journal of Operational Research*, Vol. 263, pp. 652-663.
- Balakrishnan, A., A. Kuo, and X. Si. 2016. "Real-Time Decision Support for Crew Assignment in Double-Ended Districts for Freight Railways," *Transportation Science*, Vol. 50, pp. 1337-1359.
- Li, G., and A. Balakrishnan. 2016. "Models and Algorithms for Network Reduction," *European Journal of Operational Research*, Vol. 248, pp. 930-942.
- Balakrishnan, A., and H. P. Natarajan. 2014. "Designing Fee Tables for Retail Delivery Services by Third-party Logistics Providers," *IIE Transactions*, Vol. 46, pp. 1261-1278.
(Winner of *IIE Transactions Best Paper Award*, 2016)
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- Balakrishnan A., and H. P. Natarajan. 2014. "Integrated Procurement Planning in Multi-division Firms," *Production and Operations Management*, Vol. 23, pp. 1795-1810.
- Balakrishnan, A., S. Sundaresan, and B. Zhang. 2014. "Browse-and-Switch: Retail-Online Competition under Value Uncertainty," *Production and Operations Management*, Vol. 23, No. 7, pp. 1129-1145.

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- Akçay, Y., A. Balakrishnan, and S. Xu. 2010. "Dynamic Assignment of Flexible Service Resources," *Production and Operations Management*, Vol. 19, No. 3, pp. 279-304. (Winner of the *Wickham Skinner Best Published Paper Award*, Production and Operations Management Society, 2011)
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- Balakrishnan, A., and N. R. Patel. 1987. "Problem Reduction Methods and a Tree Generation Algorithm for the Steiner Network Problem," *Networks*, Vol. 17, pp. 65-85.

PROCEEDINGS (since 2000)

- Balakrishnan, P. Mirchandani, and B. Zhang. 2006. "Modeling and Solving Service Network Design Problems" (with P. Mirchandani and B. Zhang), *NSF Design, Service and Manufacturing Grantees and Research Conference Proceedings*, St. Louis, Missouri.
- Balakrishnan, A., Y. Xia, and B. Zhang. 2005. "Shaping Demand to Match Anticipated Supply," Proceedings of the *Manufacturing & Service Operations Management Conference*, Evanston, IL, June 2005
- Balakrishnan, P. Mirchandani, and B. Zhang. 2005. "Valid Inequalities for the Constrained Shortest Path Problem," Refereed proceedings of the *International Network Optimization Conference INOC 2005*, Lisbon, Portugal, March 2005, L. Gouveia and C. Mourao (eds.), pp. B1.24 to B1.30
- Balakrishnan, A., P. Mirchandani, and B. Zhang. 2005. "A Cutting-Plane Approach for the Weight-Constrained Network Design Problem" *2005 NSF Design, Service and Manufacturing Grantees and Research Conference Proceedings*, Scottsdale, Arizona, J. Shah (ed.)
- Balakrishnan, A., P. Mirchandani, and B. Zhang. 2004. "Optimal Routing in Service Networks," *2004 NSF Design, Service and Manufacturing Grantees and Research Conference Proceedings*, Dallas, Texas, R. Kovacevic (ed.)
- Balakrishnan, A., and P. Mirchandani. 2003. "A New Approach for Designing Robust Networks," *2003 NSF Design, Service and Manufacturing Grantees and Research Conference Proceedings*, R. G. Reddy (ed.), pp. 617-646.
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- Balakrishnan, A., M. S. Pangburn, and E. Stavroulaki. 2000. "Lot Sizing with Demand Stimulating Inventories," Proceedings of the *Manufacturing and Service Operations Management Conference*, Ann Arbor, Michigan, July 2000.

RESEARCH FUNDING

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STUDENT SUPERVISION

Served as thesis advisor or co-advisor for over 40 graduate (masters' and doctoral) students in management and engineering at Purdue, MIT, Penn State, and the University of Texas at Austin. Also served on thesis committees for many masters' and doctoral students.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Service

- Senior Editor, *Productions and Operations Management*, 2003-09, 2015-present
- Editorial Board Member, *Networks*, 1999–present
- Area Editor, *Operations Research*, 2006-2012
- Area Editor, Telecommunications & E-Commerce, *INFORMS Journal on Computing*, 1992–2001
- Senior Editor, Associate Editor, *Manufacturing & Service Operations Management*, 1996-2005, 2010-2015
- Associate Editor, *Management Science*, 2006–2009
- Co-editor, Special issue of *Production and Operations Management* on “Collaboration and Coordination in Supply Chain Management and E-Commerce,” 2002–04
- Editorial Board Member, *Telecommunication Systems*, 1994–2006
- Editorial Board Member, *Technology & Operations Review*, 1996–99

Referee for many journals including:

Management Science, Operations Research, Manufacturing & Service Operations Management, Production and Operations Management, Decision Support Systems, IIE Transactions, Mathematical Programming, Naval Research Logistics, Networks, SIAM Journal of Discrete and Algebraic Methods, Transportation Science, Transportation Research, INFORMS Journal on Computing, Telecommunication Systems, Annals of Operations Research.

Professional Presentations

Regularly present research in invited sessions at leading national and international conferences in operations and supply chain management, operations research, and management science, and have given invited seminars at many universities.

Professional Service

- Member or Chair of several committees for best paper, dissertation, and student paper competitions (including competitions organized by Telecommunications, Manufacturing & Service Operations, Analytics, and Railroad Applications Sections) in INFORMS.
- Member of Program Review team for programs at other universities, including MSIS program at Carey School of Business, Johns Hopkins University, and PhD program at HKUST Business School
- Member of National Science Foundation panels and of Committee of Visitors DMII Division.
- Program Committee member for several conferences including INFORMS Boston and Austin Conferences, International Network Optimization Conference, and TRISTAN conferences.
- Vice-President for Subdivisions, INFORMS, 1999 - 2002

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Associate Dean for Research, McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin, 2004 – 2011
- Chair, McCombs Faculty Research Committee (2018-present), McCombs Research Awards Committee (2017-18), and member or chair of many school-wide and departmental committees
- Served as Chair or Member of many school-wide and departmental committees, at Purdue, MIT, Penn State, and the University of Texas at Austin, dealing with strategic planning, doctoral curriculum design, graduate programs review and renewal (Ph.D. and MBA), undergraduate research opportunities, curriculum review and redesign, promotion and tenure, recruiting, research, endowment, centers, and outreach activities.