Ignacio Rios

Academic Appointments

2020- Assistant Professor of Operations Management, Naveen Jindal School of Management, University of Texas at Dallas

Education

- 2020 PhD in Operations, Information and Technology, Stanford University
- 2020 Master in Economics, Stanford University
- 2014 Master in Operations Management, University of Chile
- 2013 Industrial Engineering (MS equivalent), University of Chile
- 2011 BS in Industrial Engineering, University of Chile

Research

Publications

- 1. Capacity Planning in Stable Matching: An Application to School Choice, with F. Bobbio, M. Carvalho, A. Lodi, and A. Torrico.
 - Operations Research (forthcoming).
 - Second Place, CORS Student Paper Competition, 2023.
- 2. Behavioral Externalities of Process Automation in Sequential Tasks, with R. Beer and A. Qi.
 - **♣** Management Science (forthcoming).
- 3. Competition in Sequential Search, with P. Ghosh.
 - **➡** M&SOM, 26(6):2256−2273, 2024.
 - Tirst Place, Best Working Paper Behavioral Operations, 2023.
- 4. Improving Match Rates in Dating Markets through Assortment Optimization, with D. Saban and F. Zheng.
 - **➡** M&SOM, 25(4), 1304-1323, 2023.
 - Second Place, M&SOM Practice Based Competition, 2021.
- 5. School Choice in Chile, with J. Correa, N. Epstein, R. Espstein, J. Escobar, B. Bahamondes, C. Bonet, N. Epstein, N. Aramayo, M. Castillo, A. Cristi, B. Epstein, and F. Subiabre.
 - **Operations Research**, 70(2), 1066-1087, 2022.
 - Tinalist, Euro Excellence in Operations Award, 2019.
 - **T** Finalist, IFORS Prize for OR in Development, 2020.
- 6. Improving the Chilean College Admissions System, with T. Larroucau, G. Parra, and R. Cominetti.
 - **Operations Research**, 69(4), 1015-1348, 2021.
 - **T** First Place, Doing Good with Good OR, 2018.
- 7. Increased Transparency in Procurement: the Role of Peer-Effects, with R. Beer and D. Saban.
 - **➡** Management Science, 67(12), 7291-7950, 2021.
 - Y Second Place, Best Working Paper Behavioral Operations, 2018.

- 8. Building a stochastic programming model from scratch: A harvesting management example, with A. Weintraub and R. J-B Wets.
 - **Quantitative Finance**, 16(2), 189-199, 2016.
- 9. Multi-period forecasting and scenario generation with limited data, with R. J-B. Wets and D. Woodruff. **Computational Management Science**, 12(2), 267-295, 2015.
- 10. Modeling and estimating commodity prices, with R. J-B. Wets.
 - **♣** Mathematics and Financial Economics, 9(4), 247-270, 2015.
- 11. Toward Scalable Stochastic Unit Commitment Part 1: Load Scenario Generation, with Y. Feng, S. Ryan, K. Spürkel, J.P. Watson, R.J. Wets and D. Woodruff.
 - **Energy Systems**, 6(3), 309-329, 2015.
- 12. Effect of Including High-School Grades in the Admission Process to Chilean Universities, with A. Mizala and T. Larroucau.
 - **Pensamiento Educativo**, 52(1), 95-118, 2015.
- 13. Stochastic Unit Commitment at ISO Scale, with K. Cheung, Y. Feng, D. Gade, Y. Lee, C. Monroy, F. Rüdel, J.P. Watson, R.J. Wets, and D. Woodruff.
 - Proc. of the IEEE Power & Energy Society, 2013.

Under Review

- 1. Designing Effective Fundraising Campaigns, with P. Ghosh and A. Qi.
 - Under review at M&SOM.
- 2. Stable Matching with Contingent Priorities, with F. Bobbio, M. Carvalho, and A. Torrico.
 - Reject & Resubmit at Management Science (resubmitted).
- 3. Platform Design in Curated Dating Markets, with A. Torrico.
 - ➡ Major revision at M&SOM (resubmitted).
- 4. College Application Mistakes and the Design of Information Policies at Scale, with T. Larroucau, A. Fabre, and C. Nielson.
 - Revise & Resubmit at Journal of Political Economy (resubmitted).
- 5. Dynamic College Admissions, with T. Larroucau.
 - Reject & Resubmit at **Econometrica**.
- 6. Team Building and Incentive Schemes in Collaborative Projects, with R. Beer and A. Qi.
 - Reject & Resubmit at M&SOM.

Working Papers

- 1. Strategic Behavior in the Chilean College Admissions Problem, with T. Larroucau., C. Campos and R. Lee.
- 2. Designing Effective Fundraising Campaigns: Behavioral Insights, with P. Ghosh and A. Qi.
- 3. Incentive Design for Long-Term Retention of New Gig Workers, with N. Epstein.

Work in Progress

- 1. Platform Complexities and their Implications for Application Mistakes, with T. Larroucau, M. Martinez, and C. Nielson.
- 2. Optimal Design of Search Platforms: Behavioral Insights.
- 3. Counterfactual Explanations for Resource Allocation Problems, with J. Chua and I. Zhu.
- 4. Market Design for Residential Dark Warehousing, with A. Frazelle and S. Ghosal.
- 5. Designing Fair Admissions Policies under Exam Retaking, with R. Sharma.

6. Designing Admission Requirements: Balancing Access, Competition, and Student Outcomes, with A. Marar.

Instruction

Teaching

- 2020-2022, 2025 Undergraduate Operations Management, University of Texas at Dallas
 - 2022–2025 Graduate Spreadsheet Modeling, University of Texas at Dallas
 - 2016–2018 MBA Optimization, Simulation and Modeling (TA), Stanford University
 - 2018 MBA Online Marketplaces (TA), Stanford University
 - 2011–2012 Stochastic Processes (TA), University of Chile
 - 2012 Optimization (TA), University of Chile
 - 2012 Operations Management (TA), University of Chile
 - 2011 Introduction to Economics (TA), University of Chile

Doctoral Advisement

- 2023-present Pramit Ghosh, PhD student (Primary Advisor).
- 2025-present Abhijit Marar, PhD student (Primary Advisor).
- 2025-present Rahul Sharma, PhD student (Primary Advisor).
- 2025-present Shayak Ghosal, PhD student (Co-Advisor).

Professional Recognition

Honors and Awards

- 2025 Naveen Jindal School of Management Outstanding Graduate Teacher of the Year.
- 2025 40 Under 40, Best Business School Professors, Poets & Quants.
- 2025 Nominee, President's Teaching Excellence Award in Graduate/Professional Instruction.
- 2024 Winner, Owlie Best Graduate Teaching Award.
- 2023 First Place, BOM Best Working Paper Competition.
- 2023 Second Place (Hon. Mention), CORS Student Paper Competition.
- 2021 Second Place (runner-up), IFORS Prize for OR in Development.
- 2021 Second Place (Hon. Mention), M&SOM Practice Based Competition.
- 2021 Finalist, Owlie Best Undergraduate Teaching Award.
- 2019 Finalist, Excellence in Practice Award, EURO.
- 2018 First Place, Doing Good with Good OR Competition.
- 2018 Second Place, BOM Best Working Paper Competition.
- 2018 Community Impact Award, Stanford University.
- 2015 Jaedicke Award, Stanford GSB.
- 2013 Best Teaching Assistant, University of Chile.
- 2011–2012 Community Award, University of Chile.
- 2007–2011 Outstanding Student Award, University of Chile.

Fellowships and Grants

- 2024–2025 Sydney Smith Hicks Faculty Fellowship.
- 2015–2020 Stanford GSB Fellowship.
- 2016-2018 FONDEF ID15I10468 Desarrollo de Tecnologías para la Admisión Escolar.

Presentations

- 2026 NUS Department of Analytics and Operations (scheduled); INSEAD Singapur (scheduled).
- 2025 ASSA; UCLA Anderson; UT Dallas Jindal; Universidad de Montevideo; BOC; M&SOM Conference; EC; Challenges in Digital Platforms Workshop, Chile; Universidad de Chile DII; UT Austin McCombs (scheduled); Cornell Tech (scheduled); INFORMS Annual Meeting (scheduled).
- 2024 EURO; Wisconsin School of Business; INFORMS Annual Meeting.
- 2023 Vanderbilt University Owen; Duke Fuqua; POMS; M&SOM Conference; BOC; INFORMS Annual Meeting.
- 2022 Rotman Young Scholar Seminar Series; Workshop in Management Science; INFORMS Annual Meeting.
- 2021 M&SOM Conference; EC; IFORS Meeting; INFORMS Annual Meeting.
- 2020 MIT Sloan; University of Chile; Pontificia Universidad Católica; UT Dallas Jindal; INFORMS Annual Meeting.
- 2019 EC; INFORMS Annual Meeting.
- 2018 M&SOM Conference; BOC; INFORMS Annual Meeting.
- 2017 INFORMS Annual Meeting.

Service and Organizations

- 2024–2025 Treasurer, INFORMS Auctions and Market Design Section.
 - 2025 Co-chair, BOM Best Working Paper Competition.
 - 2025 PC Member, EC Conference.
 - 2024 Chair, BOM Best Working Paper Competition.
 - 2024 PC Member EAAMO
- 2020–2025 Reviewer for: Management Science, M&SOM, Operations Research, POMS, Mathematical Programming, International Economic Review, Mathematics of Operations Research, EC Conference, EAAMO Conference.
- 2020-2025 Member: INFORMS, MSOM, POMS, ACM.

Other Information

Languages Spanish, English, French.

Programming Python, Julia.

Data Analysis Stata, R, SQL.

Writing Tools LaTeX, Office.

Patents G-Match, patent number N 254.243.