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## Research Interests

- Data Analytics, Natural Language Processing, Data Visualization, Statistical Surveillance, Supply Chain Network Analytics, Logistics
- Misinformation, Health Informatics, COVID-19, Social Media, Blockchain

## Education

- 2016 – 2022 **Ph.D., Industrial and System Engineering – Auburn University, Auburn, AL**  
Dissertation: Using Network Analysis and Text Analytic Approaches to Understand Social Media Feeds and Misinformation  
Advisors: Dr. Ashish Gupta (Department of Systems and Technology), Dr. Gregory Purdy (Department of Industrial and System Engineering)
- 2009 -2012 **M.S., Product and Process Development -Production and Logistics, Malardalen University, Västerås, Sweden.**  
Thesis: Production Control Mechanism In a Divergent Production Line  
Advisor: Magnus Wiktorsson
- 2003 - 2007 **B.S., Industrial Engineering, Mazandaran University of Science and Technology, Babol, Iran.**

## Professional Experience

- 2022-Present **Clinical Assistant Professor**, University of South Carolina, Columbia USA.
- 2014 - 2016 **Logistics Engineer**, Abidi Pharmaceutical Co, Tehran Iran  
- Supply and Production Planning
- 2008 - 2009 **Logistics Engineer**, Saipa Diesel Co, Tehran Iran  
- Supply and Production Planning

## Research Experience

- 2018-Present **Graduate Research Assistant**, Data Analytic Group, Raymond J. Harbert College of Business.
- Text and network analytic approach to analyze misinformation in COVID-19 and compare it to true news.
  - Text and component-based SEM analytic approach to analyze fake news, satire and true news.
  - A data-driven approach to investigate financial well-being and the characteristics of the board members of the companies that showed their

intention to adopt Blockchain.

- A data-driven approach on predicting woody breast categories in chicken and analyzing the features involved in woody breast.

2009 -2012 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Product and Process Development Department, Malardalen University.

- Investigating and developing an effective way to control and supply material to a divergent production line in an automotive manufacturing company.

## Teaching Experience

Fall 2022 **Instructor**, Darla Moore School of Business.

- Applied Statistics for Business, undergraduate level

Fall 2020 **Instructor**, Raymond J. Harbert College of Business

- Application Development with Emerging Technologies (Python), undergraduate level

- Full course responsibility to teach Python

2018-present **Lab Instructor/GTA**, Industrial and Systems Engineering Dept.

- Manufacturing Systems I, undergraduate level

- Responsible for developing lab curriculum, teaching, grading and mentoring students.

2020-present **Other GTAs**, Raymond J. Harbert College of Business

- Quantitative Analysis for Business Decisions, Business Analytic I and II, Quality & Process Improvement.

2016-2018 **Other GTAs**, Industrial and Systems Engineering Dept.

- Probability and Statistics II, Six Sigma, Deterministic Operations Research.

Fall 2021 **Guest Speaker**, Raymond J. Harbert College of Business

- Enterprise Management of the Big Data Environment.

## Publications

### Published Papers

Gupta, A., Li, Han., Farnoush, A. and Jiang, W.K., 2021. Understanding Patterns of COVID Infodemic: A Systematic and Pragmatic Approach to Curb Fake News. Journal of Business Research [Ranked "A" in ABDC Journal quality list].

Farnoush, A., Gupta, A., Dolarsara, H.A., Paradice, D. and Rao, S., 2021. Going beyond intent to adopt Blockchain: an analytics approach to understand board member and financial health characteristics. Annals of Operations Research, pp.1-31 [Ranked "A" in ABDC Journal quality list].

Farnoush, A. and Wiktorsson, M., 2013. POLCA and CONWIP performance in a divergent production line: an automotive case study. *Journal of Management Control* 24(2), pp.159-186 [Ranked "A" in ABDC Journal quality list].

Farnoush, A. and Wiktorsson, M., 2012. Production control mechanisms and POLCA performance in a divergent production line. *Journal of Production Research and Management*, 2(3).

### **Peer-Reviewed Proceedings**

Farnoush, A. and Wiktorsson, M. 2013, August. Production control mechanisms Proceedings in a convergent production line. In Hamburg International Conference of Logistics. 5-6 Sep 2013 (pp. 319-332). Lohmar.

### **Conferences**

Farnoush, A., Gupta, A., Gregory, P., Analyzing the characteristics of Facebook posts about the COVID-19 vaccine. (DSI Conference presentation, Houston-USA 2022), <https://dsi-annualconference2022.exordo.com/programme/presentation/409>.

Farnoush, A., Gupta, A., Gregory, P., An Approach for Extracting Latent Topics from Fake News. (DSI Conference presentation, New Orleans-USA 2019), <https://dsi-annualconference2019.exordo.com/programme/presentation/127>.

Farnoush, A., Gupta, A., Dolarsara, H.A., Identifying Indicators of Blockchain Adoption. (INFORMS Conference presentation Phoenix-USA, 2018), <https://www.abstractsonline.com/pp8/#!/4701/session/2116>.

### **Professional Services and Membership**

2021 Session Chair for Inform's Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA.

2020-present Webmaster in INFORMS Student Chapter, Auburn University.

2019-present Article Reviewer at *Information Systems Frontiers*.

2019-present Article Reviewer at International Conference on Information Systems

2019-present Article Reviewer at *Journal of Modelling Management*.

2019-present Article Reviewer at *Journal of Business Analytics*.

### **Computer Skills**

**Analytic Tools:** Python, R, SmartPLS, SPSS, JMP, SAS, Tableau

**Network Analysis:** Gephi, KNIME

**Data Visualization:** Tableau, Python and some exposure to D3.js.

**Database Management:** MySQL, Microsoft Access

**Discrete Event Simulation:** ExtendSim