



## **Amirhossein Tae**

**Affiliation:** Georgia Southern University

**Research Areas:** Risk.

**Method Strengths:** Secondary Data.

### **Biography:**

Amirhossein Tae is a PhD student in Logistics, Materials, and Supply Chain Management at Georgia Southern University's Parker College of Business. His primary research focuses on pharmaceutical supply chains, building upon his background in logistics and maritime management. He holds a Master's degree in Management of Maritime and Air Transport from Antwerp Management School and a Bachelor's degree in Mining and Mineral Engineering from Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic).

His professional experience includes two years working within a supply chain team at an auto parts distributor company, where he gained valuable insights into supply chain dynamics. His academic strengths include market analysis, engineering, and research, with specific expertise in project planning and management.

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## Angel Simon

**Affiliation:** Ohio State University

**Research Areas:** Supply Chain Talent.

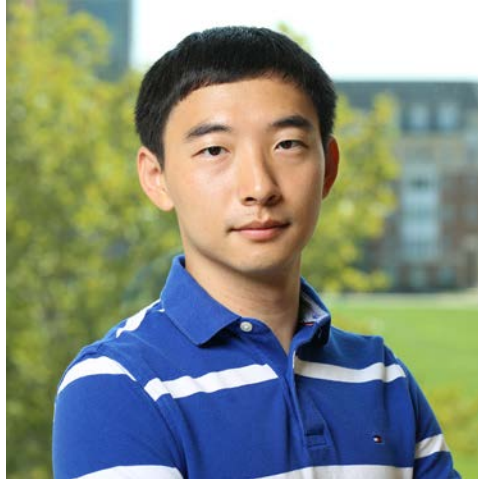
**Method Strengths:** Secondary Data Analysis and Experimental Design.

### **Biography:**

Angel Simon is a Logistics doctoral student specializing in supply chain management at the Fisher College of Business and holds a BS in Industrial and Systems Engineering from Ohio State University.

Prior to the Ph.D. program, Angel worked as a software technology consultant and maintained her Project Management Professional (PMP) certification. Her research interests include supply chain talent management and the acquisition stage of the talent lifecycle.

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## **Brett Wang**

**Affiliation:** University of Maryland

**Research Areas:** Retail Operations and Strategies, Retail Technology Innovations, Responsible Service Operations.

**Method Strengths:** Econometrics.

### **Biography:**

Brett Wang is a fifth-year Ph.D. student at the Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland. Before joining the Ph.D. program, Brett received a Master of Science degree in Global Logistics from Arizona State University. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Information Systems from Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

Brett's research focuses on retail operations and strategies, specifically retail technology innovations and responsible service operations. Brett has one publication in the International Journal of Physical Distribution & Logistics Management.

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## **Bri-Jae A. Scarlander**

**Affiliation:** Ohio State University

**Research Areas:** Resilience, Risk Management.

**Method Strengths:** TBD.

### **Biography:**

Bri-Jae A. Scarlander is a student in the Fisher College of Business Logistics Ph.D. program, passionate about researching and solving issues within logistics and supply chain management. Her values of loyalty, perseverance, and family motivate her work ethic and priorities. Her experiences overcoming life's challenges have shaped her resilience and determination, molding her into the professional she is today. She seeks to connect with others through shared experiences in culture, education, and personal and professional goals. Diversity and equity are at the forefront of her work ethic as she strives to foster an inclusive and fair environment for everyone.

Her professional experience spans nuclear logistics, supply chain management, research and analytics, fuels management, counseling, and social justice advocacy. These diverse roles have provided her with a unique perspective and a deep understanding of logistics complexities. She maintains an openness to partnerships and opportunities that challenge her to learn and grow.

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## Carolin Behrens

**Affiliation:** Chalmers University of Technology

**Research Areas:** (Service) Supply Chains, Circularity, Sensemaking.

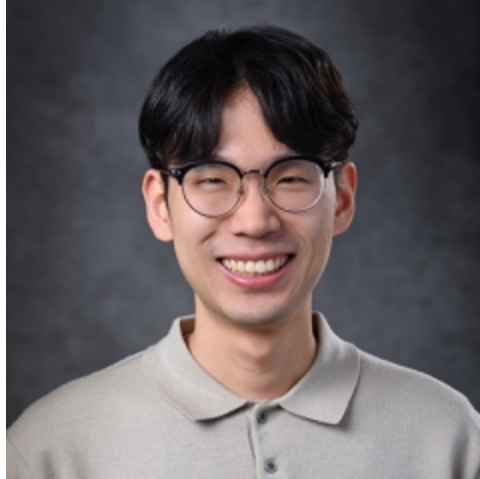
**Method Strengths:** Engaged Scholarship (Action Research), Qualitative Methods such as interviews and observations.

### Biography:

Carolin Behrens is currently a PhD student at the Chalmers University of Technology in the Department of Supply and Operations Management. She completed her bachelor's and master's degrees in Germany, where the former focused on business administration with an emphasis on transport logistics, while the latter major was in logistics and supply chain management.

Her research focuses on advancing service supply chains to enhance sustainable development. At this stage, her work explores the possibilities and opportunities of borrowing from organizational theory (sensemaking by Weick) to support companies' sustainable development in the context of energy supply and construction. As part of her departmental duties, she has been teaching and assisting in the courses: Service Management, Purchasing & Supply Management as well as Management of Physical Distribution.

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## Chaehwan Lim

**Affiliation:** Michigan State University

**Research Areas:** Retail Operation, Supply Chain Resilience.

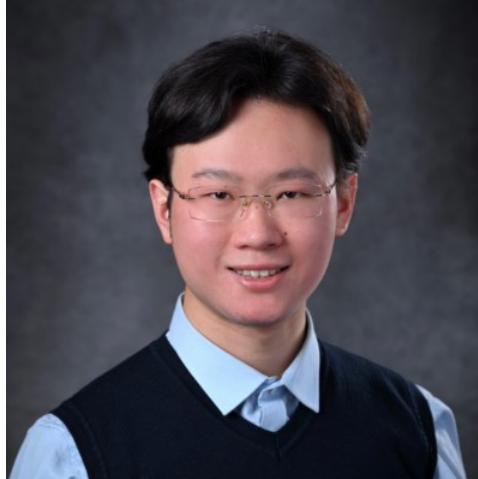
**Method Strengths:** Econometric Methods and Text Mining.

### **Biography:**

Chaehwan Lim is a Ph.D student in his second year majoring in Supply Chain Management at Michigan State University. He received his bachelor's degree in Logistics with a minor in Statistics at Inha University. His research spans both upstream and downstream areas of the retail industry, with an interest in the dynamics between suppliers, retailers, and consumers.

Specifically, he explores power dynamics between suppliers and retailers, and the impact of omnichannel strategies adoption by retailers. He utilizes econometric methods, text mining, and Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) in his research.

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## Chang Gao

**Affiliation:** Michigan State University

**Research Areas:** Circular Economy, Closed-Loop Supply Chain.

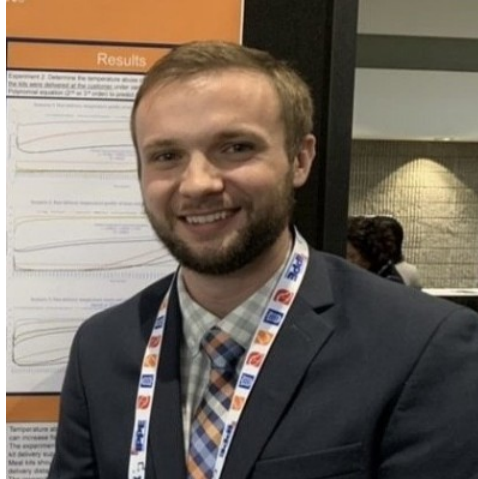
**Method Strengths:** Experiment, Qualitative.

### **Biography:**

Chang Gao is a second-year logistics doctoral student at Michigan State University. His research focuses on closed-loop supply chains and consumer-centric logistics service quality. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Supply Chain Management and Information Management Systems with a minor in Russian language from Northeastern University and a Master of Science in Applied Analytics from Columbia University.

His professional experience includes roles as an E-Commerce Operation Analyst at Wayfair LLC and an Energy Market & Sustainability Analyst at SourceOne Inc. in Boston. He also served as an Event Coordinator for the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals New England Chapter.

Currently, he is working on multiple research projects. In the closed-loop supply chain domain, he is examining the impact of leniency in electronics trade-in programs on consumer outcomes and investigating how manufacturers can facilitate DIY repairs through various tools. He is also developing a systematic literature review on logistics service quality, scheduled for submission before March 1.



## Charles Brock Herron

**Affiliation:** Auburn University

**Research Areas:** Bottom of the Pyramid, Crowdsourcing, Social Sustainability, Microfinance, Cold Chain.

**Method Strengths:** Secondary Data Analysis, Qualitative.

### **Biography:**

Charles “Brock” Herron is a doctoral student in Supply Chain Management at Auburn University. He holds a Master of Science in Food Science and a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science, both from Auburn University. During his master’s research, he worked in a microbiology lab and completed his thesis on the connection between last-mile logistics, less-than-truckload shipping, and their impact on food safety and spoilage.

For his doctoral research, he studies social sustainability, with interests in microfinance, food insecurity, food waste, and the bottom of the pyramid. He is focused on the connection between food insecurity and labor productivity, aiming to improve the safety, efficiency, and sustainability of food distribution systems. His research addresses critical supply chain challenges to enhance social outcomes, contributing to a more sustainable and equitable food system.

Brock’s academic journey has been focused on understanding the dynamics of food safety and sustainability within supply chains. His background in food science and animal science, combined with his experience in microbiology and logistics, informs his current research. His work aims to contribute to academic knowledge and offer practical solutions for enhancing the safety and sustainability of food supply chains, with potential benefits for both producers and consumers.





## Chiara Sguizzardi

**Affiliation:** University of Verona (IT)

**Research Areas:** Supply Chain GHG Emissions, Circular Economy, Sustainable Supply Chain Management.

**Method Strengths:** Qualitative Methods: Grounded Theory Approach (Interviews, Gioia Method, Content Analysis).

### Biography:

Chiara Sguizzardi is a second-year Ph.D. student in Accounting and Management, a PhD program jointly offered by the University of Verona and the University of Udine (IT). She holds an Industrial PhD scholarship issued by Bonferraro-Smeg Group in the field of “Logistics & supply chain management.” She obtained her master’s degree in marketing and business communication at the University of Verona in April 2021, with a thesis on the role of logistics in the healthcare industry during the Covid-19 pandemic. Her work has been rewarded by Consorzio Dafne with a scholarship. After that, she started a post-graduate research fellow position at the University of Verona, working on RELOAD (Resilient Logistics and Supply Chain Design), a competitive project funded by the Veneto Region.

Starting from January 2022, she’s also working as a tutor for Logimaster (Master in Logistics and Supply Chain). Her primary research interests include supply chain GHG emissions reduction, circular supply chain management, and the interfaces of marketing & logistics. Her methodological approach is mainly qualitative.



## Chinedu Ufodike

**Affiliation:** University of Tennessee

**Research Areas:** Transportation Policy & Sustainability in Transportation.

**Method Strengths:** Econometrics; Secondary Data (Panel & Time Series), SEM.

### **Biography:**

Chinedu is a Ph.D. candidate in Supply Chain Management at the Haslam College of Business, University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Before joining the UT supply chain management Ph.D. program, Chinedu received a Master of Industrial Engineering and Management Systems at the University of Central Florida.

Chinedu holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Petroleum Engineering from the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, Nigeria. Chinedu's current research interest includes supply chain analytics, supply chain operations & sustainability transportation, and policies.

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## Dacosta Essel

**Affiliation:** University of North Texas

**Research Areas:** Port Sustainability and Competitiveness, Logistics and Transport, Supply Chain Performance and Sustainability.

**Method Strengths:** Quantitative Study, Using Statistical Tools.

### Biography:

Essel Dacosta is currently a PhD student at the University of North Texas, majoring in Supply Chain Management. He holds a master's degree in Logistics Engineering and Management from Dalian Maritime University (2021), China, and received his first degree from the Regional MARITIME University of Ghana, majoring in Ports and Shipping Administration (2015). His professional experience includes five years in the industry, undertaking various forms of supply chain-related activities, both at seaport and inland container terminal operations.

As an academician, he has established a strong research background with over eighteen publications in highly reputable journals with several citations. He serves as a peer reviewer for numerous journals including JCP, SPC, and the International Journal of Supply Chain Management. His current research focuses on port technology.

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## Derek Dubois

**Affiliation:** University of Rhode Island

**Research Areas:** Service Supply Chains, News Media, Information Flows.

**Method Strengths:** Qualitative Research (interviews, case studies, focus groups, grounded theory), Behavioral Experiments.

### Biography:

Derek Dubois is a second-year Ph.D. student in Operations and Supply Chain Management at URI's College of Business. His research interests include service supply chains, paradox theory, finance and information flows, and the intersection between SCM and Media Studies. Before embarking on his Ph.D., Derek spent 18 years in industry. His most recent role was as an Executive Director of Finance Operations for CVS Health, where he led high-performing teams of over 250 geographically dispersed colleagues and managed revenue cycle functions for the company's retail and PBM businesses.

In addition to his academic pursuits, Derek is an award-winning filmmaker and writer. His short films have been showcased in international festivals, and his creative nonfiction has been published in recognized outlets. His active research aims to conceptualize the U.S. news media supply chain, exploring how technological and sociocultural changes have impacted information flow and contributed to reduced public trust.

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## **Drew Hildebrandt**

**Affiliation:** Auburn University

**Research Areas:** Healthcare, Resilience, Responsiveness.

**Method Strengths:** Quantitative and Archival.

### **Biography:**

Drew Hildebrandt is a PhD student at Auburn University focusing on supply chain systems and healthcare operations management. His research explores the dynamics and complexities of supply chain networks, with particular emphasis on how they adapt to disruptions, evolve over time, and integrate innovative practices. In the healthcare sector, he studies operational strategies that improve efficiency, enhance patient outcomes, and promote equitable access to care.

His work aims to bridge the disciplines of supply chain management and healthcare operations to develop actionable insights that contribute to both academic understanding and practical advancements.

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## **Elnaz Hesami Naghshbandi**

**Affiliation:** Auburn University

**Research Areas:** SCM, OM, Logistics.

**Method Strengths:** TBD.

### **Biography:**

Elnaz is a doctoral student in the Department of Supply Chain Management at the Harbert College of Business, Auburn University. She earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Industrial Engineering in Iran, her home country. Before joining the program, she spent one year as a research assistant at Ivey Business School, University of Western Ontario, Canada.

Elnaz is passionate about finding practical solutions to real-world challenges in Supply Chain Management using both quantitative and qualitative methods. Her background in industrial engineering and hands-on experience working in a factory have provided her with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in this field.

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## Finnegan Mckinley

**Affiliation:** University of Arkansas

**Research Areas:** Behavioral Supply Chain Management, Artificial Intelligence, Forecasting, Planning, Experiments.

**Method Strengths:** Lab Experiments (Incentive-based, Vignette-based), Econometrics.

### Biography:

Finnegan (Finn) McKinley is a third-year PhD Candidate in Supply Chain Management at the University of Arkansas. Finn's primary research interest centers on the implementation of advanced technologies, such as machine learning tools, artificial intelligence, and generative AI, in supply chain management processes.

More specifically, he is interested in human response to, interaction with, and acceptance of these technologies. Finn mainly employs experimental and econometric methodologies to investigate these human-machine collaborations.

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## Ha Lam

**Affiliation:** University of Arkansas

**Research Areas:** Global Sourcing, Global Operations, Offshoring, Reshoring.

**Method Strengths:** Econometrics, Text Mining, Simulation.

### **Biography:**

Ha Lam is currently a third-year Ph.D. student in the Supply Chain Management department at the Walton College of Business – University of Arkansas. Before joining the program, she worked as a Retention Analyst at Alabama A&M University. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration, specializing in International Business Management. She also obtained an MBA from National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan, and an MSc in Management Science and Business Analytics from the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Ha's research focuses on investigating various aspects of global operations and sourcing strategies, supply network structures, and the dynamics of buyer-supplier relationships. She possesses a keen interest in understanding the impact of firms' global sourcing strategies on firm performance. Additionally, Ha Lam is dedicated to unraveling the factors that influence decision-making processes within buyer-supplier relationships. To conduct her research, she employs a diverse range of methodologies, including econometric models, experiments, text mining, and machine learning for data collection and analysis.

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## **Justine Koranteng**

**Affiliation:** Georgia Southern University

**Research Areas:** Supply Chain Visibility.

**Method Strengths:** TBD.

### **Biography:**

Justine Koranteng is a Ph.D. student in Logistics and Supply Chain Management at Georgia Southern University (GSU), with a strong academic background that includes an M.Sc. in Logistics and Supply Chain Management from the University of North Florida (UNF) and a B.Com. from the University of Cape Coast, Ghana. His research focuses on process optimization, sustainability, and reverse logistics networks, particularly in the fashion industry.

With over seven years of professional experience spanning logistics, supply chain management, finance, and research, Justine has developed expertise in market analysis, data analytics, process improvement, and strategic decision-making. His industry experience includes roles as a logistics analyst, strategic planner, and controller in the maritime and healthcare sectors. He has worked as a research and teaching assistant at the University of North Florida's Coggin College of Business and is currently at GSU, Paker College of Business.

Proficient in analytical tools like Tableau, STATA, and transportation management systems, Justine applies data-driven insights to enhance supply chain efficiency. His research and teaching efforts focus on bridging the gap between academia and industry, with a strong commitment to advancing sustainability and operational excellence in supply chain management.



## **Kehinde Yinusa**

**Affiliation:** Georgia Southern University

**Research Areas:** Digital Transformation and Supply Chain Resilience.

**Method Strengths:** Descriptive Methods.

### **Biography:**

Kehinde Yinusa is a PhD Student in Logistics and Supply Chain Management with a background in Engineering. His research interests lie at the intersection of logistics integration, supply chain resilience, and digital transformation, with a particular focus on exploring how emerging technologies and innovative strategies can enhance the efficiency, sustainability, and adaptability of global supply chains.

With years of professional experience in Enterprise Strategy, Product Management, and Business Development, he brings a practical, industry-driven perspective to academic work. His multidisciplinary background enables him to approach complex logistics and supply chain problems from both engineering and business standpoints. His work aims to provide insights that help organizations navigate disruptions, enhance operational resilience, and implement digital transformation strategies in a rapidly changing global market.

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## **Madison Edwards**

**Affiliation:** Auburn University

**Research Areas:** Technology in Supply Chain Management, Agricultural Logistics, Humanitarian Supply Chain Management.

**Method Strengths:** Mathematical Modeling.

### **Biography:**

Madison Edwards is a doctoral student in the Department of Supply Chain Management at Auburn University. She holds a Master of Science in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Georgia Southern University.

Madison's research interests are varied, encompassing technology in supply chain management, agricultural logistics, humanitarian supply chain management, and other emerging areas within the field.

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## Mary Ashley Stanton

**Affiliation:** Auburn University

**Research Areas:** Sustainable Retail, LSQ, Autonomous Delivery.

**Method Strengths:** TBD.

### **Biography:**

Mary Ashley Stanton is a second-year supply chain management doctoral student at Auburn University's Harbert College of Business. Her research interests include autonomous delivery, last-mile optimization, logistics service quality, and sustainable retail. She holds two master's degrees: an MS in Operations Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology and an MS in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, as well as a BS in Mathematics from the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Her research has been published in the Journal of Defense Analytics and Logistics, examining how autonomous rovers provide relief to constrained flight line maintenance activities. She was awarded the Major General Hugh J. Knerr Exceptional Author Award in 2021. As a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force, she brings extensive operational expertise in aviation and logistics management. She is an accomplished athlete, having completed two IRONMANs.

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## Matthew Reid

**Affiliation:** Auburn University

**Research Areas:** Industry 4.0, E-Commerce, Omnichannel Strategies, Business Ethics, Reverse Logistics.

**Method Strengths:** Predictive Modeling, White-Paper Writing, Discussion Sections.

### **Biography:**

Matthew Reid is a first-year doctoral student in Supply Chain Management at Auburn University. His preliminary research focuses on the role of Industry 4.0 in supply chain management, particularly its impact on reverse logistics. His other research interests include, but are not limited to, e-commerce, omnichannel strategies, and ethics.

Matthew has over a decade of industry experience across various sectors, including cruise lines, construction, consulting, cannabis, and disaster management, and has held diverse roles, such as project manager, supply chain lead, and regional director. Before joining the Ph.D. program at Auburn, Matthew earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Auburn University and his master's degree in Supply Chain Management from Michigan State University.

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### **Medha Kanakamedala**

**Affiliation:** Auburn University

**Research Areas:** Supply Chain Management Healthcare, BOP, AI, and Technologies.

**Method Strengths:** TBD.

#### **Biography:**

Medha Kanakamedala is a first-year PhD student in the Supply Chain Management department at Auburn University, prior to which she holds a Master's degree in Computer Science and Software Engineering at Auburn.

Medha is passionate about leveraging technology to address contemporary challenges in supply chain management. Her research interests focus on bridging the gap between technological advancements and SCM practices to develop innovative solutions. She aims to integrate technology into SCM to tackle modern industry challenges.

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## Michael John Dwyer

**Affiliation:** Iowa State University

**Research Areas:** Crowdsourced Logistics, Crowdsourced Labor, Behavioral Operations, AI/ML.

**Method Strengths:** Behavioral Experiments, Simulation, Qualitative.

### **Biography:**

Michael J. Dwyer is a Ph.D. candidate majoring in Supply Chain Management at Iowa State University. He earned his M.B.A. from the University of West Florida and B.A. from James Madison University. His research interests include crowdsourced logistics, behavioral research, and applications of machine learning and artificial intelligence in supply chains.

Prior to coming to Iowa State, Michael worked in finance, managing risk and insurance operations as a team lead. He also worked as an independent researcher in Guatemala, studying humanitarian aid supply chains. Michael is a veteran of the United States Air Force.

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## Nadja Vorontsova

**Affiliation:** University of Tennessee

**Research Areas:** Service Operations, Consumer-Centric Supply Chain, Sustainable Retail Operations, Carbon Neutrality.

**Method Strengths:** Randomized Controlled Trials, Causal Inference, Applied Econometrics, and Multivariate Statistics.

### **Biography:**

Nadja Vorontsova is a doctoral student in the Department of Supply Chain Management at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville's Haslam College of Business, which she joined in 2022. She holds a Master of Science degree in integrated supply chain management from UT and a Bachelor of Science in marketing from Western Carolina University.

Prior to entering the Ph.D. program, she worked for J. Crew and Madewell as a supply chain and operations analyst and held a senior lead role at HYDY, a digitally native "unicorn" startup focusing on consumer-packaged goods. Her current research interests are in service operations management in the context of sustainability, specifically sustainable service retail operations and behavioral operations, as they pertain to managerial and consumer decision-making.

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## **Omar Farooq**

**Affiliation:** New Mexico State University

**Research Areas:** Reshoring, International Markets, Operational Efficiency.

**Method Strengths:** Data Envelopment Analysis, Event Study.

### **Biography:**

Omar Farooq's primary research focuses on the intersection of public policy and supply chain management. Specifically, he focuses on reshoring and its impact on US and European company performance.

Additionally, Omar focuses on investigating operational efficiency from a longitudinal angle in the financial services industry. He has collaborated with several government and industry partners in New Mexico, including Spaceport America.

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## Peace Aludogbu

**Affiliation:** New Mexico State University

**Research Areas:** Agri-Food Supply Chain, AI, BC, Sustainability, Resilience and Circular Economy.

**Method Strengths:** Best-worst method, Decision-Making Trial and Evaluation Laboratory (DEMATEL).

### **Biography:**

Peace Aludogbu is a third-year Ph.D. student in the Department of Management at New Mexico State University. She is dedicated to merging academia and practical experience to advance the understanding of supply chain activities within the manufacturing community.

Her academic work delves into the complexities of Supply Chain Management with a focus on innovation and improvement, particularly in areas of Agri-Food Supply Chain, AI, Blockchain, Sustainability, Resilience and Circular Economy.

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## Rezaul Karim

**Affiliation:** Iowa State University

**Research Areas:** Global Supply Chain Strategy, Supply Chain Network, Sustainability.

**Method Strengths:** Econometrics.

### **Biography:**

Md. Rezaul Karim is a doctoral student in Supply Chain Management at the Ivy College of Business, Iowa State University. With a strong foundation in textile engineering, he previously served as a lecturer at the Bangladesh University of Textiles, teaching courses on supply chain management and textile merchandising. Alongside academia, he gained professional experience as a merchandiser and product developer in Bangladesh's textile industry, specializing in sourcing, price negotiation, and prototype development.

Rezaul has completed various professional training programs, including ERP software, research methodologies, and sustainable chemicals management, enhancing his expertise in supply chain operations. His extracurricular activities include debating, essay writing, and volunteering with organizations like Badhan, a voluntary blood donor network. Recognized for his dedication to learning and service, he has received multiple scholarships and awards throughout his academic journey.

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## Sahil Ahmed

**Affiliation:** Chalmers University of Technology

**Research Areas:** Sales and Operations Planning, Resilience.

**Method Strengths:** Qualitative Analysis.

### **Biography:**

Sahil Ahmed is a doctoral student in the Division of Supply and Operations Management at Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden. His research focuses on Supply Chain Planning during disruptions and how it can be leveraged to improve resilience in organizations. The main emphasis is on the Sales and Operations Planning (S&OP) process and the capabilities required for the process for effective re-planning in the event of disruptions.

He is also exploring the use of AI and ML tools to automate the S&OP process while incorporating risk scenarios to support better decision-making. He has a Master's in Industrial Engineering and Management from Linköping University, Sweden, and a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering from NITK, India.

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## Shraddha Yadav

**Affiliation:** Ohio State University

**Research Areas:** Supply Chain Risk and Inventory Management.

**Method Strengths:** Statistics and Econometrics, Data Analysis, Research Design.

### **Biography:**

Shraddha Yadav is a first-year PhD student at Ohio State University, currently exploring supply chain risk and inventory management as areas of research. She completed her undergraduate degree in Accounting and Finance and worked for about a year at Deloitte as a Tax Consultant before pursuing her Masters at Ohio State University.

Her professional experience includes managing a 100+ undergraduate organization (Financial Management Association) as President during the COVID-19 pandemic and implementing efficiency improvements at Deloitte, including streamlining the billing system and organizing client work through Alteryx. She has demonstrated strong capabilities in leading change, inspiring new ideas, and leveraging technology to enhance team performance.

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## Sid Yamalakonda

**Affiliation:** Auburn University

**Research Areas:** Crowdsourcing, Social Issues.

**Method Strengths:** Econometrics, Experiments.

### **Biography:**

Sid Yamalakonda (M.S, M.B.A. Auburn University) is a fourth-year PhD candidate in the Department of Supply Chain Management at Auburn University's Harbert College of Business. Prior to joining the Ph.D. program, he worked as a software engineer in FDA-regulated environments at organizations like Gilead Sciences and Juul Labs.

His research interests lie at the crossroads of logistics and societal upliftment, emphasizing crowdsourcing, policy and environmental implications, and bottom-of-the-pyramid welfare.

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## Soode Vaezinejad

**Affiliation:** University of Rhode Island

**Research Areas:** Information Asymmetry, Digital Technologies, Circular Economy, and Analytical Modeling Within Supply Chains.

**Method Strengths:** Necessary Condition Analysis (NCA) and Fuzzy-set Qualitative Comparative Analysis (fsQCA).

### Biography:

Soode Vaezinejad is a Ph.D. candidate in Operations and Supply Chain Management at the University of Rhode Island's College of Business. Her research primarily focuses on information asymmetry, digital technologies, circular economy, and analytical modeling within supply chains. She holds a Master's degree in Industrial Engineering from Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic) and a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences.

Prior to her doctoral studies, she gained valuable industry experience at Iran Railways Company, where she served as both a CEO's Assistant Team Member and an Organizational Transformation Expert, developing expertise in organizational transformation and railway operations.

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## Sparsh Sinha

**Affiliation:** University of Arkansas

**Research Areas:** Public Policy, Supply Chain Risk Management.

**Method Strengths:** Grounded Theory, Case Studies, Econometrics, Simulation.

### **Biography:**

Sparsh Sinha is a second-year PhD student at the University of Arkansas, specializing in the intersection of public policy and supply chain management. His research focuses on the influence of legislative actions on firm-level supply chain risk management, employing both qualitative techniques and econometric analyses to identify the SCM implications of public policy. He holds an MS in Global Supply Chain Management from the Rochester Institute of Technology and a Bachelor's degree in Aerospace, Aeronautical, and Astronautical Engineering from The Grainger College of Engineering.

Currently serving as a Senior Graduate Assistant at the Sam M. Walton College of Business, he brings experience in quality engineering and operations management to his academic work, utilizing his background in grounded theory, case studies, econometrics, and simulation methodologies.

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## Tea Castellucci

**Affiliation:** Politecnico di Milano

**Research Areas:** Materials Flow Synchronization; Integrated Decision-Making, Automated Warehousing Systems Design and Management, Logistics 4.0.

**Method Strengths:** Quantitative Modelling Research (Mainly Simulation Modelling), Qualitative Empirical Research (Case Study and Collaborative Research).

### **Biography:**

Tea Castellucci is a Ph.D. student in Management, Economics, and Industrial Engineering at Politecnico di Milano, where she received her Master of Science in Management Engineering in 2022. She has been conducting research on logistics since 2023 and is currently visiting Florida International University (Miami) under the supervision of Professor Andrea Patrucco.

Her primary research interests include synchronization of warehousing and transportation activities, Logistics 4.0, and automated warehousing systems, with special emphasis on robotized material handling solutions.

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## **Tianyu Xu**

**Affiliation:** Ohio State University

**Research Areas:** Disruption, Resilience, Supply Chain Complexity.

**Method Strengths:** Econometrics.

### **Biography:**

Tianyu Xu is a PhD student in the Marketing & Logistics Department at Ohio State University, focusing on supply chain resilience and business strategy. She completed her undergraduate studies at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics and her graduate studies at Boston University. She is particularly interested in studying how different strategies impact organizational resilience.

As a research assistant, she has worked on two projects involving interviewing, modeling, simulating, and visualizing data to support decision-making and risk management. She has utilized Python, Tableau, and VBA to create dashboards, conduct simulations, and perform analysis. Her passion lies in contributing to the innovation and growth of businesses and bringing diverse perspectives and experiences to the team.

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## Trung Kien Ho

**Affiliation:** University of North Texas

**Research Areas:** Humanitarian Supply Chain.

**Method Strengths:** Regression.

### **Biography:**

Trung Kien Ho is a doctoral student in Supply Chain Management at the University of North Texas. He earned his bachelor's degree in supply chain management from Auburn University in 2020, followed by a master's degree in the same field from the University of Texas at Dallas in 2021.

He brings three years of professional experience in inventory management, during which he honed his skills in optimizing inventory processes and ensuring efficient supply chain operations. His current research focuses on humanitarian logistics, with particular interest in the collaboration between partners in humanitarian supply chains and the role of public-private partnerships in enhancing efficiency and effectiveness during disaster response efforts. He is currently working with Dr. Ila Manuj at UNT.

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### **Vikas Kumar Reddy Sangana**

**Affiliation:** University of North Texas

**Research Areas:** Supply Chain 4.0. sustainability, Efficiency, Resilience, Agility.

**Method Strengths:** Simulation, Machine learning, Neural Networks.

#### **Biography:**

Vikas Kumar Reddy Sangana is a Ph.D. student in Supply Chain Management at the University of North Texas, where he actively conducts research on content analysis for Supply Chain Orientation. As a Research Assistant, he combines his analytical expertise with academic research while building upon his strong foundation in business analytics and technology. With over six years of progressive experience in business development, he has demonstrated exceptional leadership and analytical capabilities. As a Business Development Manager at BYJU'S, he successfully led B2B initiatives, including closing a multi-million-dollar deal with the Andhra Pradesh Government. His expertise spans data analytics, predictive modeling, and customer relationship management.

As a computer science graduate from Sathyabama University, he has continually enhanced his technical proficiency through various certifications, including SPSS, Excel Specialist, and Python programming. He is well-versed in multiple data visualization tools such as PowerBI, Tableau, and Qlikview, complementing his knowledge of database management systems. Currently serving as a Research Assistant at UNT, he combines his business acumen with academic research, focusing on supply chain orientation through content analysis methodologies. His unique blend of technical skills, business experience, and academic pursuits positions him at the intersection of technology, analytics, and supply chain innovation.



## Vladyslava Snyder

**Affiliation:** University of Tennessee

**Research Areas:** Sustainable Procurement, Buyer-Supplier Relationship Management, ESG, Sustainability Strategies, Labor Risk Management, Labor Supply Chain, Labor Sourcing.

**Method Strengths:** Qualitative Research, Case Studies, Content Analysis, Thematic Analysis, Template Analysis, Behavioral Experiments.

### **Biography:**

Vlada Snyder is a third-year doctoral student in supply chain management at the University of Tennessee. She conducts research in the areas of sustainable purchasing, sustainability strategies, and labor supply chain management. She is engaged in research focusing on stakeholder perceptions of sustainable supply chain practices, the impact of sustainability factors on purchasing decisions and supplier relationship management, and the operationalization of sustainability strategies.

Vlada's future research will focus on labor supply management, the risks of contingent versus permanent labor sourcing practices, and ethical labor sourcing. Prior to joining the doctoral program, Vlada received her master of business administration degree and honors bachelor of science degree in biomedical sciences from Marquette University.

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## Wenting Li

**Affiliation:** Arizona State University

**Research Areas:** Supply Chain Resilience, Social Justice, Supply Network.

**Method Strengths:** Econometrics, Structural Estimation, Theory Building.

### **Biography:**

Wenting Li is currently in his fourth year of Ph.D. studies in Supply Chain Management at the W. P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University, with an expected graduation in 2026. Holding dual bachelor's degrees in Electronics Engineering and Economics from Sichuan University and a Master's in Business Administration from University College London, Wenting's research focuses on supply chain financing, social justice, and resilience, with a strong emphasis on supporting small businesses. His empirical research applies reduced-form econometrics and structural estimation to explore these areas.

Wenting has actively contributed to the academic community through roles such as session chair at the Informs Annual Conference and volunteer coordinator for the Journal of Operations Management Mini-Conference. His published work in leading journals, such as Harvard Business Review and Supply Chain Management Review, underscores his commitment to advancing the field. In 2024, he was awarded the prestigious E. Grosvenor Plowman Award at CSCMP's Academic Research Symposium for his paper on ESG strategy and firm performance, co-authored with Dr. Yimin Wang.

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## Nitin Yadav

**Affiliation:** Auburn University

**Research Areas:** Non-Linear Modeling, Causal Inference, Network Analytics.

**Method Strengths:** Causal Inference, Network Analytics, DID.

### **Biography:**

Nitin Yadav's research focuses on Nonlinear Hypothesis Testing, Data Imputation, and Network Analytics. With an academic background in Engineering, Finance, Statistics, and Business Analytics, he brings an interdisciplinary approach to solving complex data challenges. His professional experience spans data analytics, consultancy, and financial data analysis, working on projects that integrate technical expertise with business strategy.

Currently, he is researching data imputation in EPS forecasts for S&P 500 firms to improve financial prediction accuracy and studying the impact of AI tools like ChatGPT and Copilot on Stack Overflow to understand their influence on coding behavior. He is also developing nonlinear hypothesis testing methods using generalized additive models (GAMs) and splines to provide more flexible statistical analyses in complex datasets.

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## Shehara Grabau

**Affiliation:** Auburn University

**Research Areas:** Information Systems.

**Method Strengths:** TBD.

**Biography:** Shehara Grabau is a first-year PhD student in Information Systems at Auburn University, currently exploring various research areas to identify her focus. She graduated with a master's in information systems from Auburn University in December 2024. As part of her master's program, she worked with a sleep studies provider to understand factors that lead to patient no-shows, leveraging predictive features of Machine Learning models. Her bachelor's degree is in Software Engineering from the University of Kelaniya in Sri Lanka. One of her publications from her bachelor's was selected for a local conference and is currently cited by three other authors.

Before coming to Auburn, she worked as a software business analyst for multiple warehouse management system projects and was involved in developing a system that leverages machine learning models for facial recognition. These experiences have enhanced her interest in exploration, leading her from industry to academia.

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## Yalda Hojjati

**Affiliation:** Auburn University

**Research Areas:** Information Systems, AI, Mobile App Market, IS Regulations.

**Method Strengths:** Secondary Data Analysis.

### **Biography:**

Yalda Hojjati is a second-year doctoral student in the Information Systems and Business Analytics Department at the Harbert College of Business, Auburn University. Her academic background includes a JD and an LLM in Law, which drives her interest in bridging law and information systems research.

Her research focuses on two key areas. The first examines how technology regulations shape governance, societal structures, business strategy, and individual behavior. The second explores AI ethics, governance, and market disruptions, investigating how legal and ethical regulations should oversee emerging technologies. Her research examines how explainability, fairness, and accountability can be leveraged to create more ethical and transparent AI systems. Additionally, she analyzes AI's role in market disruptions, particularly in the app industry, to understand how AI-driven innovations reshape competition, business strategies, and regulatory needs. Her work primarily involves secondary data analysis, with a strong focus on econometric modeling and machine learning.

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## Lila Al-shwaf

**Affiliation:** University of Tennessee

**Research Areas:** Policy, Operations Management, Sustainability, Diversity.

**Method Strengths:** Regressions, Difference in Difference (DiD).

### **Biography:**

Lila Al-shwaf is a researcher specializing in policy-driven supply chain management with an emphasis on diversity and sustainability. She is a fourth-year (out of five) doctoral candidate in the Department of Supply Chain Management at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Prior to joining the Ph.D. program in 2021, Al-shwaf received a master's degree in industrial and systems engineering from Wayne State University and worked for General Motors in value chain engineering, global purchasing, and supply chain sustainability. Al-shwaf holds a bachelor's in business administration with a major in global supply chain management and a co-major in University Honors from Wayne State University in Detroit. Outside of her research, Lila enjoys hiking, travel, and strategic procurement (by this, she means shopping).

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### **Kaverinathan (Kevin) Dhanapal**

**Affiliation:** New Mexico State University

**Research Areas:** SCM Analytics, Behavioral Operations, Global Sourcing.

**Method Strengths:** SEM, Statistical Methods, and Experimental Design.

#### **Biography:**

Kaverinathan (Kevin) Dhanapal is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Management, College of Business at New Mexico State University, focusing on Supply Chain management. He has a decade of Project Management experience in the Engineering Procurement Construction discipline. He is a certified Project Management Professional with international work experience.

Before entering the Ph.D. program, Kevin earned his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore, India, and his M.S. in Petroleum Engineering from The University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK. His research interests include Supply Chain Resilience, Optimization, and Supply Chain Entrepreneurship.

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