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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- OR experience – vehicle-routing internship, thesis in multi-objective optimization
- Strong quantitative skills – B.S. in Physics (3.98 GPA), finishing M.S. in QERM
- Innovative – 15+ patents, plus contributions to a variety of technical projects
- Fast-learner; effective problem solver and communicator; able to adapt and collaborate
- Computer programming – Java, Python, D3, CPLEX, JavaScript, Gurobi, ArcGIS, HTML, R

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## EDUCATION

### **POLYTECH TOURS – PH.D. COMPUTER SCIENCE; SPECIALITY: OPERATIONS RESEARCH (CURRENT)**

Dissertation topic: Dynamic decision making in electric vehicle routing optimization under uncertainty

### **UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON – M.S. QUANTITATIVE ECOLOGY & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (2016)**

Thesis title: *Quantifying Conflict Among Competing Objective Functions in Multi-Objective Optimization*

### **UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – B.S. PHYSICS (2011)**

Graduated Phi Beta Kappa with departmental and Latin honors (summa cum laude, 3.98 GPA). Minor in mathematics. Semester abroad: Barcelona, Spain. Foreign language: Spanish

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## SELECTED ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

### **RESEARCH INTERN – ELECTRIC VEHICLE ROUTING OPTIMIZATION, POLYTECH TOURS (2016)**

**Optimized** routing of electric vehicles using stochastic dynamic programming.  
**Formulated** model and model assumptions and simulated queuing processes.  
**Developed** and maintained project's Java codebase on GitHub.

### **GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT – UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON (2013-2016)**

**Established** framework for the quantification of conflict among competing objective functions in multi-objective optimization.  
**Quantified** risk of climate change destabilizing tradeoff relationships between ecosystem services in the Deschutes National Forest using multi-objective mixed-integer programs.  
**Developed** user-friendly software to solve multi-objective optimization problems using IBM's CPLEX optimizer and its Java Concert Technology.  
**Designed** web-based interactive visualizations of optimization results using Javascript library D3.

### **GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT – UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON (SPRING 2016)**

**Created** and taught labs for SEFS 540 - *Optimization Techniques for Natural Resources*.

### **UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT – UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI (AUTUMNS 2009, 2010)**

**Led** problem solving and discussion sections for undergraduate physics sequence.

### **NSF REU RESEARCH ASSISTANT – UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS (SUMMER 2010)**

**Determined** the non-existence of exoplanets around dwarf stars using the transit method.

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## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

*"Electric vehicle routing with mid-route recharging and uncertain charging station availability"* — **INFORMS Annual Meeting 2016** (11/13/2016)

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*“Quantifying conflict between competing forest ecosystem services under alternative climate scenarios” — **INFORMS Annual Meeting 2016** (11/16/2016)*  
*“Impacts of climate change on conflict among forest ecosystem services” — **Precision Forestry Cooperative Annual Board Meeting 2016** (10/20/2016)*  
*“Measuring conflict: Computing the hypervolume of a pareto frontier” — **Guest lecturer: Optimization Techniques for Natural Resources** (5/25/2016)*  
*“Multiobjective optimization & the impacts of climate change on the joint provision of forest ecosystem services” — **INFORMS Annual Meeting 2015** (11/3/2015)*

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**SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**     **TELECOM DESIGN ENGINEER — SPRINT (2011-2013)**  
**Served** as subject matter expert on the use of bi-directional amplifiers in LTE networks.  
**Designed** and led product testing for site-level telecom equipment.  
**Mitigated** threats from intermodulation through quantitative analysis of unstable frequency combinations.

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**SELECTED PATENTS**  
**US Pat. 8,896,497:** Communications-tower antenna mount  
**US Pat. 8,897,383:** Enhanced multipath environments for MIMO wireless networks  
**US Pat. 20,140,321,367; European Pat. EP 2989852:** Wireless communication system with multiple Device-to-Device (D2D) communication configurations  
**US Pat. 9,445,389:** Utilization of relay nodes with beamformed communications  
**US Pat. 9,319,991:** Dynamically adjusting power settings based on a gain mapping file  
**US Pat. 9,288,711:** Systems and methods for dynamically adjusting drop-timer thresholds based on loading

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**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**  
**Vehicle Routing Problem Repository (VRP-REP)** - lead developer of Mapper utility  
**Vasculitis Foundation** - assist with website content and development  
**Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center** - visualization developer  
**UW SEFS** - student-faculty liaison for hiring of quantitative wildlife faculty member  
**Uptown Alliance** - Transportation committee  
**US Dept. of Transportation’s Beyond Traffic Forum** - volunteer