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Education

The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania

PhD in Operations, Information and Decisions

2021-2027 (expected)

Dissertation Committee: Prasanna Tambe (Chair), Daniel Rock, Rahul Kapoor, David Hsu

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

BEng in Computer Science & BBA in Business Management

2021

Working Papers

Legacy IT, Firm Value, and the Cost of Technological Adaptation (with Prasanna Tambe)

Open to Build, Close to Capture: Startups, Established Firms, and the Dynamics of Open-Source Licensing in the Global Database Software Industry (with Rahul Kapoor)

Deep Capital for Deep Learning (with Daniel Rock and Prasanna Tambe)

Best Student Paper, Workshop on Information Systems and Economics, 2021

Why Geography Binds Small Startups: Talent Diffusion and the Lifecycle of Regional Advantage (with Paul Hamilton, David Hsu and Prasanna Tambe)

The Geography of US Tech Startup Labor Market (with Paul Hamilton, David Hsu and Prasanna Tambe)

Grants & Awards

Wharton Mack Institute Research Grant, 2026

Wharton Mack Institute Research Grant, 2025

Wharton AI & Analytics Research Grant, 2025

Best Student Paper, Workshop on Information Systems and Economics, 2021

Refereed Conferences

Why Geography Binds Small Startups: Talent Diffusion and the Lifecycle of Regional Advantage (with Paul Hamilton, David Hsu and Prasanna Tambe)

- 2026 NBER Place-Based Policies and Entrepreneurship Conference, Boston, US
- 2025 Workshop on Information Systems and Economics, Nashville, US
- 2025 Academy of Management, Copenhagen, Denmark

Open to Build, Close to Capture: Startups, Established Firms, and the Dynamics of Open-Source Licensing in the Global Database Software Industry (with Rahul Kapoor)

- 2026 Open and User Innovation Conference, Boston, US
- 2026 Strategy Science Conference, Boulder, US
- 2026 Wharton Innovation Doctoral Symposium, Philadelphia, US
- 2025 Conference on Information Systems and Technology, Atlanta, US

Deep Capital for Deep Learning (with Daniel Rock and Prasanna Tambe)

- 2023 AI in Management Conference (AIM), Los Angeles, US
- 2022 NBER Economics of AI Conference, Toronto, Canada
- 2022 Conference on Information Systems and Technology, Indianapolis, US
- 2021 Workshop on Information Systems and Economics, Austin, US

Teaching

- 2025 Teaching assistant for Professor Prasanna Tambe, *AI, Business and Society* (OIDD2550)
- Guest lecture on product prototyping with AI coding tools
- 2024 Teaching assistant for Professor Prasanna Tambe, *AI, Business and Society* (OIDD2550)
- Guest lecture on product prototyping with AI coding tools
- 2023 Teaching assistant for Professor Prasanna Tambe, *AI, Business and Society* (OIDD2550)
- Guest lecture on fine-tuning an LLM to create a teaching assistant chatbot
- 2022 Teaching assistant for Professor Lorin Hitt, *Analytics in VBA* (OIDD1050)
- 2022 Teaching assistant for Professor Lorin Hitt, *Database for Analytics* (OIDD1050)
- Guest lecture on the history of databases

Professional Service

- Reviewer for *Management Science*, *Conference on Information Systems and Technology*, *International Conference on Information Systems*
- 2024 Organizing committee for Wharton Innovation Doctoral Consortium (WINDS)
- 2024 Organizer of Wharton OIDD department PhD seminar

Other Experiences

- 36Kr.com**, columnist (2019-2021)