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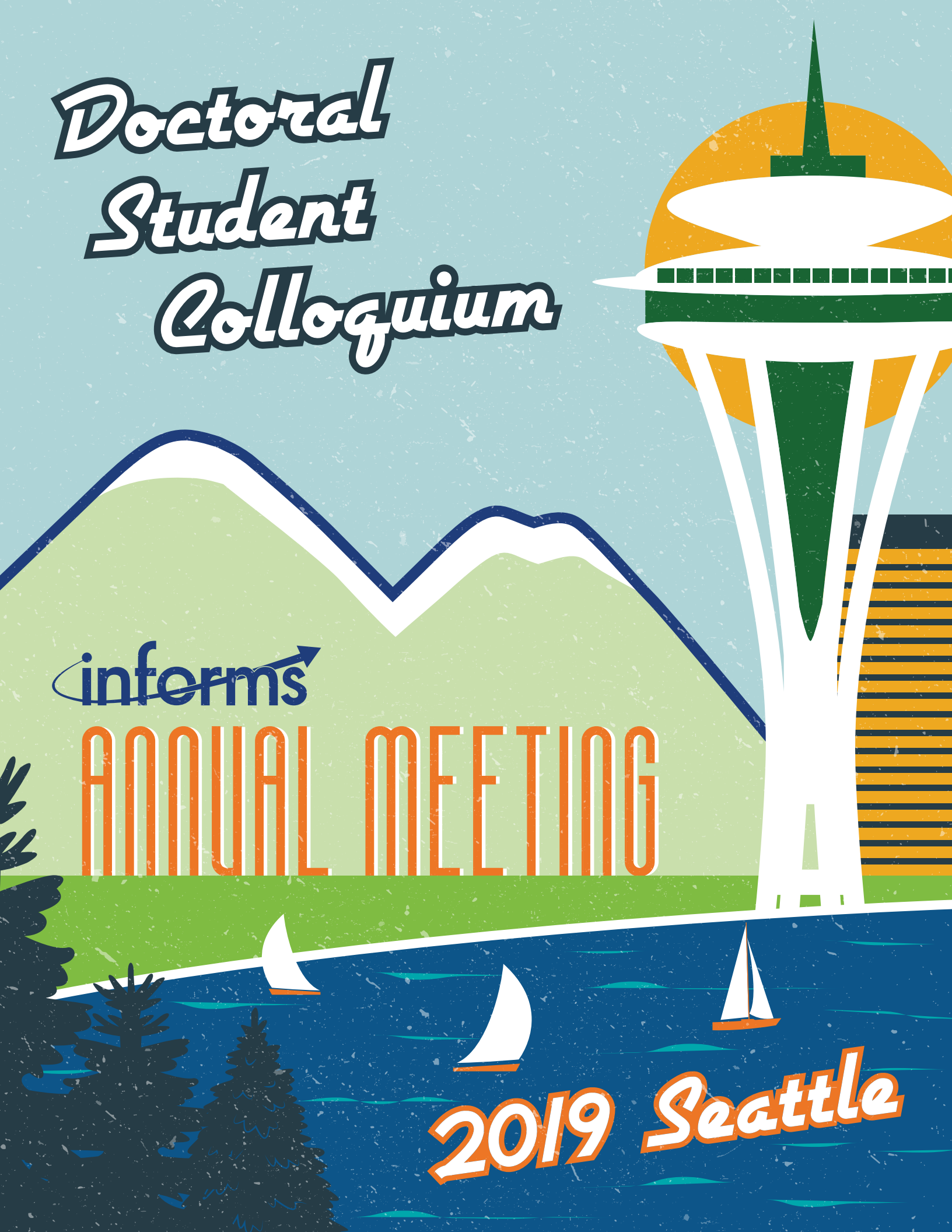

Agenda

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Friday, October 18 | Sheraton Grand Hotel - Cirrus Room

7–8pm	**Welcome Reception**

Saturday, October 19 | Sheraton Grand Hotel - Ravenna Room

7–8am	**Registration and Breakfast** - Metropolitan B, 3rd Floor
8–8:05am	**Welcome Address**
8:05–9:15am	**Becoming a Great Teacher** S. Martonosi, L. Albert, J. Camm
9:15–10:15am	**O.R. in a Research Lab** S. Wild, C. Coffrin, M. Poloczek
10:15–10:30am	**Coffee Break**
10:30–11am	**Academic Career Paths in O.R.** D. Alderson, J. C. Smith, M. Gorman
11–11:45am	**Industry-Related Career Paths in O.R./JFIG** B. Behdani, P. Frazier, Z. Wang
11:45am–1pm	**Lunch** - Metropolitan B, 3rd Floor
1–1:45pm	**Building a Funded Research Program** G. -A. Klutke, S. Shen
1:45–2:30pm	**Working with Industry** J. Shi, M. Gorman, P. Frazier
2:30–2:45pm	**Coffee Break**
2:45–3:30pm	**Becoming a Prolific Scholar** D. Simchi-Levi, B. Nelson, C. Yano
3:30–4:30pm	**Job Search** J. Dong, P. Vayanos, B. Denton, B. Behdani
5pm	**All-Colloquia Reception** - Metropolitan B, 3rd Floor

Colloquium Participants

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Imtiaz Ahmed's PhD study is focused on industrial and systems engineering at Texas A&M University under the supervision of Dr. Yu Ding. Imtiaz's specialization is in industrial data science, which falls under the INFORMS cluster Quality, Statistics, and Reliability. Imtiaz's PhD thesis explores developing algorithms for unsupervised anomaly detection in the presence of an embedded low-dimensional manifold. Before joining Texas A&M, Imtiaz was working as a faculty member in the Industrial & Production Engineering Department at Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology, Dhaka, Bangladesh, for more than three years. Imtiaz obtained both a bachelor's and master's degree from the very same department in 2012 and 2014, respectively. For leisure, Imtiaz enjoys reading books and listening to music. He also enjoys traveling to new places and trying multinational cuisines.

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In addition, he is pursuing a master's degree in applied mathematics at RPI. Prior to joining RPI, he was a master's student at Ohio University in the industrial and manufacturing engineering department and conducted research on a manufacturing scheduling problem. His research interests include network optimization, humanitarian logistics, and decomposition algorithms.

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The primary research methodologies she employs are game theory and theory of social and economic networks. Moreover, she plans to apply data-driven decision-making techniques to address important issues in these areas. She has a paper titled "Urban Consolidation Center or Peer-to-Peer Platform? The Solution to Urban Last Mile Delivery" under review for *Manufacturing & Service Operations Management* and another paper, "Product Description and Consumer Reviews in Omni-channel Retailing," under review for *Management Science*. In addition, she also has a working paper, "Competition and Cooperation of Key Opinion Leaders in Influencer Marketing."

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He also did an industrial project on demand learning that aims to forecast the demand of each product on each shelf in the next week, and he finally achieved a very high average accuracy through stacking various machine learning algorithms. In his leisure time, he likes playing badminton, swimming, and watching movies. He is also interested in photography.

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As lead researcher, he led teams developing diverse research producing results from unobtrusive traumatic brain injury tests for the Veteran's Affairs War Related Illness and Injury Center to a novel threat network interdiction model for the Joint Warfare Analysis Center. Although optimization is his specialization, he is versed in applied decision analysis and operational assessment for large organizations. His doctoral research focuses on applying optimization techniques to improve industrial design and production scheduling in the underground mining industry.

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