

# Carlos Abad

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<b>Employment</b>	<b>Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University,</b> Postdoctoral Associate Stanford Sustainable Systems Lab.	2015-
<b>Education</b>	<b>Columbia University,</b> Ph.D. in Operations Research Industrial Engineering and Operations Research Department	2015
	<b>Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México</b> B.Sc. in Applied Mathematics	2009
<b>Research Interests</b>	robust optimization, compressive sensing, dynamic programming, Bayesian inference, mechanism design and their applications to the operation and economics of electric grids	
<b>Research Papers</b>	<i>Optimal Maintenance Policies for Automated Demand Respose Devices</i> , with G. Iyengar. Accepted for publication, IEEE Transactions on Smart Grid, 2015.  <i>Portfolio Selection with Multiple Spectral Risk Constraints</i> , C. Abad and G. Iyengar, SIAM J. Finan. Math., 6(1), 467-486, 2015.  <i>Power Control of Solar Micro-grids in Developing Countries</i> , with G. Iyengar and V. Modi. Working paper, 2015.  <i>Regularized Sample Average Approximation via Adjustable Robust Optimization</i> , with V. Goyal and B. Lu. Work in progress.  <i>Load-shed Detection in Demand Response Programs</i> , with G. Iyengar. Working paper, 2014.	
<b>Honors &amp; Awards</b>	Research Assistantship, The Earth Institute, Columbia University, 2013 - 2015.  Deming Doctoral Research Fellowship, The W. Edwards Deming Center, Columbia Business School, 2013 - 2014.  Research Assistantship, Integration of Renewables via Demand Management (joint DOE ARPA-E project between Autogrid Systems Inc., Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Columbia University), 2012 - 2013  Doctoral Fellowship, School of Engineering and Applied Science, Columbia University 2010 - 2015.  ITAM Alumni Research Award, Best Applied Mathematics B.Sc. Thesis, <i>The Clarke-Wright heuristic for the vehicular routing problem. An application to the Mexican Ministry of Health's Health Caravans Program</i> , 2009.  Research Assistantship, Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACyT, Mexico's NSF), 2008 - 2009.	

**Invited Talks**

2015 University of Southern California - Industrial and Systems Engineering; Universitat Pompeu Fabra - Economics and Business; University of Minnesota - Industrial and Systems Engineering.

2014 Cornell University - Information, Systems and Networks Seminar, Electrical and Computer Engineering.

**Conference Presentations**

*Power Control of Solar Micro-grids in Developing Countries*  
INFORMS, San Francisco, USA, Nov 2014  
Invited talk at IFORS, Barcelona, Spain, Jul 2014

*Optimal Maintenance Policies for Automated Demand Response Devices*  
MSOM, Seattle, USA, Jun 2011

*Load-shed Detection in Demand Response Programs*  
INFORMS, Minneapolis, USA, Oct 2013

*Portfolio Selection with Multiple Spectral Risk Constraints.*  
Invited talk at INFORMS, Phoenix, USA, Oct 2012  
ISMP, Berlin, Germany, Aug 2012

**Teaching**

**Guest Lecturer, Columbia University** Fall 2014  
Forecasting techniques lecture in the *Energy Infrastructure Planning* course (MME), Prof. V. Modi

**Teaching Assistant, Columbia University** 2010-2015

*Supply Chain Management* (MBA, EMBA), Prof. M. Singh, Spring 2014

*Operations Strategy* (MBA, MS&E), Prof. M. Singh, Summer 2013

*Asset Allocation* (MFE), Prof. G. Iyengar, Spring 2012

*Corporate Finance* (EMBA, MS&E), Prof. A. Marciano, Fall 2011

*Production Inventory Planning and Control* (BSOR), Prof. VA. Truong, Spring 2011

*Corporate finance and industrial economics* (MSOR), Prof. S. Kachani, Fall 2010

**Professional Experience**

**Summer intern - AutoGrid Systems** Summer 2012  
Machine learning methods for forecasting industrial, and residential loads

**Risk analyst - Sociedad Hipotecaria Federal (SHF)** Jul 2009 - Aug 2010  
Linear discriminant analysis for credit scoring  
VaR tracking tool for SHF traders  
Risk model for the minimum wage-UDIS swap

**Analyst - BBVA Bancomer** Jun 2008 - Jul 2009  
Employees' medical expenditure analysis

**Volunteering**

**Teaching - La ciencia en tu escuela** Aug 2008 - Jun 2009  
Joint project between CONACyT, the Mexican Ministry of Public Education, and the Mexican Academy of Sciences  
Software courses for elementary and middle school teachers

**Other Skills**

Programming: Java, Python

Software: Gurobi, Mathematica, Matlab, R, SAS

Databases: MySQL

Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (native)

**References**

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Prof. Vijay Modi, Mechanical Eng. and The Earth Institute, Columbia University  
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