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Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Control of networked and multi-agent systems. Distributed optimization. Reinforcement learning.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- May 2019 — Associate Professor, Boston University, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.
- Sep 2016 — Assistant Professor, Boston University, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.
May 2019
- Jan 2012 — Assistant Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Industrial and Enterprise Systems Engineering.
Aug 2016
- Sep 2010 — Postdoctoral Scholar, Princeton University, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.
Jan 2012

EDUCATION

- 2010 **PhD in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, Cambridge, MA
- 2006 **MS in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science**, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*, Cambridge, MA
- 2004 **BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering**, *Georgia Institute of Technology*, Atlanta, GA
Graduated with Highest Honors.
- 2004 **BS in Applied Mathematics**, *Georgia Institute of Technology*, Atlanta, GA
Graduated with Highest Honors.

CURRENT FUNDED PROJECTS

- 2023-2026 “Federated Learning for Predicting Electricity Consumption with Mixed Global/Local Models,” National Science Foundation, **Lead PI**, co-PIs are Yannis Paschalidis, Michael Caramanis, and Venkatesh Saligrama. \$1,200,000.
- 2023-2026 “Linear Speedup in Distributed Reinforcement Learning,” Army Research Office, **Single PI**, \$448,917.
- 2023-2026 “EMERGE: ExaEpi for elucidating Multiscale Ecosystem complexities for Robust, Generalized Epidemiology,” Department of Energy, subcontract, **co-PI** along with Helen Jenkins. PI: Yannis Paschalidis, \$449,944
- 2023-2024 “Sensorimotor Human-Machine Systems,” **co-PI**. PI: Eshed-Ohn Bar, \$106,000.

- 2023-2026 “Computationally Efficient Methods for Control of Epidemics on Networks,” NSF Energy, Power, Control and Networks Division, \$352,394, [Single PI](#).
- 2023-2026 “How Much of Reinforcement Learning is Gradient Descent?” NSF Communications and Information Foundations Program, \$301,244, [Single PI](#).
- 2019-2024 “Distributed Analytics for Enhancing Fertility in Families,” NSF Smart and Connected Health, \$1,199,750. [Co-PI](#) along with Lauren Wise, Shruthi Mahalingaiah. PI: Yannis Paschalidis.

PAST FUNDED PROJECTS

- 2019-2023 “Effectively Decentralizing Optimization Over Large-Scale Networks,” NSF Energy, Power, Control and Networks Division, \$300,000, [Single PI](#).
- 2018-2021 “Effective Control of Leader-Follower Networks,” \$360,000, ARO Information Structure, Causality, and Dynamics for Control Program, [Single PI](#).
- 2014-2020 “CAREER: Algorithms and Fundamental Limitations for Sparse Control,” NSF Energy, Power, Control and Networks Division, \$400,000, [Single PI](#).
- 2016-2020 “Adaptive Decentralized Resource Optimization,” \$673,102, ONR Computational Methods in Decision Making Program, [Co-PI](#) along with Rakesh Nagi. PI: Angelia Nedich.
- 2015-2019 “Reliable Multi-Agent Control in Failure-Prone Environments via Inhomogeneous Markov Chains,” AFOSR Young Investigator Program, \$360,000, [Single PI](#).
- 2015-2019 “Achieving Consensus Among Autonomous Dynamic Agents using Control Laws that Maintain Performance as Network Size Increases,” \$300,914, NSF Dynamics, Control, and System Diagnostics Division, [Single PI](#).
- 2016-2019 “Design of Network Dynamics for Competitive-Strategic Team Games with Minimum Regret,” \$500,000, NSF Cyber-Physical Systems Division, [co-PI](#) along with Angelia Nedich and Carolyn Beck.

RESEARCH GROUP

- Arsenii Mustafin, CS graduate student.
- Haoxing Tian, ECE graduate student.
- Param Budraja, ECE graduate student.
- Ryan Yu, CS graduate student.

ALUMNI

- Rui Liu, Ph.D. 2022, currently at Pinterest.
- Qianqian Ma, Ph.D. 2022, currently at LinkedIn.
- Artin Spiridonoff, Ph.D. 2021, currently at Snap Inc.
- Shi Pu, postdoctoral scholar 2018-2019, currently Assistant Professor at Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen.
- Cesar Uribe, Ph.D. 2018, currently an Assistant Professor at Rice University.
- Wei (Wilbur) Shi, postdoctoral scholar 2015-2017.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 Invited Tutorial on my research on Reinforcement Learning – Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing, 2023.
Delivered one of two pre-conference tutorials.
- 2019 Best Paper, International Medical Informatics Association, Section on Clinical Research Informatics.
- 2015 Program Chair, NecSys '15 (the 5th IFAC Workshop on Distributed Estimation and Control in Networked Systems).
- 2015 UIUC Engineering Council Outstanding Advising Award.
- 2015 AFOSR Young Investigator.
- 2014 NSF CAREER Award.
- 2012 ICS Prize from INFORMS for the best English-language paper dealing with Operations Research/Computer Science.
- 2011 SIAM paper award for a publication in the *SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization* chosen to be reprinted in the *SIAM Review*.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS + ML CONFERENCES

- 60. “Closing The Gap Between SVRG and TD-SVRG With Gradient Splitting,” A. Mustafin, A. Olshevsky, Y. Paschalidis, **Transactions On Machine Learning Research**, 2024.
- 59. “One-shot Averaging for Distributed TD(λ),” H. Tian, Y. Paschalidis, A. Olshevsky, **IEEE Control System Letters**, 2024.
- 58. “Optimal Fixed Lockdown for Pandemic Control,” Q. Ma, Y. Y. Liu, A. Olshevsky, **IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control**, 2023.
- 57. “Convergence of Actor-Critic with Multi-Layer Neural Networks,” H. Tian, I. Paschalidis, A. Olshevsky, **Proceedings of NeurIPS**, 2023.
- 56. “On the Performance of Temporal Difference Learning with Neural Networks,” H. Tian, I. Paschalidis, A. Olshevsky, **Proceedings of ICLR**, 2023.
- 55. “A Small Gain Analysis of Single Timescale Actor-Critic,” A. Olshevsky, B. Gharesifard, **SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization**, 2023.
- 54. “Distributed TD(0) with Almost No Communication,” R. Liu, A. Olshevsky, **IEEE Control System Letters**, 2023.
- 53. “Asymptotic Network Independence and Step-Size for a Distributed Subgradient Method,” A. Olshevsky, **Journal of Machine Learning Research**, 2022.
- 52. “A Sharp Estimate on the Transient Time of Distributed Stochastic Gradient Descent,” S. Pu, A. Olshevsky Y. Paschalidis, **IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control**, 2022.
- 51. “Non-asymptotic Concentration Rates in Cooperative Learning Part II: Inference on Compact Hypothesis Sets,” C. Uribe, A. Olshevsky, A. Nedich, **IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems**, 2022.
- 50. “Non-asymptotic Concentration Rates in Cooperative Learning Part I: Variational Non-Bayesian Social Learning,” C. Uribe, A. Olshevsky, A. Nedich, **IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems**, 2022.
- 49. “Communication-Efficient SGD: From Local SGD to One-Shot Averaging,” A. Spiridonoff, A. Olshevsky, Y. Paschalidis, **Proceedings of NeurIPS 2021**.

48. “Deterministic and Randomized Actuator Scheduling with Guaranteed Performance Bounds,” M. Siami, A. Jadbabaie, A. Olshevsky, [IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control](#), 2021.
47. “Temporal Difference Learning as Gradient Splitting,” R. Liu, A. Olshevsky, [Proceedings of ICML 2021](#).
46. “Adversarial Crowdsourcing Through Robust Rank-One Matrix Completion,” Q Ma, A Olshevsky, [Proceedings of NeurIPS 2020](#).
45. “Minimax Rate for Learning From Pairwise Comparisons in the BTL Model,” J Hendrickx, A Olshevsky, V Saligrama, [Proceedings of ICML 2020](#)
44. “Minimax Rank-1 Factorization”, A. Olshevsky, J. Hendrickx, V. Saligrama, [Proceedings of AISTATS 2020](#)
43. “Robust Asynchronous Stochastic Gradient-Push: Asymptotically Optimal and Network-Independent Performance for Strongly Convex Functions,” A. Spiridonoff, A. Olshevsky. Y. Paschalidis, [Journal of Machine Learning Research](#), vol. 21, no. 58, pp. 1-47, 2020.
42. “Gradient Descent for Sparse Rank-One Matrix Completion for Crowd-Sourced Aggregation of Sparsely Interacting Workers,” Y. Ma, A. Olshevsky, V. Saligrama, C. Szepevari, [Journal of Machine Learning Research](#), vol. 21, no. 133, pp. 1-36, 2020.
41. “On A Relaxation of Time-Varying Actuator Placement,” A. Olshevsky, [IEEE Control Systems Letters](#), vol. 4. no. 3, pp. 656-661, 2020.
40. “Asymptotic Convergence Rate of Alternating Minimization for Rank One Matrix Completion,” R. Liu, A. Olshevsky, [IEEE Control Systems Letters](#), vol. 4, pp. 1139-1144, 2020
39. “Asymptotic Network Independence in Distributed Optimization for Machine Learning,” Shi Pu, Shi Pu, Alex Olshevsky, Ioannis Ch. Paschalidis, [IEEE Signal Processing Magazine](#), vol. 3, pp. 114-122, 2020.
38. “Graph Resistance and Ranking From Pairwise Comparisons”, A. Olshevsky, J. Hendrickx, V. Saligrama [Proceedings of ICML 2019](#)
37. “Graph Theoretic Analysis of Belief System Dynamics Under Logic Constraints,” A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, C. Uribe, [Scientific Reports](#), 8843 (2019).
36. “On the Inapproximability of the Witsenhausen Problem,” A. Olshevsky, [IEEE Control Systems Letters](#), vol. 3, no. 3, pp. 529-534, 2019.
35. “Minimal Reachability is Hard to Approximate,” A. Jadbabaie, A. Olshevsky, G. Pappas, V. Tzoumas, [IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control](#), vol. 64, no. 2, pp. 783-790, 2019.
34. “On Performance of Consensus Protocols Subject to Noise: Role of Hitting Times and Network Structure,” A. Jadbabaie, A. Olshevsky, [IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control](#), vol. 64, no. 4, pp. 1389-1403, 2019.
33. “Crowdsourcing with Sparsely Interacting Workers,” Y. Ma, A. Olshevsky, V. Saligrama, C. Szepesvari, [Proceedings of ICML 2018](#).
32. “On (Non)Supermodularity of Average Control Energy,” A. Olshevsky, [IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems](#), vol. 5, no. 3, pp. 1177-1181, 2018.

31. "Network Topology and Communication-Computation Tradeoffs in Distributed Optimization," A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, M. Rabbat, **Proceedings of the IEEE**, vol. 106, no. 5, pp. 1-24, 2018.
30. "Federated Learning of Predictive Models from Federated Electronic Health Records," T. Brisimi, R. Chen, T. Mela, A. Olshevsky, Y. Paschalidis, W. Shi, **International Journal of Medical Informatics**, vol. 112, pp. 59-67, 2018.
29. "Linear Time Average Consensus and Distributed Optimization on Fixed Graphs," A. Olshevsky, **SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization**, vol. 55, no. 6, pp. 3990-4014, 2017.
28. "Achieving Geometric Convergence for Distributed Optimization over Time Varying Graphs," A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, W. Shi, **SIAM Journal on Optimization**, vol. 27, no. 4, pp. 2597-2633, 2017.
27. "Fast Convergence Rates for Distributed Non-Bayesian Learning," A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, C. Uribe, **IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control**, vol. 62, no. 11, pp. 5538-5553, 2017.
26. "Distributed Resource Allocation on Dynamic Networks in Quadratic Time," T. Doan, A. Olshevsky, **Systems & Control Letters**, vol. 99, pp. 57-63, 2017.
25. "Stochastic Gradient-Push for Strongly Convex Functions on Time-Varying Directed Graphs," A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, **IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control**, vol. 61, no. 12, pp. 3936-3947, 2016.
24. "Convergence Time of Quantized Metropolis Consensus over Time-Varying Networks," T. Basar, S. R. Etesami, A. Olshevsky, **IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control**, vol. 61, no. 12, pp. 4048-4054, 2016.
23. "On Symmetric Continuum Opinion Dynamics," J.M. Hendrickx, A. Olshevsky, **SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization**, vol. 54, no. 5, pp. 2872-2892, 2016.
22. "Eigenvalue Clustering, Control Energy, and Logarithmic Capacity," A. Olshevsky, **Systems & Control Letters**, vol. 96, pp. 45-50, 2016.
21. "Nonuniform Line Coverage from Noisy Scalar Measurements," P. Davison, N.E. Leonard, A. Olshevsky, M. Schwemmer, **IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control**, vol. 60, no. 7, pp. 1975-1980, 2015.
20. "Distributed Optimization over Time-Varying Directed Graphs," A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, **IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control**, vol. 60, no. 3, pp. 601-615, 2015.
19. "On Primivity of Sets of Matrices," V. Blondel, R. Jungers, A. Olshevsky, **Automatica**, vol. 61, pp. 80-88, 2015.
18. "Cooperative Learning in Multi-Agent Systems From Intermittent Measurements," N. E. Leonard, A. Olshevsky, **SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization**, vol. 53, no. 1, pp. 1-29, 2015.
17. "Minimal Controllability Problems," A. Olshevsky, **IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems**, vol. 1, no. 3, pp. 249-258, 2014.
16. "How to Decide Consensus? A Combinatorial Necessary and Sufficient Condition and a Proof that Consensus is Decidable but NP-hard," V. Blondel, A. Olshevsky, **SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization**, vol. 52, no. 5, pp. 2707-2726, 2014.
15. "Consensus with Ternary Messages," A. Olshevsky, **SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization**, vol. 52, no. 2, pp. 987-1009, 2014

14. "Graph diameter, eigenvalues, and minimum-time consensus," J. M. Hendrickx, R. M. Jungers, A. Olshevsky, G. Vankeerberghen, [Automatica](#), vol. 50, no. 2, pp. 635-640, 2014.
13. "Nonuniform Coverage Control on the Line," N.E. Leonard, A. Olshevsky, [IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control](#), vol. 58, no. 11, pp. 2743-2756, 2013.
12. "Degrees Fluctuations and the Convergence Time of Consensus Algorithms," A. Olshevsky, J. N. Tsitsiklis, [IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control](#), vol. 58, no. 10, pp. 2626-2631, 2013.
11. "NP-Hardness for Deciding Convexity of Quartic Polynomials and Related Problems," A. A. Ahmadi, A. Olshevsky, P. A. Parrilo, J. N. Tsitsiklis, [Mathematical Programming](#), vol. 137, no.1-2, pp 453-476, 2013.
10. "Convergence Speed in Distributed Consensus and Averaging," A. Olshevsky, J.N. Tsitsiklis, [SIAM Review](#), vol. 53, No. 4, pp. 747 - 772, 2011.
9. "Distributed Anonymous Discrete Function Computation," J. M. Hendrickx, A. Olshevsky, J. N. Tsitsiklis, [IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control](#), vol. 56, no. 10, pp. 2276-2289, 2011.
8. "A Lower Bound for Distributed Averaging On the Line Graph," A. Olshevsky, J. N. Tsitsiklis, [IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control](#), vol. 56, no. 11, pp. 2694-2698, 2011.
7. "Matrix p -norms are NP-hard to approximate if $p \neq 1, 2, \infty$," J.M. Hendrickx, A. Olshevsky, [SIAM Journal on Matrix Analysis and Applications](#), vol 31, no. 5, pp. 2802-2812, 2010.
6. "On Distributed Averaging Algorithms and Quantization Effects," A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, A. Ozdaglar, J.N. Tsitsiklis, [IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control](#), vol. 54, no. 11, pp. 2506-2517, 2009.
5. "Convergence Speed in Distributed Consensus and Averaging," A. Olshevsky, J.N. Tsitsiklis, [SIAM Journal on Control and Optimization](#), vol 48, no. 1, pp. 33-55, 2009.
4. "On the NP-Hardness of Checking Matrix Polytope Stability and Continuous-Time Switching Stability," L. Gurvits, A. Olshevsky, [IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control](#), vol. 54, no. 2, pp. 337-341, 2009.
3. "On the Nonexistence of Quadratic Lyapunov Functions for Consensus Algorithms," A. Olshevsky, J.N. Tsitsiklis, [IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control](#), vol. 53, no. 11, pp. 2642-2645, 2008.
2. "Improved Approximation Algorithms for the Quality of Service Multicast Tree Problem," M. Karpinski, I. Mandoiu, A. Olshevsky, A. Zelikovsky, [Algorithmica](#), vol. 42, no. 2, pp. 109-120, 2005.
1. "Kharitonov's Theorem and Bezoutians," A. Olshevsky, V. Olshevsky, [Linear Algebra and its Applications](#), vol. 309, no. 1, pp.285-297, 2005.

OTHER CONFERENCES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

43. “The Role of Systems Theory in Control Oriented Learning,” M. Sznaier, A. Olshevsky, E. Sontag, [Proceedings of MTNS 2022, the Mathematical Theory of Networks and Systems](#), Bayreuth, Germany, 2022.
42. “Leakage Certification Revisited: Bounding Model Errors in Side-Channel Security Evaluations,” O. Bronchain, J. M. Hendrickx, C. Massart, A. Olshevsky, F. Standaert, [Proceedings of Crypto 2019](#), Santa Barbara, USA, 2019.
40. “Improved Convergence Rate for Distributed Resource Allocation,” A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, W. Shi, [Proceedings of CDC 2018, the IEEE Conference on Decision and Control](#), Orlando, USA, 2018.
39. “Decentralized Consensus Optimization and Resource Allocation,” A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, W. Shi, in [Large Scale and Distributed Optimization](#), Springer Lecture Notes in Mathematics, ed. P. Gisselson and A. Rantzer, 2018.
38. “Limitations and Tradeoffs in Minimum Input Selection Problems,” A. Jadbabaie, A. Olshevsky, M. Siami, [Proceedings of the American Control Conference](#), Milwaukee, USA, 2018.
37. “Fully Asynchronous Push-Sum With Growing Intercommunication Intervals,” A. Olshevsky, Y. Paschalidis, A. Spiridonoff, [Proceedings of the American Control Conference](#), Milwaukee, USA, 2018, to appear.
36. “Geometrically Convergent Distributed Optimization with Uncoordinated Step-Sizes,” A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, W. Shi, C. Uribe, [Proceedings of the American Control Conference](#), 2017.
35. “Fast Algorithms for Distributed Optimization and Hypothesis Testing: A Tutorial,” A. Olshevsky, [Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Decision and Control](#), Las Vegas, USA, 2017.
34. “A Tutorial on Distributed (Non-Bayesian) Learning: Problem, Algorithm, and Results,” A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, C. Uribe, [Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Decision and Control](#), Las Vegas, USA, 2017.
33. “A Geometrically Convergent Method for Distributed Optimization over Time-Varying Graphs,” A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, W. Shi, [Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Decision and Control](#), Las Vegas, USA, 2017.
32. “Distributed Learning with Infinitely Many Hypotheses,” A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, C. Uribe, [Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Decision and Control](#), Las Vegas, USA, 2017.
31. “On Performance of Consensus Protocols Subject to Noise: Role of Hitting Times and Network Structure,” A. Jadbabaie, A. Olshevsky, [Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Decision and Control](#), Las Vegas, USA, 2017.
30. “Distributed Gaussian Learning over Time-Varying Directed Graphs,” A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, C. Uribe [Proceedings of Asilomar 2016, the 51st Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers](#), Monterey, USA, 2016.
29. “Network Independent Rates in Distributed Learning,” A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, C. Uribe, to appear in [Proceedings of the American Control Conference](#), Boston, MA, 2016.
28. “Linearly Convergent Decentralized Consensus Optimization over Directed Networks,” A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, W. Shi, [Proceedings of GlobalSIP 2016, the IEEE Conference on Signal and Information Processing](#), Washington DC, USA, 2016.

27. "Linear Time Average Consensus on Fixed Graphs," A. Olshevsky, Proceedings of the **5th IFAC Workshop on Distributed Estimation and Control in Networked Systems**, Philadelphia, PA, 2015.
26. "Nonasymptotic Convergence Rates for Cooperative Learning Over Time-Varying Directed Graphs," A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, C. Uribe, Proceedings of the **American Control Conference**, Chicago, IL, 2015.
25. "Minimum Input Selection for Structural Controllability," A. Olshevsky, Proceedings of the **American Control Conference**, Chicago, IL, 2015.
24. "Fast Convergence of Quantized Consensus Using Metropolis Weights," T. Basar, S. R. Etesami, A. Olshevsky, Proceedings of the **53rd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, Los Angeles, CA, USA, 2014.
23. "Focused First-Followers Accelerate Aligning Followers with the Leader in Reaching Network Consensus," M. Cao, A. Olshevsky, W. Xia, Proceedings of the **18th IFAC World Congress**, 2014.
22. "Distributed Optimization of Strongly Convex Functions on Directed Time-Varying Graphs," A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, Proceedings of the **1st IEEE Conference on Signal and Information Processing**, Austin, TX, USA, 2013.
21. "On Symmetric Continuum Opinion Dynamics: Convergence, but Sometimes Only in Distribution," J.M. Hendrickx, A. Olshevsky, Proceedings of the **52nd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, Florence, Italy, 2013.
20. "On Primitivity of Matrix Sets," V. Blondel, R. Jungers, A. Olshevsky, Proceedings of the **52nd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, Florence, Italy, 2013.
19. "Distributed Optimization over Time-Varying Graphs," A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, Proceedings of the **52nd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, Florence, Italy, 2013.
18. "Cooperative Learning in Multi-Agent Systems from Intermittent Measurements," N.E. Leonard, A. Olshevsky, Proceedings of the **52nd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, Florence, Italy, 2013.
17. "Consensus with Ternary Messages," A. Olshevsky, Proceedings of the **52nd IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, Florence, Italy, 2013.
16. "Combinatorial bounds and Scaling Laws for Noise Amplification in Networks," A. Jadbabaie, A. Olshevsky, Proceedings of the **European Control Conference**, Zurich, Switzerland, 2013.
15. "On the Cost of Deciding Consensus," V. Blondel, A. Olshevsky, Proceedings of the **51st IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, Maui, HI, 2012.
14. "Nonuniform Coverage Control on the Line," N.E. Leonard, A. Olshevsky, Proceedings of the **50th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, Orlando, FL, December 2011.
13. "Degree Fluctuations and the Convergence Time of Consensus Algorithms," A. Olshevsky, J.N. Tsitsiklis, Proceedings of the **50th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, Orlando, FL, December 2011.
12. "A Lower Bound on Distributed Averaging," A. Olshevsky, J.N. Tsitsiklis, Proceedings of the **49th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, Atlanta, GA, December 2010.

11. “Distributed Anonymous Function Computation in Information Fusion and Multiagent Systems,” J. M. Hendrickx, A. Olshevsky, J.N. Tsitsiklis, Proceedings of the **47th Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing**, Monticello, Illinois, 2009.
10. “Distributed Subgradient Methods and Quantization Effects,” A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, A. Ozdaglar, J.N. Tsitsiklis, Proceedings of the **47th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, Cancun, Mexico, December 2008.
9. “On Distributed Averaging Algorithms and Quantization Effects,” A. Nedic, A. Olshevsky, A. Ozdaglar, J.N. Tsitsiklis, Proceedings of the **47th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, Cancun, Mexico, 2008.
8. “Stability Testing of Matrix Polytopes,” L. Gurvits, A. Olshevsky, Proceedings of the **9th European Control Conference**, Kos, Greece, 2007.
7. “Quality of Service in Multimedia Multicast Routing,” I.I. Mandoiu, A. Olshevsky, and A. Zelikovsky, book chapter in **Approximation Algorithms and Metaheuristics**, T.E. Gonzalez (editor), Chapman & Hall, 2007.
6. “Convergence Speed in Distributed Consensus and Averaging,” A. Olshevsky, J.N. Tsitsiklis, Proceedings of the **45th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, San Diego, USA, 2006.
5. “Convergence in Multiagent Coordination, Consensus, and Flocking,” V. D. Blondel, J. M. Hendrickx, A. Olshevsky, and J. N. Tsitsiklis, Proceedings of the **44th IEEE Conference on Decision and Control**, Seville, Spain, December 2005.
4. “Network Lifetime and Power Assignment in Ad-Hoc Wireless Networks,” G. Calinescu, S. Kapoor, A. Olshevsky and A. Zelikovsky, Proceedings of the **11th European Symposium on Algorithms**, September 2003, LNCS 2832, pp. 114-126.
3. “Primal-Dual Algorithms for QoS Multimedia Multicast,” G. Calinescu, C. Fernandes, I. Mandoiu, A. Olshevsky, K. Yang and A. Zelikovsky, Proceedings of the **IEEE Global Communications Conference**, December 2003, pp. 3631-3635.
2. “A comrade-matrix-based derivation of the different versions of fast cosine and sine transforms,” A. Olshevsky, V. Olshevsky, J. Wang, **Proceedings of SPIE, Advanced Signal Processing Algorithms, Architectures, and Implementations XIII**, vol. 5205, Dec. 2003, pp.399-410.
1. “Improved Approximation Algorithms for the Quality of Service Steiner Tree Problem,” M. Karpinski, I. Mandoiu, A. Olshevsky, A. Zelikovsky, Proceedings of the **8th Workshop on Algorithms and Data Structures**, Ottawa, Canada, August 2003.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Area Chair, ICLR 2024
- Area Chair, NeurIPS 2023
- Area Chair, ICML 2023
- Area Chair, NeurIPS, 2022
- Area Chair, NeurIPS, 2021
- Member of the Editorial Board, IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, 2020–.
- Member of the Editorial Board, IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems, 2019–2022.

- Associate Editor, Special Issue on Dynamics and Behaviors in Social Networks, IEEE Transactions on Control of Network Systems, 2019-2020.
- Member of Program Committee, the IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing, 2018.
- Member of Program Committee, the IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing, 2017.
- Member of Program Committee, the IEEE Global Conference on Signal and Information Processing, 2016.
- Session organizer and chair, Distributed and Large-Scale Optimization I, IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, 2016.
- Session organizer and chair, Distributed and Large-Scale Optimization II, IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, 2016.
- Session organizer and chair, Distributed and Large-Scale Optimization III, IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, 2016.
- Session organizer and chair, Distributed Dynamics and Control I, Allerton 2016.
- Session organizer and chair, Distributed Dynamics and Control II, Allerton 2016.
- Program Chair, NecSys '15 (the 5th IFAC Workshop on Distributed Estimation and Control in Networked Systems, 2015).
- Session organizer and chair, Dynamics and Control of Network Systems, Allerton 2015.
- Session organizer and chair, Distributed Control, Allerton 2015.
- Program committee, American Control Conference, 2014.
- Session organizer and chair, Dynamics and Control of Decentralized Systems I, Allerton 2014.
- Session organizer and chair, Dynamics and Control of Decentralized Systems II, Allerton 2014.
- Session organizer and chair, Decentralized Dynamics and Optimization in Networks I, IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, 2013.
- Session organizer and chair, Decentralized Dynamics and Optimization in Networks II, IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, 2013.
- Session organizer and chair, Decentralized Dynamics and Optimization in Networks III, IEEE Conference on Decision and Control, 2013.
- Best Student Paper Award Committee, American Control Conference, 2013.
- Session organizer and chair, Decentralized & Distributed Control I, Allerton 2013.
- Session organizer and chair, Decentralized & Distributed Control II, Allerton 2013.

TEACHING

- Fall 2024 Instructor for EC 418, "Introduction to Reinforcement Learning," a senior-level undergraduate course.
- Spring 2024 Instructor for EC 724, "Introduction to Nonlinear Optimization," a first-year graduate course.
- Fall 2023 Instructor for EC 418, "Introduction to Reinforcement Learning," a senior-level undergraduate course.

- Spring 2023 Instructor for EC 700, "Introduction to Reinforcement Learning," a graduate-level topics course.
- Fall 2022 Instructor for EC 418, "Introduction to Reinforcement Learning," a senior-level undergraduate course.
- Summer 2022 Instructor for a graduate topics course taught at the University of Paris-Saclay entitled "Dynamics and Algorithms on Networks."
- Spring 2022 Instructor for SE/EC/ME 724, "Advanced Optimization Techniques and Methods," a graduate-level topics course.
- Fall 2021 Instructor for EC 400, "Introduction to Reinforcement Learning," an undergraduate-level introduction to reinforcement learning.
- Spring 2021 Instructor for EC 700, "Introduction to Reinforcement Learning," a graduate-level topics course.
- Fall 2019 Instructor for EC/SE 524, "Optimization Theory and Methods," a first-year graduate course.
- Spring 2018 Instructor for EC 517, "Introduction to Information Theory," a first-year graduate course.
- Fall 2017 Instructor for EC 381, "Probability Theory in Electrical and Computer Engineering," a junior-level undergraduate course.
- Spring 2017 Instructor for SE/EC/ME 724, "Advanced Optimization Techniques and Methods," a graduate-level topics course.
- Spring 2015, Spring 2016 Instructor for IE 510, "Nonlinear Programming," a first-year graduate course.
- Fall 2013, Fall 2014 Instructor for GE 320, "Introduction to Control Systems," a junior-level undergraduate course.
- Spring 2013 Instructor of ECE 528/GE 520, "Nonlinear Systems and Control," a graduate first-year course.
- Spring 2013 Instructor for GE 598, "Control of Distributed Systems," a graduate-level special topics course.
- Fall, Spring 2012 Instructor GE 424, "State-Space Design for Control," a senior-level undergraduate course.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- Allerton Conference, Fall 2024
- Tutorial at the Allerton Conference, Fall 2023
- Rutgers ECE Colloquium, Henry Irons Lecture, Spring 2023
- UCLA EE Department Seminar, Fall 2022
- SIAM Annual Meeting, Summer 2022
- Purdue University, ICON Center Seminar, Spring 2022
- Temple University, ECE Seminar, Spring 2022
- Yahoo, Seminar, Fall 2021
- Tel-Aviv University, ECE Seminar, Fall 2021
- Michigan State, Seminar, Fall 2021
- Yandex, Seminar, Spring 2021

- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Math Department Seminar, Spring 2021
- Harvard, ECE Seminar, Boston, Oct 2020.
- ICML, Virtual, June 2020.
- MIT, LIDS Seminar, Boston, May 2020.
- KTH, Electrical Engineering Department, Stockholm, Sweden, Aug 2019.