

Distinguished Business Analytics Speaker Series Event

(DEI) (Career Development Event) Those less traveled roads:

How did an international student overcome a job shortage and become a regional operations manager at Amazon just four years after his Master of Science degree? How did a female supply-chain major with a business degree become an engineering supervisor in a male-dominated field? How did an ABD computational biologist by training become an associate director in the financial services industry, a completely different area from his training and in a different country?

A diverse group of three panelists, each with an unique career path, will share their experiences, including but not limited to how they overcame difficulties over years. We invite you to travel with us and the panelists through their career journey on December 6, 2023 on Zoom. This will be our concluding 2023 event.

Speakers



Omar Bah, Regional Terminal Operations Manager (RTOM) at Amazon (Greater Seattle Area)

Education:

Master of Science, Business Analytics. University of Michigan-Dearborn
BBA in Supply Chain Management, Eastern Michigan University.

Originally from Gambia, West Africa, Omar Bah arrived in the USA in 2023 to study Supply Chain Management at Eastern Michigan University. After graduation, he worked at Venture Logistics, now Venture Global Solutions for his OPT (Optional Practical Training). After completing OPT, he went to University of Michigan- Dearborn for a master's degree in Business Analytics, with a Supply Chain Management concentration. Before he joined Amazon, Omar was hired by Ryder through the Leadership Development Program and was posted to various positions of the John Deere Account, among which including but not limited to his role at the Continuous Engineering Department to focus on launch of new warehouses and business in Michigan, and as a Logistics Manager in Augusta GA.

Based in Seattle, WA, he joined Amazon in November 2022 as a Regional Terminal Operations Manager to cover the Pacific Northwest since.



**Aida Said, Supervisor Engineering at Ryder System, Inc.
(Detroit Metropolitan Area)**

Education: BBA, Logistics, Materials and Supply Chain Management,
University of Michigan—Dearborn
Activities and Societies: Student Government; American Marketing
Association

My name is Aida Said and I am in the role of Supervisor Engineer at Ryder System. After graduating from UofM Dearborn, I've been growing within my company, taking on new roles and accounts along the way. In my day to day, I work to optimize my customer's transportation network, find and implement savings, manage multiple data sets and communicate that data the right way to stakeholders. Working in logistics within the Tier 1 automotive space, you quickly come to realize how critical good data is to make business decisions but also how difficult it is to come by and maintain that data.



**Chia-Ta Tsai, Associate Director in Machine Learning at Moody's Analytics
(New York City Metropolitan Area)**

Education: ABD Bioinformatics and Systems Biology, National Chiao Tung
University, Taiwan

Chia-Ta, Associate Director at Moody's Analytics, is key in advancing generative AI applications in integrated risk management and technology. With a decade of experience, including five years in industry, he expertly fuses technical skill with strategic insight, especially in creating transformative large language model-based applications for financial services.

His professional path, transitioning from computational biology to financial technology, is marked by significant achievements. Chia-Ta began this journey after leaving his PhD program, pivoting to technology and finance. He honed his skills through continuous learning and machine learning competitions, often ranking in the top 5%. His proficiency led to a consulting role in data engineering with Microsoft, focusing on deep learning and recommendation systems. As a founding team member of a real estate data analytics startup, he gained invaluable experience before joining Moody's. There, he has been instrumental in spearheading new product initiatives, including leading the data science efforts in a KYC project, and successfully delivering an essential MVP on time. His management of complex projects at Moody's reflects his blend of academic and industry expertise, demonstrating his ability to integrate advanced AI into financial services.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, Eastern Time 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Zoom Webinar

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