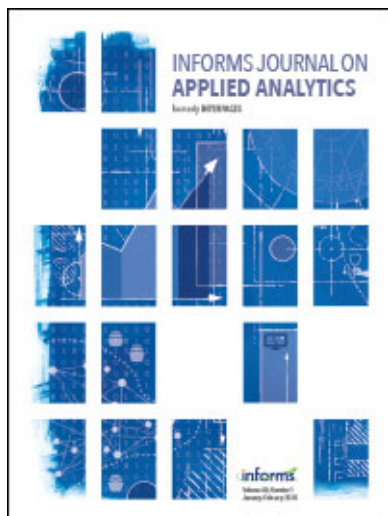




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Professor Burcu Keskin passed away on November 29, 2024, at the very young age of 45.¹ As a professor at the University of Alabama, she was an exceptional operations researcher, accomplished scholar, and an associate editor of *INFORMS Journal on Applied Analytics*.

Her legacy will live on through the countless students she educated, colleagues she inspired, and papers she published in renowned journals. Her research primarily focused on supply chain optimization. Throughout her career, she contributed to a vast array of fields including, inter alia, emergency medical services, law enforcement, interruption of illicit networks, location of alternative fuel stations, sports management, and artificial intelligence. This special issue is dedicated to highlighting the expansiveness of her research by publishing papers that are based directly or indirectly on her published works. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

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- Alternative fuel station location
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