

I've been a part of the TOM Brown Bags for the past three years of my PhD, over which I've built not only a network of amazing faculty and students, but also a research agenda based on the modeling skills I've learned. My TOM Brown Bag group this year was amazing, with PhD students from Management, Organizational Behavior, Strategy, and Operations located across the globe, all with a shared interest in modeling.

From workshopping code and sharing early-stage work, to receiving feedback from the amazing TOM faculty on our projects, this group really pushed me to grow my modeling and presenting skills. In addition to the excellent research support of TOM, I've also formed friendships with many students and faculty in the Brown Bag groups. I presented for the first time at the TOM conference this year and was so pleased to see so many familiar and friendly faces in the audience.

My group is also planning a get-together at AOM this year, so that we can finally take our year of online friendship offline. TOM is such an awesome community, and the PhD Brown Bags have connected me to both the resources and the people that make doing organizational modeling work possible.

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