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Employment

Economist, Databricks	2025 - Present
Economist, Amazon	2021 - 2025
Research Assistant, Department of Horticultural Science, University of Minnesota	2019 - 2021
Adjunct Faculty, Department of Economics, University of St. Thomas	Fall Semester, 2018
Research Assistant, Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota	2014 - 2018
Research Assistant, Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota	2014 - 2017
Teaching Assistant, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota	2012 - 2014

Education

- Ph.D. Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, 2021
- M.Sc. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, 2014
- B.Sc. School of Public Affairs, Xiamen University, China, 2011

Publications

Abbey, Marie, Alan G. Smith, Chengyan Yue, Corissa Marson, Yufeng Lai, and Carrie Stowers.

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Teaching

ECON 252 Principles of Microeconomics,
University of St. Thomas

Fall Semester, 2018

Presentations

"Investigating U.S. Consumer Willingness to Adopt Low-input Home Lawns Using Behavioral Economics Models". Western Economic Association International Annual Conference (San Francisco, CA).

"Do Consumers Care About Early Calf-Mother Separation? An Application of Best Worst Scoring to Milk Choice". AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting (Austin, TX)

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