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## EDUCATION

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Ph.D. in Applied Economics	2018 – May 2025 (Expected)
China Agricultural University, B.A. in International Economics	2015

## EMPLOYMENT

Visiting Instructor, St. Olaf College	Feb-May 2024
Research Assistant for Dr. Marc F. Bellemare, University of Minnesota	Summer 2022 & 2023
Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota	2019 – 2025
Research Assistant for Dr. Laping Wu, China Agricultural University,	2015 – 2018
Intern, Agricultural Trade Promotion Center, Ministry of Agriculture, China,	March – May 2015

## RESEARCH

### Working papers

“Agricultural Mechanization and Structural Transformation”, [JMP](#), submitted for journal review

“A Fool’s Errand? The Inverse Farm Size-Productivity Relationship Reconsidered” with Marc F. Bellemare

“Subjective Life Expectancy and Public Pension Participation: Evidence from the Urban and Rural Residents Pension in China”

“Heterogeneous Supply Response: Does High Price Expectation Attenuate the Inverse Farm Size-Productivity Relationship?” with Qihui Chen, Laping Wu, and Dong Huang

### Work in progress

“Agricultural Insurance and Share Tenancy” with Marc F. Bellemare, Jesse Tack, and Wendong Zhang

“The Adoption of Conservation Agriculture in China”

## TEACHING

### Instructor

St. Olaf College	
Principles of Economics	Spring 2024
Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota	
Graduate Student Math Review	Summer 2020

### Teaching Assistant

University of Minnesota	
PUBH 6555 Health Economics	Spring 2025
APEC 8003 Applied Microeconomic Analysis of Game Theory and Information	Spring 2023
APEC 8213-14 Econometric Analysis III-IV	Spring 2022

APEC 3002 Managerial Economics	Spring 2020 & 2021, Fall 2021
APEC 8211-12 Econometric Analysis I-II	Fall 2019 & 2020
College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, University of Minnesota	
APEC 1101 Principles of Microeconomics	Fall 2022
College of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University	
Intermediate Macroeconomics	Fall 2016
<b>Guest lecture</b>	
Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota	
APEC 8211-12 Econometric Analysis I-II	Fall 2019

## PRESENTATIONS

2024	Guest lecture, Macalester College (scheduled)
	Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) Annual Meeting, Winnipeg
2023	AAEA Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
	Development Economics Workshop, University of Georgia
	SCC -76 2023 Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO
2022	Trade and Development Seminar, University of Minnesota
	Guest lecture, Auburn University
2018	AAEA Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
2017	The 9th CAER-IFPRI Annual Conference, Beijing

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

### Grants

Travel Grant, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota	2023, 2024
Research grant, CFANS Graduate Student Board	2023

### Fellowships and Awards

Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota	
Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Level Teaching Assistance Award	2023, 2022 & 2021
Cochrane Fellowship	Spring 2022
Peterson Fellowship	Spring 2022
Hsieh Fellowship	Fall 2018
China Agricultural University	
Scholarship for Academic Excellence	2016
Fellowship for Outstanding Student, Scholarship for Academic Excellence,	2014
Annual “Three-merit” Student Award, Award for Academic Advancement	
Yuxin Scholarship	2013
Scholarship for Academic Excellence	2012

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Referee

*American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Food Policy, China Agricultural Economic Review*

### Co-organizer

Econometrics Frontier Group (a student and faculty literature reading group)	2021-2022
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## LANGUAGES

Chinese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)

## REFERENCES

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