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## EDUCATION

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University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Ph.D. in Applied Economics	2025
China Agricultural University, B.A. in International Economics	2015

## EMPLOYMENT

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Food Systems Resource Economics Fellow, Stanford Law School	Dec 2025 – current
Research Assistant for Dr. Marc F. Bellemare, University of Minnesota	Summer 2022, 2023 & 2025
Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota	2019 – 2025
Visiting Instructor, St. Olaf College	Feb – May 2024
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”](#) (revise-and-resubmit at *Food Policy*)

[“A Fool’s Errand? The Inverse Farm Size-Productivity Relationship Reconsidered”](#) with Marc F. Bellemare (under review)

[“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 LMIC countries”

## TEACHING

### Instructor

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St. Olaf College	
Principles of Economics	Spring 2024
Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota	

Graduate Student Math Review

Summer 2020

### Teaching Assistant

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University of Minnesota	
PUBH 6555 Health Economics	Spring 2025

APEC 8003 Applied Microeconomic Analysis of Game Theory and Information	Spring 2023
APEC 8211-14 Econometric Analysis I-IV	Fall 2019 & 2020, Spring 2022
APEC 3002 Managerial Economics	Spring 2020 & 2021, Fall 2021
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

## PRESENTATIONS

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2025	Southern Economic Association 95 <sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Tampa (scheduled)	
	Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) Annual Meeting, Montreal	
2024	Guest lecture, Macalester College	
	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

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### Grants

Travel Grant, Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy	2025
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, Peterson Fellowship	Spring 2019
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

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### Referee

*American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (8), *Food Policy* (2), *China Agricultural Economic Review* (2), *Natural Resource Modelling* (1)

### Co-organizer

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

## LANGUAGES

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

## REFERENCES

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Marc F. Bellemare

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Ashley Hodgson (Teaching Reference)

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