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EDUCATION

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

EMPLOYMENT

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| 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](#)” (revision submitted at *Food Policy*)

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

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| 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 |
| Guest lecture | |
| Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota | |
| APEC 8211-12 Econometric Analysis I-II | Fall 2019 |

PRESENTATIONS

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| 2025 | 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

Grants

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

Fellowships and Awards

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| 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

Referee

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

Co-organizer

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

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

REFERENCES

Marc F. Bellemare
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