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RESEARCH INTERESTS Food, Nutrition, and Health Economics
Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics

EDUCATION Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis, 2025 (Expected)
M.Sc. Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Tokyo, 2020
B.Mgmt. Financial Management, Sun Yat-sen University, 2018
Semester Abroad, Seoul National University, 2017

REFERENCE Timothy K.M. Beatty (*Chair*)
Professor
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Stephen A. Vosti
Adjunct Professor Emeritus
Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Institute for Global Nutrition
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WORKING PAPERS **"Long Run Effects of Fortifying Enriched Grain Products with Folic Acid,"**
Job Market Paper, 2025
Presentations: *AEA at ASSA 2025; AAEA 2024*

"Stigma and Welfare Participation: Evidence from WIC EBT Transition,"
with Charlotte Ambrozek, and Timothy K.M. Beatty
Presentations: *MEA 2025 (scheduled)*

IN PROGRESS "The Incidence of Farm Commodity Price Increases on U.S. Food Consumers: Consequences for Healthy Diets, Obesity, and Consumer Welfare,"
with Julian M. Alston, Timothy K.M. Beatty, and Abigail M. Okrent
Invited for submission to Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy Special Issue

"Does Electronic Benefit Transfer Reduce Fraud? Evidence from SNAP and WIC,"
with Charlotte Ambrozek, and Timothy K.M. Beatty

"Designing Large-scale Food Fortification Programs: Theory and Application,"
with Stephen A. Vosti

"Does Food Distribution Still Work? Evidence from Commodity Supplemental Food Program."

"Arsenic in Drinking Water and Infant Health,"

with Laura Alcocer Quiñones, and Mengfei Zhou
Presentations: *ASHEcon/HERO at ASSA 2025*; *AERE at WEAI, 2025 (scheduled)*

EXTENSION

"Mexican Tomatoes are Winning the American Market,"

with Yuhan Wang, *Ag Data News*, November 24, 2021.

Media: **The Washington Post**

"Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2020: Towards Sustainable Economies,"
with United Nations ESCAP, *United Nations ESCAP Flagship Publication*, 2020.

OTHER

PUBLICATIONS

"Input-Output Efficiency Evaluation of Technological Innovation Funds in the Universities, Scientific Research Institutions, and Enterprises in China,"

with Weiguo Qiao, *Science & Technology Progress and Policy*, 2022. (in Chinese, CSSCI)

"Is Governmental Appropriation the Best Way to Finance Top Universities? Lessons from the U.S.,"
with Weiguo Qiao, and Juan Zhou, *Study & Exploration*, 2019. (in Chinese, CSSCI)

PRESENTATIONS

2025 AEA and ASHEcon/HERO at ASSA, San Francisco, CA; MEA, Kansas City, MO (scheduled);
AERE at WEAI, San Francisco, CA (scheduled)

2024 UC Davis-University of Gottingen Joint Research Symposium, Davis, CA; Giannini ARE Student Conference, Berkeley, CA; AAEA, New Orleans, LA

2023 Giannini ARE Student Conference, Davis, CA

RESEARCH

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA

for Timothy K.M. Beatty, 06/2023-

for Julian M. Alston, 01/2024- 12/2024

for Stephen A. Vosti, 04/2022-12/2022

Research and Policy Engagement Intern, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC, 2022

Intern in Economic Affairs, United Nations ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand, 2019

Research Assistant, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China, 2017-2018

TEACHING

EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Introduction to Mathematics in Economics, UC Davis, Summer 2023

Teaching Assistant

ARE 173 Capital Markets, UC Davis, Spring 2023

ARE 107 Econometrics for Business Decision, UC Davis, Winter 2023

ARE 171 Principles of Finance, UC Davis, Winter 2022

ARE 176 Environmental Economics, UC Davis, Fall 2021

ARE 155 Operation Research & Management Science, UC Davis, Winter 2021

HONORS AND

AWARDS

Summer Research Fellowship, UC Davis, 2024

Travel Grant for Behavioral Obesity Research Workshop, Indiana University Bloomington, 2023

First-year Departmental Fellowship, UC Davis, 2020

Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Honor Scholarship, JASSO, 2018 – 2019

Yamamoto Foundation Allowance, University of Tokyo, 2018

Hong Kong Ho's Foundation Scholarship, Sun Yat-sen University, 2018

SERVICES AND LEADERSHIP	Coordinator, Student Café, Diversity and Inclusion in Research, Education, and Career Program (DIRECT), UC Davis, 2022 Coordinator, Development Workshop, UC Davis, 2021 – 2022 Coordinator, Development Tea, UC Davis, 2021 – 2022 Secretary of Academic Affairs, Student Union, Sun Yat-sen University, 2015 – 2018
LANGUAGES	English (Fluent), Mandarin (Native), Cantonese (Fluent), Japanese (Intermediate)
CITIZENSHIP	Chinese citizen on F-1 visa