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EDUCATION      Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis, 2025 .  
                  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

INTERESTS      Food and Nutrition Policy, Empirical Industrial Organization, Data Science

WORKING PAPERS    "Safety Net Payment Digitization and Participant Outcomes: Evidence from the WIC EBT Transition,"  
                      with Charlotte Ambrozek, and Timothy K.M. Beatty  
                      *Under review*  
  
                      "The Incidence of Farm Commodity Price Increases on U.S. Food Consumers: Consequences for Healthy Diets, Obesity, and Consumer Welfare,"  
                      with Abigail M. Okrent, Julian M. Alston, and Timothy K.M. Beatty  
                      *Invited for submission to Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy Special Issue on Food Prices and Forecasting*

"Micronutrient and Long-run Human Capital: Evidence from Folic Acid Fortification,"  
  
"The Impact of Wildfires on Home Insurance Market,"  
with Mengfei Zhou, and Michael R. Springborn

IN PROGRESS      "When SNAP Acceptance Ends: Consumer Response to Retailer Disqualifications,"  
                      with Charlotte Ambrozek, and Timothy K.M. Beatty  
  
                      "Geopolitical Tensions and Cross-Border Travel: Evidence from Canadian Visitors amid the Sentiment towards the U.S.,"

EXTENSION      "Mexican Tomatoes are Winning the American Market," with Yuhan Wang, *Ag Data News*, November 24, 2021. [\[Article\]](#) [\[The Washington Post\]](#)

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

- PRESENTATIONS
- 2025** ASSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA; MEA Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO; University of Guelph FARE, Guelph, ON; Giannini Foundation of Agricultural and Resource Economics Student Conference, Davis, CA; WEAI Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA; ASHEcon Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN; AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
  - 2024** UC Davis-University of Gottingen Joint Research Symposium, Davis, CA; Giannini Foundation of Agricultural and Resource Economics Student Conference, Berkeley, CA; AAEA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
  - 2023** Giannini Foundation of Agricultural and Resource Economics Student Conference, Davis, CA

- RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
- Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA
    - for Timothy K.M. Beatty, 06/2023-12/2025
    - for Julian M. Alston, 01/2024- 12/2024
    - for Stephen A. Vosti, 04/2022-12/2022
  - Research & 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

- AWARDS AND GRANTS
- Jastro & Shields Graduate Research Award (USD 3,000), UC Davis, 2025
  - Graduate Travel Award (USD 2,000), UC Davis, 2025
  - Summer Research Fellowship (USD 4,000), UC Davis, 2024
  - Travel Grant for Behavioral Obesity Research Workshop (USD 1,850), Indiana University Bloomington, 2023
  - Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship (JPY 576,000), JASSO, 2018 – 2019
  - Undergraduate Merit Scholarship (CNY 20,000), Sun Yat-sen University, 2014 – 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)