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RESEARCH INTERESTS Food, Nutrition, and Health Economics, Public 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 (<i>Chair</i>) Professor Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics University of California, Davis tbeatty@ucdavis.edu	Marianne P. Bitler Professor Department of Economics University of California, Davis bitler@ucdavis.edu
	Richard J. Sexton Distinguished Professor Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics University of California, Davis rich@primal.ucdavis.edu	Stephen A. Vosti Adjunct Professor Emeritus Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Institute for Global Nutrition University of California, Davis savosti@ucdavis.edu

WORKING PAPERS "Long Run Effects of Fortifying Enriched Grain Products with Folic Acid,"
Job Market Paper, 2025
Presentations: *AEA at ASSA 2025; AAEA 2024*
[\[Paper\]](#)

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

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

"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

"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.
[\[Article\]](#) [\[The Washington Post\]](#)

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

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