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RESEARCH INTERESTS      Food, Nutrition, and Health Economics (Primary)  
Agricultural Policy and Agribusiness  
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*)  
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WORKING PAPERS      **"Long Run Effects of Folic Acid Fortification,"**  
Job Market Paper, 2025  
Presentations: *AEA Health Policy Lightning Session at ASSA 2025 (scheduled)*; *AAEA 2024*

**"The Impact of Electronic Benefit Transfer on WIC Participation: Evidence from Natality Data,"**  
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

"Arsenic in Drinking Water and Infant Health,"  
Presentations: *ASHEcon Health Economics Paper Session at ASSA 2025 (scheduled)*; *WEAI Annual Meeting 2025 (scheduled)*

	"Does Food Distribution Still Work? Evidence from Commodity Supplemental Food Program."
	"Designing Large-scale Food Fortification Programs: Theory and Application," with Stephen A. Vosti
EXTENSION	<b>"Mexican Tomatoes are Winning the American Market,"</b> with Yuhan Wang, <i>Ag Data News</i> , November 24, 2021. Media: <b>The Washington Post</b>
OTHER	"Input-Output Efficiency Evaluation of Technological Innovation Funds in the Universities, Scientific Research Institutions, and Enterprises in China," with Weiguo Qiao, <i>Science &amp; Technology Progress and Policy</i> , 2022. (in Chinese, CSSCI)  "Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2020: Towards Sustainable Economies," with United Nations ESCAP, <i>United Nations ESCAP Flagship Publication</i> , 2020.  "Is Governmental Appropriation the Best Way to Finance Top Universities? Lessons from the U.S.," with Weiguo Qiao, and Juan Zhou, <i>Study &amp; Exploration</i> , 2019. (in Chinese, CSSCI)
PRESENTATIONS	<b>2025</b> AEA/ASHEcon/ASSA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (scheduled); MEA Annual Meeting 2025, Kansas City, MO (scheduled); WEAI Annual Meeting 2025, San Francisco, CA (scheduled) <b>2024</b> UC Davis-University of Gottingen Joint Research Symposium, Davis, CA; Giannini ARE Student Conference, Berkeley, CA; AAEA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA <b>2023</b> 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	<i>Instructor</i> Introduction to Mathematics in Economics, UC Davis, Summer 2023  <i>Teaching Assistant</i> 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 Tuition Supplemental 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)