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

EDUCATION University of California, Davis
Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2026 (Expected)
Committee Chair: Timothy K.M. Beatty

University of Tokyo
M.Sc. Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2020

Sun Yat-sen University
B.Mgmt. Financial Management, 2018
Semester Abroad, Seoul National University, 2017

WORKING PAPERS "Safety Net Payment Digitization and Participants' Outcomes: Evidence from the WIC EBT Transition,"
with Charlotte Ambrozek, and Timothy K.M. Beatty
Job Market Paper, 2026, under review
Presentations: *AAEA 2024*; *MEA 2025*
[\[Paper\]](#)

"Long Run Effects of Fortifying Grain Products with Folic Acid,"
Presentations: *AAEA 2024*; *AEA at ASSA 2025*; *ASHEcon 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 on Food Prices and Forecasting

"Does Payment Digitization Reduce Fraud in Food Assistance? Evidence from Store Disqualifications,"
with Charlotte Ambrozek, and Timothy K.M. Beatty
Presentations: *AAEA 2025 (scheduled)*

"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)

"The Impact of Wildfires on Home Insurance Market,"
with Mengfei Zhou

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** AEA and ASHEcon/HERO at ASSA, San Francisco, CA; MEA, Kansas City, MO; GARESC, Davis CA; AERE at WEAI, San Francisco, CA (scheduled); ASHEcon, Nashville, TN (scheduled); AAEA, Denver, CO (scheduled)

2024 UC Davis-University of Gottingen Joint Research Symposium, Davis, CA; GARESC, Berkeley, CA; AAEA, New Orleans, LA

2023 GARESC, 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

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, 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)

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 University of California, Davis savosti@ucdavis.edu