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EMPLOYMENT	Assistant Professor in Quantitative Methods, 2026-present Department of Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics University of Guelph
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
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Agricultural Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Industrial Organization Data Science for Economics
WORKING PAPERS	"Long-run Human Capital Effects of Fortifying Grain Products with Folic Acid," <i>Under review</i>  "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 <i>Under review</i>  "Safety Net Payment Digitization and Participant Outcomes: Evidence from the WIC EBT Transition," with Charlotte Ambrozek, and Timothy K.M. Beatty  "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 Mobile Phone Data," with S. Kwaku Afesorgbor, and Stephen Ampah  "Agricultural Loss to Wildfires: Evidence from Crop Insurance,"

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** 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	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	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)