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RESEARCH Food and Agricultural Economics
INTERESTS 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 "Safety Net Payment Digitization and Participants' Outcomes: Evidence from the WIC
PAPERS EBT Transition,"
 with Charlotte Ambrozek, and Timothy K.M. Beatty
 Job Market Paper, 2026
 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 Electronic Benefit Transfer Reduce Fraud? Evidence from SNAP and WIC,"
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	<p>"Mexican Tomatoes are Winning the American Market," with Yuhan Wang, <i>Ag Data News</i>, November 24, 2021. [Article] [The Washington Post]</p> <p>"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. [Book]</p>
PRESENTATIONS	<p>2025 AEA and ASHEcon/HERO at ASSA, San Francisco, CA; MEA, Kansas City, MO; AERE at WEAI, San Francisco, CA (scheduled); ASHEcon, Nashville, TN (scheduled); AAEA, Denver, CO (scheduled)</p> <p>2024 UC Davis-University of Gottingen Joint Research Symposium, Davis, CA; Giannini ARE Student Conference, Berkeley, CA; AAEA, New Orleans, LA</p> <p>2023 Giannini ARE Student Conference, Davis, CA</p>
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<p>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</p> <p>Research and Policy Engagement Intern, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC, 2022</p> <p>Intern in Economic Affairs, United Nations ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand, 2019</p> <p>Research Assistant, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China, 2017-2018</p>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<p><i>Instructor</i> Introduction to Mathematics in Economics, UC Davis, Summer 2023</p> <p><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</p>
GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS	<p>Summer Research Fellowship, UC Davis, 2024</p> <p>Travel Grant for Behavioral Obesity Research Workshop, Indiana University Bloomington, 2023</p>

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