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RESEARCH      Food and Agricultural Economics  
INTERESTS     Health Economics, Environmental Economics

EDUCATION     University of California, Davis  
Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2025 (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 Participant Outcomes: Evidence from the WIC  
PAPERS        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)*

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

"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. [\[Book\]](#)

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*); CES, Guangzhou, China (*scheduled*); AAEEA, Denver, CO (*scheduled*)

**2024** UC Davis-University of Gottingen Joint Research Symposium, Davis, CA; GARESC, Berkeley, CA; AAEEA, 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