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RESEARCH      Food and Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness Management  
INTERESTS      Health Economics, Environmental Economics

EDUCATION      Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis, 2026  
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

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, under review

"Long Run Effects of Fortifying Grain Products with Folic Acid,"

"The Impact of Wildfires on Home Insurance Market,"  
with Michael R. Springborn, and Mengfei Zhou

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*

"Payment Digitization and Retailer Fraud in Food Assistance: Evidence from Store Sanctions,"  
with Charlotte Ambrozek, and Timothy K.M. Beatty

"Arsenic in Drinking Water and Infant Health: Evidence from the 2001 New Arsenic Rule,"

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/ASSA, San Francisco, CA; ASHEcon/ASSA, San Francisco, CA; MEA, Kansas City, MO; University of Guelph FARE, Guelph, ON; GARESC, Davis, CA; AERE/WEAI, San Francisco, CA; ASHEcon, Nashville, TN; AAEA & WAEA, Denver, CO

**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 & 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** Graduate Travel Award, UC Davis, 2025  
Summer Research Fellowship, UC Davis, 2024  
Travel Grant for Behavioral Obesity Research Workshop, Indiana University, 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