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RESEARCH      Food, Nutrition, and Health Economics  
INTERESTS      Agricultural 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      "The Impacts of the WIC Electronic Benefit Transfer Transition on Participants,"  
PAPERS      with Charlotte Ambrozek, and Timothy K.M. Beatty  
Job Market Paper, 2025  
Presentations: *MEA 2025 (scheduled)*  
[\[Paper\]](#)

"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*

"Does Electronic Benefit Transfer Reduce Fraud? Evidence from SNAP and WIC,"  
with Charlotte Ambrozek, and Timothy K.M. Beatty

"Does Food Distribution Still Work? Evidence from Commodity Supplemental Food Program."

"Designing Large-scale Food Fortification Programs: Theory and Application,"  
with Stephen A. Vosti

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

OTHER WRIT- "Input-Output Efficiency Evaluation of Technological Innovation Funds in the Univer-  
INGS sities, Scientific Research Institutions, and Enterprises in China," with Weiguo Qiao,  
*Science & Technology Progress and Policy*, 2022. (in Chinese, CSSCI)

"Is Governmental Appropriation the Best Way to Finance Top Universities? Lessons from the U.S.," with Weiguo Qiao, and Juan Zhou, *Study & Exploration*, 2019. (in Chinese, CSSCI)

PRESENTATIONS **2025** AEA and ASHEcon/HERO at ASSA, San Francisco, CA; MEA, Kansas City, MO  
(scheduled); AERE at WEAI, San Francisco, CA (scheduled); ASHEcon, Nashville,  
TN (scheduled)

**2024** UC Davis-University of Gottingen Joint Research Symposium, Davis, CA; Giannini  
ARE Student Conference, Berkeley, CA; AAEA, New Orleans, LA

**2023** Giannini ARE Student Conference, Davis, CA

RESEARCH Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA  
EXPERIENCE 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 *Instructor*  
EXPERIENCE 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

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