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Research Interest

International Trade and Policy, Agricultural Economics, China Socioeconomic Problems

Experience

- North Dakota State University
Research Assistant Professor Fargo, ND
Nov 2024 – Present
- Texas A&M University
Postdoctoral Research Associate College Station, TX
Feb 2024 – Oct 2024
- Eversource Energy Center
Graduate Research Assistant Storrs, CT
Jan 2019 – Oct 2020
- University of Connecticut
Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant Storrs, CT
Sep 2018 – Jan 2024

Education

- University of Connecticut, Dept. of Agricultural & Resource Economics
Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics Storrs, CT
2024
- Georgia Institute of Technology, College of Computing
M.S. in Computer Science Atlanta, GA
2024
- Fuzhou University, School of Economics & Management
M.S. in Quantitative Economics Fuzhou, China
2017
- Xiamen University, Tan Kah Kee College
B.A. in Accounting Xiamen, China
2014

Research

Publications

- Colin A. Carter, Sandro Steinbach, & **Xiting Zhuang** (2025). “Global Shipping Container Disruptions and U.S. Agricultural Exports.” *Journal of Transport Economics and Policy*, 59(2), 110-136.
- Sandro Steinbach & **Xiting Zhuang** (2025). “Trade Implications of Ending China’s Zero-Covid Policy.” *Asian Economics Letters*. (Accepted)
- Sandro Steinbach & **Xiting Zhuang** (2023). “Global Container Shipping Disruptions, Pop-Up Ports, and U.S. Agricultural Exports.” *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*, 1-19.
- Sandro Steinbach & **Xiting Zhuang** (2023). “The Impact of Maritime Shipping Disruptions on U.S. Tree Nut Exports and Inventories.” *Agribusiness*.

- Sandro Steinbach & **Xiting Zhuang** (2023). “U.S. Agricultural Exports and the 2022 Mississippi River Drought.” *Agribusiness*.
- Colin A. Carter, Sandro Steinbach, & **Xiting Zhuang** (2022). “Supply Chain Disruptions and Containerized Agricultural Exports from California Ports.” *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*.
- Henning Schweizer, Sandro Steinbach, & **Xiting Zhuang** (2022). “A Portrait of Firms that Trade in Meat Products.” *Western Economics Forum*.
- Rachit Goyal, Sandro Steinbach, Yavuz Yildirim, & **Xiting Zhuang** (2024). “U.S. Agricultural Trade Challenges Amid Climate and Geopolitical Disruptions.” *Choices*.
- Sandro Steinbach & **Xiting Zhuang** (2023). “Retaliatory Tariffs and Container Shipping Disruptions Cause Considerable Trade Damages to California’s Almond Industry.” *Choices*, 38(2).
- **Xiting Zhuang** (2016). “Urbanization Process and Carbon Emission in China Based on Semi-Parametric Spatial Lags Model.” *Logistics Engineering and Management*.

Working Papers

- Weidong Tian & **Xiting Zhuang** (2025). “Work Environment and Intimate Partner Violence Against Women: Evidence from China.” *Applied Economics*. (Revision)
- **Xiting Zhuang**. “Temperature, Allowance, and Air Pollution: Evidence from Regression Discontinuity Design.”
- Weidong Tian, Dongli Cao, & **Xiting Zhuang**. “Tradition or Tragedy: Arranged Marriages and Domestic Violence.”
- Weidong Tian & **Xiting Zhuang**. “Bread and Bruises: The Great Chinese Famine and Domestic Violence.”
- Sandro Steinbach & **Xiting Zhuang**. “Global Supply Chain and Domestic Cost Shocks.”
- Sandro Steinbach & **Xiting Zhuang**. “Global Trade Effects of Tightening Environmental Trade Policies in China.”

Policy Briefs and Outreach Work

- Sunghun Lim, Sandro Steinbach, & **Xiting Zhuang** (2024). “Panama Canal Traffic Delays Threaten Southern Ag Global Supply Chains.” *Southern Ag Today*.
- Sandro Steinbach, Yavuz Yildirim, & **Xiting Zhuang** (2024). “Ripple Effects of Shipping Lane Disruptions on U.S. Agriculture.” *Farmdoc Daily*.
- Rachit Goyal, Sandro Steinbach, Yavuz Yildirim, & **Xiting Zhuang** (2024). “Southern U.S. Agriculture Faces Headwinds in Asia Amid Red Sea Shipping Disruptions.” *Southern Ag Today*.
- Sandro Steinbach & **Xiting Zhuang** (2023). “Down the River: How the 2022 Mississippi River Drought Damaged Southern U.S. Agricultural Trade.” *Southern Ag Today*.
- Henning Schweizer, Sandro Steinbach, & **Xiting Zhuang** (2022). “International Market Concentration in the Southern Meat Trading Market.” *Southern Ag Today*.
- Sandro Steinbach & **Xiting Zhuang** (2022). “Shipping Container Disruptions Cause Considerable Export Losses for Southern Ports.” *Southern Ag Today*.
- Sandro Steinbach & **Xiting Zhuang** (2021). “Cost-Benefit Analysis of Detection Systems for Protecting Critical Infrastructure from UAV Threats in Connecticut.” *Eversource Energy*.
- Colin A. Carter, Sandro Steinbach, & **Xiting Zhuang** (2021). “Containergeddon and California Agriculture.” *ARE Update*, 25(2): 1–4.

Teaching Experience

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| - North Dakota State University
Guest Lecturer , Econ 472/672 – International Trade | Fargo, ND
Spring 2025 |
| - University of Connecticut
Teaching Assistant , ARE 3250 – Business Management | Storrs, CT
Spring 2020 |
| - University of Connecticut
Teaching Assistant , ARE 2210/SARE 460 – Essentials of Accounting and Business | Storrs, CT
Fall 2019 |

Invited Conference & Seminar Presentations

Referee Service

- Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics
- International Food and Agribusiness Management Review
- Journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
- Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (Conference Review)

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

- Conference Participation Award, Graduate School, University of Connecticut, 2022
- 26th EAERE Participation Grant, EAERE 2021
- Predoctoral Fellowship Award, ARE Department, University of Connecticut, 2020–2021
- Summer Fellowship, ARE Department, University of Connecticut, 2020
- AAEA Travel Award, 2019
- Summer Fellowship, ARE Department, University of Connecticut, 2019
- Xiamen University, TKK First Order Scholarship, 2011

Affiliations

- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
- International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium
- Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association
- Association of Environmental and Resource Economists
- European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists

Miscellaneous

- *Computer Skills*: ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, Stata, SQL, Python, Java, R
- *Languages*: English (Professional), Mandarin Chinese (Native), Hokkien (Native)

References

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