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## Research Interest

International Trade and Policy; Agricultural Supply Chain; Applied Artificial Intelligence; China Social Issues

## Academic Experience

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

## Education

- University of Connecticut, Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics Storrs, CT  
Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics 2024
- Georgia Institute of Technology, College of Computing (OMSCS) Atlanta, GA  
M.S. in Computer Science 2026
- Fuzhou University, School of Economics & Management Fuzhou, China  
M.S. in Quantitative Economics 2017
- Xiamen University, Tan Kah Kee College Xiamen, China  
B.A. in Accounting 2014

## Research

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### *Publications*

- Weidong Tian, Zhiyong Dai, Dongli Cao, & **Xiting Zhuang\*** (2025). "Parental educational pairings and child physical abuse: Evidence from China." *International Journal of Educational Development*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijedudev.2025.103449>
- Weidong Tian, Dongli Cao, & **Xiting Zhuang\*** (2025). "Work environment and intimate partner violence against women: Evidence from China." *Applied Economics*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00036846.2025.2590113>

- Zhihong Xu\*, **Xiting Zhuang**, & Shuai Ma (2025). "Machine Learning-Assisted Systematic Review: A Case Study in Learning Analytics." *Education Sciences*, 15(11), 1488.
- Colin A. Carter, Sandro Steinbach, & **Xiting Zhuang** (2025). "The 2021 Container Shipping Crisis and its Consequences for US 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*.
- 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*.

### ***Policy Briefs and Outreach Work***

- Arita, S., Kim, J., Lwin, W., Steinbach, S., Wang, M., & **Xiting Zhuang** (2025). Implications of New U.S.-China Deal, Soybean Commitments, Port Fee Suspension, and SE Asia Deals. *NDSU Agricultural Trade Monitor 2025-11*. Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies, North Dakota State University. November 6, 2025.
- Arita, S., Kim, J., Lwin, W., Steinbach, S., Wang, M., & **Xiting Zhuang** (2025). China Could Bypass U.S. Soybeans in 2025/26 and IEEPA Tariffs Raise Input Costs. *NDSU Agricultural Trade Monitor 2025-10*. Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies, North Dakota State University. October 20, 2025.
- Arita, S., Kim, J., Lwin, W., Steinbach, S., & **Xiting Zhuang** (2025). Soybean Basis Hits Record Low Amid Zero New-Crop Sales to China. *NDSU Agricultural Trade Monitor 2025-09*. Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies, North Dakota State University. September 10, 2025.
- Arita, S., Kim, J., Lwin, W., Steinbach, S., Wang, M., & **Xiting Zhuang** (2025). IEEPA Tariff Escalation: What It Means for U.S. Food and Ag-Input Imports. *NDSU Agricultural Trade Monitor 2025-08*. Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies, North Dakota State University. August 12, 2025.
- Arita, S., Steinbach, S., Wang, M., & **Xiting Zhuang** (2025). China's Import Declines Reflect Broader Demand Weakness. *NDSU Agricultural Trade Monitor 2025-07*. Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies, North Dakota State University. July 10, 2025.
- Arita, S., Steinbach, S., & **Xiting Zhuang** (2025). *NDSU Agricultural Trade Monitor 2025-06*. Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies, North Dakota State University. June 10, 2025.
- 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*.
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- 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.

### **Working Papers**

- Peng Lu, Lulu Mao, **Xiting Zhuang**, Zhihong Xu, and Shuai Ma. “U.S. Public Perceptions of Food Date Labeling: Text Mining and Content Analysis of USDA Request for Information (RFI) Responses.” *Revise and resubmit at Food Policy*.
- Zhihong Xu; Jaehyun Ahn; Shuai Ma; Anjorin Ezekiel Adyemi; Fahmida Husain Choudhury; **Xiting Zhuang**; Rafael Landaverde; Gary J. Wingenbach. “Bridging Language and Data: Transforming Agricultural Curricula for Data Analytics Through Linguistic Insights”
- Zhihong Xu, **Xiting Zhuang** & Shuai Ma. “Machine Learning-Assisted Systematic Review: A Case Study in Learning Analytics.”
- Weidong Tian & **Xiting Zhuang**\*. “The Gift of Equality: Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Unions and Elder Abuse.” (*Paper under review*).
- Zhiyong Dai, Weidong Tian, & **Xiting Zhuang**\*. “The Call of Kinship: How Clan Culture Shapes Rural Residents’ Commitment to Hometown Development in China.” (*Paper under review*).
- Weidong Tian, Zhiyong Dai, Dongli Cao, & **Xiting Zhuang**\*. “Parental Educational Pairings and Child Physical Abuse: Evidence from China.” (*Paper under review*).
- Weidong Tian, Dongli Cao, & **Xiting Zhuang**\*. “Tradition or Tragedy: Arranged Marriages and Domestic Violence.” (*Paper under review*).
- **Xiting Zhuang**\*. “Temperature, Allowance, and Air Pollution: Evidence from Regression Discontinuity Design.”
- 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.”

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## Grants and Funding

- **USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA)** *Submitted October 2025*  
*Partnership: Next Generation Trade Intelligence for U.S. Beef, Pork, and Poultry Producers*  
**Role: Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI)**  
 Total Budget: \$800,000 (NDSU Subaward: \$275,000)  
**Project Director (PD):** Modhurima Amin, Texas Tech University  
**Performance Period:** 09/01/2026 – 08/31/2029

## Teaching Experience

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

## Conference Invited Talks

- International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) (scheduled)  Washington, DC  
 “Tariff Pass-Through in the 2025 U.S.–China Tariff Escalation.” Dec 2025
- Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting  New Orleans, LA  
 “Temperature, Allowance, and Air Pollution: Evidence from Regression Discontinuity Design.” Jul 2024
- International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC)  Clearwater, FL  
 “Global Supply Chain and Trade Cost Shocks.” Dec 2023
- Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting  Washington, DC  
 “U.S. Agricultural Exports and the 2022 Mississippi River Drought.” Jul 2023
- AAEA at ASSA  New Orleans, LA  
 “Global Container Trade Disruptions, Pop-Up Ports, and U.S. Agricultural Exports.” Jan 2023
- International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC)  Clearwater, FL  
 “Covid-19 Pandemic on International Trade: Evidence from China.” Dec 2022
- Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting  Anaheim, CA  
 “Global Shipping Container Disruptions and U.S. Agricultural Exports.” Aug 2022
- Northeastern Agricultural & Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Meeting  Mystic, CT  
 “Supply Chain Crisis and Empty Shipping Containers.” Jun 2022
- CAHNR Graduate Student Research Forum, University of Connecticut  Storrs, CT  
 “Global Trade Effects of Tightening Environmental Standards in China.” May 2022
- Steinbach Research Group Seminar, University of Connecticut  Storrs, CT  
 “Global Shipping Container Disruptions and U.S. Agricultural Exports.” Mar 2022
- International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC)  Virtual  
 “The Heterogeneous Effect of Vaccination on Trade in the United States.” Jan 2021
- Association of Environmental & Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference  Virtual  
 “The Waste Backhaul Between the United States and China.” Jun 2021

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| - European Association of Environmental & Resource Economists (EAERE)<br>“Environmental Standard, Waste Backhaul and Maritime Trade.”                             | Virtual<br>Jun 2021     |
| - Northeastern Agricultural & Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Annual Meeting<br>“Global Waste Crisis? The Role of Chinese Environmental Trade Policies.”   | Mystic, CT<br>Jul 2020  |
| - Association of Environmental & Resource Economists (AERE) Summer Conference<br>“International Trade Effects of Stricter Environmental Trade Policies in China.” | Virtual<br>Jun 2020     |
| - Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting<br>“Global Trade Effects of Tightening Environmental Standards in China.”                    | Atlanta, GA<br>Jul 2019 |
| - Agricultural & Resource Economics Seminar, University of Connecticut<br>“Global Trade Effects of Tightening Environmental Standards in China.”                  | Storrs, CT<br>Oct 2019  |

## Referee Service

- Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy
- 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

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| - Conference Participation Award, Graduate School, University of Connecticut              | 2022 |
| - 26th Participation Grant, European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists | 2021 |
| - Predoctoral Fellowship Award, ARE, University of Connecticut                            | 2021 |
| - Summer Fellowship, ARE, University of Connecticut                                       | 2020 |
| - 2019 Travel Award, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association                         | 2019 |
| - Summer Fellowship, ARE Department, University of Connecticut                            | 2019 |
| - TKK First Order Scholarship, Xiamen University  | 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<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Stata, SQL, Python, Java, R
- *Languages*: English (Professional), Mandarin Chinese (Native), Hokkien (Native)

## References

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