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### **Undergraduate Studies:**

Bachelor of AgriCommerce, Massey University, New Zealand, 2011-2013  
Bachelor of Economics (Honours), Australian National University, Australia, 2014

### **Graduate Studies:**

Santa Fe Institute Complex Systems Summer School, 2017  
University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020 (expected)  
Ph.D. in Agricultural & Applied Economics with minor in Computer Science  
Thesis Title: "*Agriculture as a complex dynamical system*"

### **References:**

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### **Research Fields:**

Machine learning  
Bayesian optimization  
Computational modeling  
Agricultural systems

### **Teaching Experience:**

Teaching assistant in AAE706 Applied risk analysis (Instructor: Jean-Paul Chavas), Spring 2019

### **Research Experience:**

Research assistant, 2015-Present

### **Conference presentations:**

Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, 2017-2019  
ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meeting, 2019

### **Research Papers:**

"*Efficient learning of site-specific management in precision agriculture*" (in progress)  
(with Vivak Patel, Lucía Gutiérrez, Brian Luck, Jed Colquhoun, Shawn Conley, and Paul Mitchell)

"*Adaptive experimental design using Bayesian optimization to improve the cost efficiency of small plot field trials*" (in progress)

(with Vivak Patel, Lucía Gutiérrez, Brian Luck, Jed Colquhoun, Shawn Conley, and Paul Mitchell)

*“An agent-based model of insect resistance management and mitigation for Bt maize: A social science perspective”*

(with Paul Mitchell and Terrance Hurley)

*“A bandit algorithm for efficient on-farm research”*

(with Paul Mitchell)