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EMPLOYMENT

Food Systems Resource Economics Fellow, Stanford Climate and Energy Policy Program	Dec 2025 –
Visiting Instructor, St. Olaf College	Feb – May 2024
Research Assistant for Dr. Marc F. Bellemare, University of Minnesota	Summer 2022, 2023 & 2025
Teaching Assistant, University of Minnesota	2019 – 2025
Research Assistant for Dr. Laping Wu, China Agricultural University	2015 – 2018
Intern, Agricultural Trade Promotion Center, Ministry of Agriculture, China	March – May 2015

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Ph.D. in Applied Economics	2025
China Agricultural University, B.A. in International Economics	2015

RESEARCH

Working papers

"A Fool's Errand? The Inverse Farm Size-Productivity Relationship Reconsidered" with Marc F. Bellemare (revise-and-resubmit at *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*)

"Agricultural Mechanization and Structural Transformation" (under review)

"Subjective Life Expectancy and Public Pension Participation: Evidence from the Urban and Rural Residents Pension in China"

"Heterogeneous Supply Response: Does High Price Expectation Attenuate the Inverse Farm Size-Productivity Relationship?" with Qihui Chen, Laping Wu, and Dong Huang

Work in progress

"Policy for sustainable dairy: integrating economic and legal perspectives" with Deborah Sivas, Michael Wara, and Michael Mastrandrea

"The impact of Section 45Z Clean Fuel Production Tax Credit on dairy" with Aaron Smith, Deborah Sivas, Michael Wara, and Michael Mastrandrea

"A putty-clay model of dairy-digester adoption" with Meilin Ma, David Zilberman, and Yanhong Jin

TEACHING

Instructor

St. Olaf College
Principles of Economics — Spring 2024

Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota
Graduate Student Math Review — Summer 2020

Teaching Assistant

University of Minnesota

PUBH 6555 Health Economics	Spring 2025
APEC 8003 Applied Microeconomic Analysis of Game Theory and Information	Spring 2023
APEC 8211-14 Econometric Analysis I-IV	Fall 2019 & 2020, Spring 2022
APEC 3002 Managerial Economics	Spring 2020 & 2021, Fall 2021

College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, University of Minnesota

APEC 1101 Principles of Microeconomics	Fall 2022

College of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University

Intermediate Macroeconomics	Fall 2016

PRESENTATIONS

2026	IFPRI's Applied Microeconomics & Development Seminar, Washington DC (scheduled)
2025	Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) Annual Meeting, Montreal
2024	Guest lecture, Macalester College
	Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) Annual Meeting, Winnipeg
2023	AAEA Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
	Development Economics Workshop, University of Georgia
	SCC -76 2023 Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO
2022	Trade and Development Seminar, University of Minnesota
	Guest lecture, Auburn University
2018	AAEA Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
2017	The 9th CAER-IFPRI Annual Conference, Beijing

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Grants

Travel Grant, Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy	2025
Travel Grant, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota	2023, 2024
Research grant, CFANS Graduate Student Board	2023

Fellowships and Awards

Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

Doctoral Dissertation Award	2025
Outstanding Achievement in Graduate Level Teaching Assistance Award	2023, 2022 & 2021
Cochrane Fellowship, Peterson Fellowship	Spring 2019
Hsieh Fellowship	Fall 2018

China Agricultural University

Scholarship for Academic Excellence	2016
Fellowship for Outstanding Student, Scholarship for Academic Excellence	2014
Annual "Three-merit" Student Award, Award for Academic Advancement	
Yuxin Scholarship	2013
Scholarship for Academic Excellence	2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee

American Journal of Agricultural Economics (11), *Food Policy* (2), *Nature Food* (1), *China Agricultural Economic Review* (2), *Natural Resource Modelling* (1)

Co-organizer

LANGUAGES

Chinese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)

REFERENCES

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