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APPOINTMENTS Assistant Professor, 2026-present
Department of Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics
University of Guelph

Faculty Associate, 2026-present
Canadian Centre for Health Economics

EDUCATION Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis, 2025
M.Sc. Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Tokyo, 2020
B.Mgmt. Financial Management, Sun Yat-sen University, 2018
Semester Abroad, Seoul National University, 2017

RESEARCH
INTERESTS Food and Agricultural Economics, Health Economics, Public Economics

IN PROGRESS "Fortified Before Birth: Long-run Human Capital Effects of Folic Acid Fortification,"
Under review

"Safety Net Payment Digitization and Participant Outcomes: Evidence from the WIC EBT
Transition,"
with Charlotte Ambrozek, and Timothy K.M. Beatty
Revise and Resubmit, Journal of Public Economics

"The Incidence of Farm Commodity Price Increases on U.S. Food Consumers: Consequences
for Healthy Diets, Obesity, and Consumer Welfare,"
with Abigail M. Okrent, Julian M. Alston, and Timothy K.M. Beatty
Revise and Resubmit, Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy

"The Impact of Wildfires on Home Insurance Market,"

with Mengfei Zhou, and Michael R. Springborn

"Geopolitical Tensions and Cross-Border Travel: Evidence from Mobile Phone Data,"
with Stephen Ampah, and S. Kwaku Afesorgbor

EXTENSION "Mexican Tomatoes are Winning the American Market," with Yuhan Wang, *Ag Data News*,
November 24, 2021. [[Article](#)] [[The Washington Post](#)]

GRANTS Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council: Insight Development Grant,
"Geopolitical Tensions and Cross-Border Travel: Evidence from Mobile Phone Data,"
PI (Co-PI: S. Kwaku Afesorgbor); 2026-2028; CAD 49,800

AWARDS Jastro & Shields Graduate Research Award (USD 3,000), UC Davis, 2025
Graduate Travel Award (USD 2,000), UC Davis, 2025
Summer Research Fellowship (USD 4,000), UC Davis, 2024
Travel Grant for Behavioral Obesity Research Workshop (USD 1,850), Indiana University
Bloomington, 2023
Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship (JPY 576,000), JASSO, 2018 – 2019
Undergraduate Merit Scholarship (CNY 20,000), Sun Yat-sen University, 2014 – 2018

PRESENTATIONS **2026** CEA Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC; CAES Annual Meeting, Ottawa, ON

2025 AEA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA; MEA Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO;
University of Guelph FARE, Guelph, ON; WEAI Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA;
ASHEcon Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN; AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting,
Denver, CO

2024 UC Davis-University of Gottingen Joint Research Symposium, Davis, CA; AAEA An-
nual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

RESEARCH Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA
EXPERIENCE for Timothy K.M. Beatty, 06/2023-12/2025
for Julian M. Alston, 01/2024- 12/2024
for Stephen A. Vosti, 04/2022-12/2022

Research & 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

FARE 4500 Data Science for Agricultural Economists, U of Guelph, Fall 2026

FARE 6970 Applied Econometrics for Agricultural Economists, U of Guelph, Fall 2026

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

SERVICES

Referee Experience

American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics,
CAES Annual Meeting Abstracts

University Service

Organizer, Departmental Seminar in Applied Economics, U of Guelph, 2026-2027

Coordinator, Student Café, Diversity and Inclusion in Research, Education, and Career
Program (DIRECT), UC Davis, 2022

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), Mandarin (Native), Cantonese (Fluent), Japanese (Intermediate)