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EDUCATION

<u>The Ohio State University</u>	Columbus, OH
Ph.D. in Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics	July 2015
- Dissertation: " Three Essays on the Land Use, Land Management and Land Values in Agro-ecosystems "	
- Advisor: Dr. Elena G. Irwin	
- Best Doctoral Dissertation Award, Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics, the Ohio State University	
- Presidential Fellowship, the Ohio State University	
M.A. in Economics	June 2012
<u>Fudan University</u>	Shanghai, China
B.S. in Environmental Science (<i>magna cum laude</i>)	July 2009
Minor: International Economics and Trade	
<u>The University of Hong Kong</u>	Hong Kong SAR, China
Exchange Student in Environmental Studies	September 2007 to January 2008

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Land Economics, Chinese Agriculture, Nonmarket Valuation, Integrated Ecological-Economic Modeling, Agricultural and Environmental Policy, Applied Microeconometrics, Agricultural Trade

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor with tenure , Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, SC Johnson College of Business, Cornell University - Appointment: 50% Research and 50% Extension	July 2025 - Present
Faculty Affiliate, Cornell Center for China Economic Research (CICER) Faculty Fellow, Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability	July 2022 – Present July 2022 – Present
Assistant Professor , Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, SC Johnson College of Business, Cornell University	July 2022 – June 2025
Global Public Voices Fellow, Cornell Einaudi Center for International Studies	2022-2023
Faculty Fellow , Leibniz-Zentrum für Agrarlandschaftsforschung (ZALF), Germany	fall 2023 – fall 2025
Academic Vice President , American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers	November 2024 - Present
Associate Professor (with tenure) , Department of Economics; Iowa State University Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, Center for China-US Agricultural Economics and Policy, Iowa State University On Leave from July 2022 to June 2023 - Appointment: 60% Extension, 25% Research, and 15% Teaching	August 2021 – June 2023
Assistant Professor , Department of Economics; Iowa State University Extension and Outreach; Center for Agricultural and Rural Development, Center for China-US Agricultural Economics and Policy, Iowa State University	August 2015 – July 2021
Academic Vice President , the Iowa Chapter of American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers	2016 – 2022
Affiliate Faculty , Sustainable Agriculture Graduate Program, Iowa State University	October 2018 – Present
Graduate Research Assistant , Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics, the Ohio State University	July 2010 – July 2015
Visiting Researcher , USDA National Agricultural Statistical Service Data Lab	July – August 2013
Summer Research Intern , USDA Economic Research Service	July – August 2012

BIOGRAPHY

Wendong Zhang is an associate professor in the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, part of the Cornell SC Johnson College of Business. His research and extension program seeks to better understand US farmland market, Chinese agriculture, as well as the interplay between agriculture and the environment.

Zhang is currently an associate editor of the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation and was an associate editor of American Journal of Agricultural Economics from 2020 to 2023. He is also faculty affiliate at Cornell Center for China Economic Research, faculty fellow at Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability, and a 2023-2025 fellow with the Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research.

Prior to joining Cornell, Zhang was a tenured associate professor in the Department of Economics and the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development at Iowa State University. He obtained his PhD in agricultural, environmental and development economics from Ohio State University in 2015.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2025: Howard D. Doane Award, American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA)
2025-2026 Board of Director, Chinese Economists Society
Rising Star Best Conference Paper Award, Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) (Joint with Chen-Ti Chen and Seungki Lee)
- 2024: Early Achievement Award, Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CAL S)
Board of Director, Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA)
Academic Vice President, American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA), 2024-27
- 2023: 2023-2025 Faculty Fellow, Leibniz-Zentrum für Agrarlandschaftsforschung (ZALF), Germany
2022-2023 Board of Director, Chinese Economists Society
Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award, American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) Iowa Chapter
- 2022: 2022-2023 Global Public Voices Fellow, Cornell Einaudi Center for International Studies
Young Professional Achievement Award, the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) Alumni Society, the Ohio State University
- 2021: Advisor of Winner of the 2021 AAEA Undergraduate Student Section Best Undergraduate Student Paper Competition (Beatrice Maule, “Of Women and Land: How Gender Affects Transfers and Successions of Iowa Farms”)
Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) 2021 Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award, Individual: Less than Ten Years’ Experience
Top Paper Award from the Intergroup Communication Interest Group (ICIG) at International Communications Association (ICA) 2020: Gold Coast Conference (“Farmers under Threat: Implications for Attitudes toward China and Perceived Risks from the Trade Dispute”, joint with Lulu Rodriguez, Shuyang Qu, Suman Lee, and Minghao Li)
Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Career Advancement and Mentorship (CAM) Program
Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Early Achievement Award in Extension and Outreach
- 2020: Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean’s Citation for Extraordinary Contributions (joint with Chad Hart and Dermot Hayes)
Associate Editor, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 2020-2023
- 2019: AAEA Bruce Garner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award (“the Impact of the 2018 Trade Disruptions on the Iowa Economy”, CARD Policy Brief coauthored with Edward J. Balistreri, Chad E. Hart, Dermot J. Hayes, Minghao Li, Lee Schulz, David A. Swenson, and John M. Crespi)
AAEA Awards Committee Master’s Thesis Sub-Committee 2019 and 2020
President, NC-1177 Multistate Research Project “Agricultural and Rural Finance Markets in Transition (NC1014, NC221, NCT-194)”
Chair, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Agricultural Finance and Management (AFM) Section
- 2018: President-Elect, NC-1177 Multistate Research Project “Agricultural and Rural Finance Markets in Transition (NC1014, NC221, NCT-194)”

Chair-Elect, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Agricultural Finance and Management (AFM) Section

- 2016: Vice President, the Alumni Association, Fudan University, Department of Environmental Science and Engineering
Epsilon Sigma Phi, the Iowa Alpha Mu Chapter
Best Doctoral Dissertation Award, Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics, the Ohio State University
- 2015: Finalist, Graduate Associate Teaching Award, the Ohio State University
- 2014: Presidential Fellowship, the Ohio State University, 2014-2015
Bernie Erven Outstanding Graduate Teacher Award, Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics, the Ohio State University
Selected Participant of the Prepare Future Faculty Program, the Ohio State University, 2014-2015
Center on Urban and Regional Analysis Travel Award, the Ohio State University
- 2013: Winner, North America Regional Science Council Graduate-Student-Led Paper Competition, the 60th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International
Winner, Best Paper Competition, Midwest Graduate Student Conference on Regional and Applied Economics
- 2012: Winner, North America Regional Science Council Graduate-Student-Led Paper Competition, the 59th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International
Winner, Best Doctoral Research Manuscript Award, Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics, the Ohio State University
Winner, Graduate Student Paper Competition, 5th Annual Midwest Graduate Student Summit on Regional, Population, Health & Environmental Economics
The Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta
- 2009: Doctoral Fellowship, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC)
- 2007: Fung Scholar, Victor and William Fung Foundation
National Scholarship, 1st Prize, Ministry of Education of China, 2007
- 2006: Tung's Oriental Scholarship, Fudan University

EDITORIAL SERVICES

- 2021-: Associate Editor, Journal of Soil and Water Conservation
2020-23: Associate Editor, American Journal of Agricultural Economics
2021- : Editorial Advisory Board, Agricultural Finance Review
2018- : Editorial Committee, Journal of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (Journal of the ASFMRA)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

(* denote undergraduate students advised; ^ graduate students; + postdocs advised)

2026:

57. Kang, M., S. Lee, I. Sheldon, and W. Zhang. 2026. "Uneven State-Level Exposure to Potential U.S. Tariff Disputes with Canada and Mexico." forthcoming at *Choices Magazine*

2025:

56. Ai+, J, M. Li, T. Zhang, and **W. Zhang**. 2025. "[the Impacts of the 2025 Trade Wars on Global Agricultural Markets and US Agricultural Trade](https://brill.com/view/journals/ifam/aop/article-10.22434-ifamr.1388/article-10.22434-ifamr.1388.xml)" *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review (IFAMR)*, <https://brill.com/view/journals/ifam/aop/article-10.22434-ifamr.1388/article-10.22434-ifamr.1388.xml>
55. Liao, C., J. Kao-Kniffin, M. Reid, **W. Zhang**, P. Tshabalala, E. Andrus, Z. Butler-Jones, J. LaPoint, S. Zhou, R. Rafols, S. Shin, M. Ichihara, A. Pereira, N. Butler, Y. Tu, & S.R. McCouch, 2025. "[Rice farming for climate change adaptation in the Northeastern United States.](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2402181122)" *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) U.S.A.* 122 (49). <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2402181122>
54. Mei, Y., Qiu, J., **Zhang, W.**, S. Chaudhary, and P. Liu. 2025. "Carbon Markets Promote Environmental Justice in China." *Nature Communications*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-025-67081-0>
53. Li^, Z., A. Ortiz-Bobea, **W. Zhang**. 2025. "[The Impact of Solar-Enabling Legislations on Farmland Values](https://doi.org/10.3368/le.102.2.022625-0013R)", *Land Economics*, <https://doi.org/10.3368/le.102.2.022625-0013R>
52. Qu, X., Q. Lu, M. Li, and **W. Zhang**. 2025. "[Broadband Internet Speed Upgrades and the Farmland Market: A Shift-Share Instrumental Variable Approach](https://doi.org/10.1111/ajae.12559)", *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajae.12559>
51. Lee, Si un, Jeff Hyde, Rudy Nayga, Yangxuan Liu, and **Wendong Zhang**. 2025. "[Is there an Extension Discount for Agricultural Economics Faculty?](https://open.clemson.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=5601&context=joe)" *Journal of Extension*, <https://open.clemson.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=5601&context=joe>
50. Cheng^, N., T. Xiong, and **W. Zhang**. 2024. "[The Impact of China's Place-Based Environmental Regulations on Its Hog Industry: A Synthetic Difference-in-differences Approach](https://doi.org/10.1111/cjag.12386)", *Forthcoming at Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/cjag.12386>
49. Fiechter, C., T. Kuethe, and **W. Zhang**. 2024. [Information Rigidities and Farmland Value Expectations](https://doi.org/10.3368/le.101.2.102623-0111R1). *Forthcoming at Land Economics*, <https://doi.org/10.3368/le.101.2.102623-0111R1>

2024:

48. **W. Zhang**, X. Wan, W. Fan, and Y. Ji. 2024. "Uncovering Disparities in Water-Based Outdoor Recreation using Cell Phone Mobility Data", *Environmental Resource Letters*, 19 (11) <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-9326/ad801c>
47. Graziano, M., K. Meyer, P. Liu, and **W. Zhang**. 2024. "Impact of Waterborne E. Coli Outbreaks on Local Communities: Evidence from Housing Transactions in Michigan", *Forthcoming at Agricultural and Resource Economic Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1017/age.2024.13>

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45. Wan, X., and G. Howard, and **W. Zhang**. 2024. Enrollment Restrictions and Conservation Practice Adoptions by Midwestern Farmers: Survey Evidence from Iowa. **Accepted at *Land Economics***, <https://doi.org/10.3368/le.101.2.050924-0041R>
44. Cheng[^], N., C. Tang, P. Liu, M. Li⁺, and **W. Zhang**. 2024. “[Pipeline Incidents and Property Values: A Nationwide Hedonic Analysis](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeem.2024.103041)”, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, Vol. 127, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeem.2024.103041>
43. Tong, J., **W. Zhang**, C. DeLong, J. Benning, and M. Schultz. 2024. What Women Landowners Want to Know about Conservation? *Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems*, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1742170524000243>
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41. Li, Miao, Tao Xiong, Ziran Li, **Wendong Zhang**. 2024. “Do Commodity Futures Still Need Market Makers? New Evidence from China’s Market-Making Program.” Accepted at *Agricultural Economics*, 55(6): 899-924, <https://doi.org/10.1111/agec.12854>
40. Plastina, Alejandro, Wendiam Sawadgo, and **Wendong Zhang**. 2024. “[By How Much Appraised Farm Values Differ Across Appraisers?](#)” *Journal of ASFMRA*.
39. Li[^], H., X. Wan[^], and **W. Zhang**. 2024. “How Do Firms Respond to Long-term Political Tensions? Evidence from Chinese Food Importers”, *the World Economy*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/twec.13601>
38. Shr⁺, J., and **W. Zhang**. 2024. “Omitted Downstream Attributes and the Benefits of Nutrient Reductions: Implications for Choice Experiments”, *Ecological Economics*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolecon.2024.108218>
37. Fiske, Kathleen, Nieyan Cheng, Ryan Kuesel, **Wendong Zhang**, Ricardo Bessin, Mark Alan Williams, David Gonthier. 2024. “Row Covers Limit Pests and Disease and Increase Profit in Organic Acorn Squash.” **Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems**. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fsufs.2024.1347924>
36. Howard, G., **W. Zhang**, A. Valcu-Lisman, and P. Gassman. 2024. “[Evaluating the Tradeoff between Cost-Effectiveness and Participation in Agricultural Conservation Programs](#)”, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ajae.12397>
35. Taylor, M.R., and **W. Zhang**, and F. Attah. 2024. “[Foreign Interests in U.S. Agricultural Lands: The Missing Conversations about Leasing](#).” *Choices Magazine*

2023:

34. Li, M., X. He, **W. Zhang**, J.M. Gbeda, S. Qu, and L. Rodriguez. 2023. “[Farmers’ Reactions to the U.S.-China Trade War: Perceptions vs. Behaviors](#).” *Journal of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (Journal of the AAEA)*. 2(3): 386-401. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jaa2.68>
33. Lee, J., G. Durbahn, P.F. Orazem, and **W. Zhang**. 2023. “[The Roles of Risk Preferences, Selection, and Uncertain Returns on Land Contracts](#).” *Agricultural Economics*, 54(2): 220-233. <https://doi.org/10.1111/agec.12770>
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29. Nelson, H.M., J.F. Gonzalez-Acuna, A. Nair, N. Cheng[^], K. Mphande, S. Badilla-Arias, **W. Zhang**, and M. Gleason. 2023. [Comparison of Row Cover Systems for Pest Management in Organic Muskmelon in Iowa](https://doi.org/10.21273/HORTTECH05096-22). *HortTechnology* 33(1) <https://doi.org/10.21273/HORTTECH05096-22>

2022:

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27. He⁺, X., A. Elobeid, M. Carriquiry, M. Li, D. Hayes, M. Li, and **W. Zhang**. 2022. “[China's Growing Feed Imports: Projections from the CARD Agricultural Modeling](https://doi.org/10.1002/agr.21764)”, *Agribusiness* 38(4): 970-989, <https://doi.org/10.1002/agr.21764>
26. Liu, Y., and **W. Zhang**. 2022. “[Nurturing International Graduate Students for a More Diversified and Inclusive Extension Workforce](https://www.aaea.org/UserFiles/file/AETR_2022_003RV4I2_v5.pdf)”. *Applied Economics Teaching Resources*, 4(2): 45-58. https://www.aaea.org/UserFiles/file/AETR_2022_003RV4I2_v5.pdf
25. He⁺, X., E.J. Balistreri, G.H. Kim, and W. Zhang. 2022. “[A General Equilibrium Assessment of the Labor Productivity Impacts of COVID-19 on China's Regional Economies](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11123-022-00642-3).” *Journal of Productivity Analysis*, Corresponding Author, 58: 129-150, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11123-022-00642-3>

2021:

24. Mei, Y., L. Gao, **W. Zhang**, F. Yang. 2021. “[Do Homeowners Benefit When Coal-Fired Power Plants Switch to Natural Gas? Evidence from Beijing, China](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeem.2021.102566)”, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jeem.2021.102566>
23. Xiong, T., **W. Zhang**, and C. Chen[^]. 2021, “[A Fortune From Misfortune: Evidence from Hog Firms' Stock Price Responses to China's African Swine Fever Outbreaks](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2021.102150)”, *Food Policy*, Corresponding Author, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2021.102150>
22. Basha[^], A., **W. Zhang**, and C. Hart. 2021. “[The Impacts of Interest Rate Changes on US Midwest Farmland Values](https://doi.org/10.1108/AFR-11-2020-0163)”, *Agricultural Finance Review*, Corresponding Author, <https://doi.org/10.1108/AFR-11-2020-0163>
21. **Zhang, W.**, S. Lence, and T. Kuethe, 2021. “[Are Expert Opinions Accurate? Panel Data Evidence from Iowa Land Value Survey](https://doi.org/10.3368/le.97.4.080820-0124R)”, *Land Economics*, Corresponding Author, <https://doi.org/10.3368/le.97.4.080820-0124R>
20. **Zhang, W.**, 2021. [The Case for Healthy U.S.-China Agricultural Trade Relations Despite Deglobalization Pressures](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.aep.2021.102150). *Applied Economic Policy & Perspectives*, 43(1): 225-247.

<https://doi.org/10.1002/aep.13115>

19. Sawadgo[^], W., **W. Zhang**, and A. Plastina. 2021. “[What Drives Landowners’ Conservation Decisions? Evidence from Iowa](#)”, *Journal of Soil and Water Conservation*, 76(3): 211-221. <https://doi.org/10.2489/jswc.2021.00115>
18. Hasan, S.M., A. Rehman, and **W. Zhang**, February 2021. “[Who Can Work and Study from Home in Pakistan: Evidence from a Nationwide Household Survey](#)”, *World Development*, **Corresponding Author**, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2020.105197>
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2020:

16. Li⁺, M., E. Balistreri, and **W. Zhang**. June 2020. “[The U.S.-China Trade War: Data and General Equilibrium Analysis](#).” *Journal of Asian Economics*, Vol. 69, **Lead Article**, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.asieco.2020.101216>
15. Liu, H., **W. Zhang**, E. Irwin, J. Kast, N. Aloysius, J.F. Martin, and M. Kelcic. April 2020, “[Best Management Practices and Nutrient Reduction: An Integrated Economic-Hydrological Model of the Western Lake Erie Basin](#)”, *Land Economics*, 96(4): 510-530, <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/775584>

2019:

14. Taylor, M., and **W. Zhang**. 2019. “[Training the Next Generation of Extension Economists](#)”, *Choices Magazine*, Quarter 2, 34(2)
13. Grant*, M., and **W. Zhang**. 2019. “[Entrepreneurship and Start-ups in the Agricultural Industry](#)”, *Journal of American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (JASFMRA)*, 35-43.
12. Wang, P., **W. Zhang**, M. Li⁺, and Y. Han, 2019, “Does Fertilizer Education Program Increase the Technical Efficiency of Chemical Fertilizer Use? Evidence from Wheat Production in China”, *Sustainability*, 11(2), 543, <https://doi.org/10.3390/su11020543>

2018:

11. Gao, L., **W. Zhang**, Y. Mei, A. Sam, Y. Song, and S. Jin. 2018. “Do Farmers Adopt Fewer Conservation Practices On Rented Land? Evidence from Straw Retention in China”, *Land Use Policy*, 79: 609-621, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landusepol.2018.08.026>
10. Aller, D.[^], S. Archontoulis, **W. Zhang**, W. Sawadgo[^], D. Laird, and K. Moore. 2018. “Using APSIM to Optimize Biochar Applications for Midwest Corn-Bioenergy Cropping Systems”, *Field Crops Research*, 227: 30-40, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fcr.2018.07.012>
9. Li, M⁺, **W. Zhang**, and C. Hart, 2018. “[What Have We Learned from China’s Past Trade Retaliation Strategies](#)”, *Choices Magazine*, Quarter 2, 33(2): 1-8, **Lead Article**, <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26487436>
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2017:

5. Rosli, H.[^], D. A. Mayfield, J. C. Batzer, P. M. Dixon, **W. Zhang**, and M. L. Gleason, 2017, “Field Validation of a Modified Relative Humidity-Based Warning System for Sooty Blotch and Flyspeck in Iowa”, *Plant Disease*, 101(10): 1721-1728. <https://doi.org/10.1094/PDIS-02-17-0294-RE>
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2016:

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2015:

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Wang, Y., G. Howard, **W. Zhang**, M. Brown, A. Morton, K. Cetin, J. McCalley. 2025. "Incentivizing or Disincentivizing Participation in Demand Response Programs? Estimation of Customer Willingness to Accept." **Revisions Requested** at *Energy Policy*

Wan^, X., Y. Ji, **W. Zhang**, and P. Liu. 2025. "Integrating Recreational Benefits into Hedonic Property Value Models: Evidence from Iowa"

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Ai, J., M. Li, T. Zhang, and **W. Zhang**, 2025. "the Economic Impacts of the 2025 Trade Wars " **Under Review**

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Work in Progress

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19. Feng, H., S. Carlson, S. Hickey, E. Reaves, L. Schulte-Moore, and **W. Zhang,** **(co-PI), \$148,284,** “The Effectiveness of Carbon Credit Programs at Reducing Nutrient Losses: An Assessment of Public and Private Conservation Programs and their Interactions”, *Iowa Nutrient Research Center* 2021/08-2023/07.

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16. Schultz, M., M. O’Rourke, **W. Zhang**, K. Tidgren, and K. Tidgren, (**co-PI**), **\$300,000**, “Enhancing Conservation, Access and Generational Transition of Iowa Farmland through Senior Women Landowners”, *USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Critical Agricultural Research and Extension (CARE)*, 2021/10-2023/09.
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12. Gleason, M., X. Zhang, G. Beattie, A. Nair, **W. Zhang**, L. Iles, R. Bessin, L.W. Morton, S. Pethybridge, M. Williams, D.A. Gonthier, and H.C. Dantzker, (**co-PI**), **\$2,000,000**, “Resilient Systems for Sustainable Management of Cucurbit Crops”, *USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI)*, 2019/10-2022/9.
11. Balistreri, E., D. Hayes, M. Li, and **W. Zhang, (PI), \$500,000**, “Quantifying the Transmission of U.S.-China and Global Policy Impacts through a New Commodity-Specific International General-Equilibrium System”, *USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Markets, Trade and Economics*, 2019/6-2022/5. (E. Balistreri was PI from 2019/06-2020/07 before he moved to University of Nebraska)
10. Plastina, A., **W. Zhang**, and M. McDaniel (**co-PI**), **\$103,334**, “Monetizing Soil Health: An Innovative Strategy to Drive Greater Adoption of Cover Crops and No-till”, *Iowa Nutrient Research Center* 2018-2020.
9. Schultz, M., **W. Zhang**, and C. Brown (**co-PI**), **\$199,000**, “Improving Risk Management on Family Farms Through Women in Iowa”, *U.S. Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency (USDA-RMA)*, 2018-2020.
8. Gleason, M., L. Iles, A. Nair, **W. Zhang**, B. Sanders, and T. Eaton (**co-PI**), **\$30,000**, “Optimizing Mesotunnel Systems for Sustainable Production of Cucurbit Crops”, *North Central Region – Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NCR-SARE)*, 2018-2020.
7. Shr, J., C. Tang, C.L. Kling, and **W. Zhang (co-PI), \$60,000**, “The Economic Benefits of Mitigating Harmful Algal Blooms in Iowa”, *Iowa Water Center*, 2018-2020.
6. **Zhang, W.** and A. Plastina, (**PI**), **\$29,638**, “Land Tenure, Conservation, and Owner Absenteeism: Insights from Joint Analysis of Federal and State Survey Data”, *U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service (USDA-ERS) Cooperative Agreement 58-6000-8-0021*, 2018-2020.
5. Plastina, A., **W. Zhang**, and M. McDaniel, (**co-PI**), **\$103,334**, “Monetizing Soil Health: An Innovative Strategy to Drive Greater Adoption of Cover Crops and No-Till”, *Iowa Nutrient Research Center*, 2019-2020.
4. **Zhang, W.** and G. Howard, (**PI**), **\$62,780**, “Improving the Effectiveness of Conservation Programs through

Innovative Reverse Auctions and Sensible Enrollment Restrictions”, *Iowa Nutrient Research Center*, 2017-2019.

3. Laird, D., S. Archontoulis, R. Brown, D. Hayes, F. Miguez, A. Plastina, M. Mba-Waright, **W. Zhang**, and D. Zilberman (University of California-Berkeley) (**co-PI**), **\$1.9 million**, “the Pyrolysis-Bioenergy-Biochar Pathway to Carbon-Negative Energy”, *Stanford University Global Climate & Energy Project*, 2015-2018. (B. Babcock transferred this project to me and A. Plastina in fall 2016).
2. **Zhang, W.** and A. Plastina, (**PI**), **\$19,974**, “Who Will Own Iowa’s Farmland? A Comparative Study of Farmland Ownership, Tenure and Succession in Iowa”, *the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture*, 2017-2019.
1. **Zhang, W.** and A. Plastina, (**PI**), **\$79,416**, “Land Tenure and Nutrient Management Practices: Identifying Economic Barriers and Incentives for Landowners and Tenants to Meet Growing Soil and Water Conservation Needs”, *Iowa Nutrient Research Center*, 2017-2019.

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2. Irwin, E. G., M. E. Fraker, S. Y. Gebremariam, J. F. Martin, and **W. Zhang**, (**Only graduate student co-PI, co-PIs alphabetically ordered**), **\$198,955**, “Linking Agricultural Production and Great Lakes Ecosystem Services: Modeling and Valuing the Impacts of Harmful Algal Blooms in Lake Erie”, *NOAA/Ohio Sea Grant*, 2014-2016.
 - Led the grant writing and an interdisciplinary team of ecological engineers, biologists and economists
1. **Zhang, W.**, (**PI**), **\$4,994**, “From Farmers’ Management Decisions to Watershed Environmental Quality: A Spatially Explicit Behavioral Model of Agricultural Best Management Practice Choices”, *Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) SEEDS Graduate Research Enhancement Grant*, Ph.D. Program. 2013-2014.

Inventions and Patents

Gebremariam, S. Y., E. G. Irwin, **W. Zhang**, S. A. Ludsin, N. Chen, and J. F. Martin. 2014. *SWAT Watershed Model Codes*. The Ohio State University, Tech ID #T2014-056.

RESEARCH CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS and INVITED SEMINARS

Invited Research Seminars

2026: Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics

2025: ZALF (Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research), Germany
The Ohio State University Department of Agricultural, Environmental
and Development Economics

2024: ZALF (Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research), Germany
University of Florida, Department of Food and Resource Economics
Farm Credit Administration
The Penn State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology and Extension
University of Wisconsin at Madison, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics
Renmin University of China, School of Agricultural and Rural Development
Renmin University of China, School of Applied Economics
Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, School of Economics
Huazhong Agricultural University, School of Economics and Management
Colgate University, Department of Economics

2023: Federal Reserve Bank at Chicago, Midwest Agriculture Conference
AEM 7030: Research Seminar for Dyson MS Students

AEM 1101: Design Your Dyson for Freshman Dyson Students
New York State Assessors Association Cornell Seminar
American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers National Conference

2022: Online Agricultural and Resource Economics (OARES) Seminar
Iowa Learning Farms
College of Wooster, Department of Economics
the Ohio State University, Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics
New Mexico State University, Economics, Applied Statistics, and International Business Department
University of Nebraska – Lincoln, CME / Yeutter Institute Conference
Auburn University, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology

2021: Huazhong Agricultural University, College of Economics and Management
Renmin University of China, School of Applied Economics
Jinan University, the Institute of Economic and Social Research (IESR), China
Iowa Learning Farms

2020: Pennsylvania State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology and Education
WiNDC (Wisconsin National Data Consortium) Online Webinar (joint with Ed Balistreri and Xi He)
US EPA Hypoxia Task Force Ecosystem/Social Metrics Workgroup
University of Northern Iowa, Department of Biology

2019: Mississippi State University, Department of Agricultural Economics
Lafayette College, Department of Economics
Iowa State University, Department of Agronomy, Soils Seminar
North Carolina State University, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics
East Carolina University, Department of Economics

2018: USDA 94th Annual Agricultural Outlook Forum, Washington, DC (Invited panelist)
University of Kentucky, Department of Economics (*presented by E.G. Irwin*)

2016: Nanjing Agricultural University, College of Finance
China Agricultural University, Department of Land Management
Iowa State University Sustainable Agriculture Graduate Program Colloquium, Ames, IA

2014: Iowa State University, Department of Economics

Conference Presentations

2025: World Bank Land Conference: Securing Land Tenure and Access for Climate Action, Washington, DC
China Economists Society North American conference, Ann Arbor, MI
Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA), Burlington, VT
Agricultural and Applied Economic Association (AAEA), Denver, CO
Southern Economic Association Conference, Tampa, FL

2024: ASFMRA (American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers) National Conference, Kansas City, MO
Chinese Economist Society 2024 North American Conference, Bucknell University
Chinese Economist Society 2024 China Conference, Zhejiang University
16th CAER-IFPRI Annual Conference, Hunan University, Changsha, China
4th Global Food Security for the Youth Forum, Huazhong Agricultural University, Wuhan, China
Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Annual Conference, Washington, DC
Social Cost of Water Pollution Workshop, Washington, DC

2023: Agricultural and Applied Economic Association (AAEA), Washington, DC
ASFMRA (American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers) National Conference, Nashville, TN

Chicago Fed Midwest Agriculture Conference, Chicago, IL
Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Annual Conference, Portland, ME

- 2022: Agricultural and Applied Economic Association (AAEA), Anaheim, CA
Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA), Mystic, CT
- 2021: Southern Economics Association Annual Conference (*presented by X. Wan and G. Lyn*)
Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Annual Conference (*presented by N. Cheng, and Y.-H. Shr*)
Agricultural and Applied Economic Association (AAEA), Austin, TX, August 2021
Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) (*presented by N. Cheng, X. Wan*)
Iowa Ideas Conference (*panelist on eco-tourism*)
Iowa Water Center 2021 Virtual Annual Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) Symposium
- 2020: 12th Annual CAER-IFPRI Conference (*Nanjing, China, online, presented by N. Cheng*)
Sustainable Agriculture Summit (*Panelist*)
North Central Farm Management Executive Committee / Midwest & Great Plains Outlook Conference (*panlist*)
Chinese Economist Society 2020 North American Conference, Boston, MA (*selected presentation, online*)
Annual Meeting of the Applied and Agricultural Economic Association, Kansas City, MO (*selected Presentation & poster*)
- 2019: Heartland Environmental and Resources Economics Workshop 2019, Urbana, IL (*selected presentation and selected poster*)
National Agricultural Credit Committee / NC-1177 Annual Meeting: Agricultural and Rural Finance Markets in Transition, Dallas, TX (*selected presentation*)
Integrated Assessment Models of Water Quality workshop, Cornell University and Iowa State University, Ithaca, NY (*selected presentation*)
USDA Economic Research Service sponsored workshop “Applications and Potential of Ecosystem Services Valuation within USDA – Advancing the Science”, April 2019 (*selected presentation*)
Annual Meeting of the Applied and Agricultural Economic Association, Atlanta, GA (*selected presentation for AFM track session*)
2019 AAEA Post-Conference Workshop “Challenges, Implications, and the Future of Agricultural Trade between the US and China” organized by AAEA China Section, Zhejiang University and Purdue University, Atlanta, GA (*selected presentation*)
- 2018: American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) 2018 Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ (*invited*)
Heartland Environmental and Resources Economics Workshop 2018, Urbana, IL (*selected poster*)
North Central Farm Management Executive Committee Annual Meeting, Ames, IA (*invited*)
National Agricultural Credit Committee / NC-1177 Annual Meeting: Agricultural and Rural Finance Markets in Transition, St Louis, MO (*selected presentation*)
Annual Meeting of the Applied and Agricultural Economic Association, Washington, DC (*selected Presentation, presented by H. Liu*)
10th Annual Land Investment Expo, Des Moines, IA (*invited*)
2018 Farm Futures Business Summit, Coralville, IA (*invited*)
USDA 94th Annual Agricultural Outlook Forum, Washington, DC (*invited*)
Chinese Economist Society 2018 North American Conference, Athens, GA (*selected presentation*)
12th World Congress of Regional Science Association International, Goa, India (*selected presentation, presented by S. Hasan*)
6th World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists, Gothenburg, Sweden (*selected presentation, presented by E. G. Irwin*)
- 2017: PAgES: An Interdisciplinary Science Workshop on Payments for Agro-Ecosystem Services, workshop funded by USDA-NIFA/AFRI Agroecosystem Management Program (*invited*)

National Agricultural Credit Committee / NC-1177 Annual Meeting: Agricultural and Rural Finance Markets in Transition, Minneapolis, MN (*selected presentation*)
Annual Meeting of the Applied and Agricultural Economic Association, Chicago, IL (*selected presentation*)
Annual Meeting of Association of Environmental Resource Economists, Pittsburgh, PA (*selected presentation*)
USDA Economic Research Service and C-FARE Webinar on Farm Income and Land Value Outlook (*invited*)

- 2016: Agri Investor Forum 2016, Chicago, IL (*invited*)
National Agricultural Credit Committee / NC-1177 Annual Meeting: Agricultural and Rural Finance Markets in Transition, Denver, CO (*selected presentation*)
North Central Farm Management Conference / National Farm Management Conference, Sioux Falls, SD the Midwest, Great Plains and Western Outlook Conference, Des Moines, IA (*selected presentation*)
the Prairie Lakes Conference, Okoboji, IA (*invited*)
Annual Meeting of the Applied and Agricultural Economic Association, Boston, MA (*selected presentation*)
Association of Environmental and Resource Economists 5th Annual Conference, Breckenridge, CO (*selected presentation*)
the National Farm Business Management Conference, Sioux Falls, SD (*selected presentation*)
Strategies for Building Health Soils, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach (*selected poster*)
- 2015: USDA NRCS Soil Renaissance - Economics of Soil Health Workshop, Farm Foundation and U.S. Department of Agriculture – Economics Research Service, Washington, DC (*selected poster*)
Joint Annual Meeting of the Applied and Agricultural Economic Association & Western Agricultural Economic Association, San Francisco, CA (*selected presentation*)
The 2015 Workshop on Water Quality Economics, the Joint Annual Meeting & Workshop of the Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association and the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, Newport, RI (*selected presentation*)
Association of Environmental and Resource Economists 4th Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (*selected presentation*)
59th National Australian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society Annual Conference, Rotorua, New Zealand (*selected presentation, presented by B. Sohngen*)
- 2014: A Community on Ecosystem Services: Linking Science, Practice and Decision Making (*presented on behalf of E.G. Irwin*)
Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop, Champaign, IL (*poster*)
Pathways 2014 Conference: Integrating Human Dimensions into Fish and Wildlife, Estes Park, CO
Association of Environmental and Resource Economics sessions at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Atlanta, GA
Annual Meeting of the Applied and Agricultural Economic Association, Minneapolis, MN
- 2013: Urban Economic Association sessions at the 60th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Atlanta, GA
Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop at Champaign, IL
Annual Meeting of the Applied and Agricultural Economic Association, Washington, D.C.
6th Midwest Graduate Student Conference on Regional and Applied Economics, Columbus, OH
Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH
13th Annual American Ecological Engineering Society Meeting, East Lansing, MI (*presented by S. Gebremariam*)
56th Annual Conference on Great Lakes Research, West Lafayette, IN (*presented by S. Gebremariam*)
- 2012: 4th International EcoSummit, Columbus, OH (*Poster*)
5th Annual Midwest Graduate Student Summit on Regional, Population, Health & Environmental Economics, West Lafayette, IN
Annual Meeting of the Applied and Agricultural Economic Association, Seattle, WA
Urban Economic Association sessions at the 59th Annual North American Meetings of the Regional Science

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Extension Program Overview

I have developed a strong and nationally recognized program that addresses critical farm management issues relevant to Iowa, New York, and the U.S., including the economics of farmland and cropping systems, analysis of technology adoption, international agriculture and agricultural trade, land management practices and nutrient reduction issues.

My extension program has four interrelated focus areas: (1) the analysis of U.S. farmland market; (2) the growing significance of China and Chinese agriculture to U.S. agricultural economy, especially through the ISU China Ag Center I co-founded; (3) conservation practice and technology adoption by row crop and specialty crop growers; (4) the interplay between agricultural production, land management decisions, and soil and water quality.

My extension program has received national and university awards, including the 2019 AAEA Bruce Garner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award, the 2021 AAEA Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award, Individual: Less than Ten Years' Experience, the 2025 Howard D. Doane Award from the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA), the 2021 Young Professional Achievement Award from the Ohio State University CFAES Alumni Society, the 2021 Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Early Achievement Award in Extension and Outreach and Iowa State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean's Citation for Extraordinary Contributions in 2020.

A New Extension Collaborative Initiative for New York State

A Joint Publication on New York State Farmland Market by Cornell Cooperative Extension, Dyson School, and ASFMRA Northeast Chapter

Guay, R., R. Stone, **W. Zhang**, S. Sweeney, P. Harrington, and K. McDowell. 2025. "[2025 New York and Vermont Land Value Trends](https://www.asfmra.org/resources/land-trends)." A Joint Publication of Cornell Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA) Northeast Chapter. Available at <https://www.asfmra.org/resources/land-trends> or <https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.5402595>

Extension Web-Portals

New York State Large-Scale Solar Facility Web-Portal: <https://tinyurl.com/NYSsolar>

PFAS Exposure Risk Maps (for New York, Michigan, and Pennsylvania): <https://pfasrisk.org/>

Foreign Ownership of US Agricultural Lands Web-Maps: <https://wendongzhang.weebly.com/extension/afida>

Iowa Farmland Portal at www.card.iastate.edu/farmland/

Your One-Stop Web-Portal for Everything You Need to Know about Iowa's Farmland Value and Ownership

- Annual ISU Land Value Survey: <https://www.card.iastate.edu/farmland/isu-survey>

- 2017 and 2022 Iowa Farmland Ownership and Tenure Survey: <https://www.card.iastate.edu/farmland/ownership/>

ISU China Ag Center at www.card.iastate.edu/china/

The Center for China-US Agricultural Economics and Policy is a collaborative research center established by the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) at Iowa State University and the Institute of Agricultural Economics and Development (CAAS-IAED), in the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences. Housed separately under CARD and CAAS-IAED, the center conducts research and outreach in the areas of trade and agricultural markets, agricultural policy, resource and environmental policy, science and technology policy, and agricultural

IO & institutions in crop and livestock sectors. The center publishes academic journal articles as well as policy briefs on key Chinese agricultural markets and policy issues that are geared toward both US and Chinese policymakers, industry stakeholders, and the media.

Extension Conference Organized

New York State Assessors Association, Cornell Seminar (<https://nyassessor.org/cornell-seminar>)

Jointly organized with David Kay at Cornell Global Development

Week-long program attended by New York State assessors

Topics: Conservation Easements, Flooding Impacts on Property Values, Farmland Value and Ownership; Utility-Scale Solar Facilities; New York State's Agriculture Contributions to State Economy

89th to 94th Annual Soil Management and Land Valuation Conference, 2016-2022

Attendance: ~230 farm managers, appraisers, agricultural lenders

Topics: Agricultural Economy Outlook, Farmland and Equipment Values, Agricultural Carbon Credits Program, Farm Bill, Agricultural Trade and the Agricultural Economy, Weather Outlook, Fertilizer Prices, Conservation Easements, Crop and Livestock Market Outlook, Tenure and Transition Trends, Ag Law Update

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Annually Updated every December 2015-2022

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Webcasts (vimeo or YouTube)

Detailed List of Webcasts Available at <https://wendongzhang.weebly.com/webcasts.html>

These events are hosted by American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Michigan Corn Growers Association, FarmDoc, Things that Go Boom, Iowa State University, Farm4Profit Podcast, the Ohio State University, Acre Value, and U.S. Heartland China Association

Extension and Outreach Presentations (# Participants in Parenthesis)

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SELECTED MEDIA CONTACTS and INTERVIEWS

[Detailed List of Media Contacts](#) Since Joining Cornell University

I have been interviewed by many international and national media outlets, including:

- The New York Times
- Bloomberg News
- Wall Street Journal
- NBC News
- China Daily
- Washington Post
- Xinhua News
- National Public Radio
- The Economist
- Science Magazine
- Fortune Magazine
- Voice of America
- Iowa Public Radio
- Iowa Public TV
- Asia First News (Singapore)
- Yahoo Finance
- Iowa Farmer Today
- Des Moines Register
- The Huffington Post
- Nikkei American Inc.
- Successful Farming
- Radio Iowa
- The Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman
- South China Morning Post
- Spectrum News
- The Quartz
- Associated Press

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor - Cornell University

Wendong Zhang (WZ), December 31, 2025

AEM 2500: Environmental and Resource Economics (105 students enrolled) Fall 2023
Student Evaluation: 3.68 out of 5, good (47 out of 105 students)

Instructor - Iowa State University

ECON 364: Rural Property Appraisal (co-taught with Don Foley) Spring 2022
Student Evaluation: 4.5 out of 5, good (36 out of 41 students)

ECON 581: Advanced Environmental Economics (co-taught with Gil DePaula) Fall 2021
Student Evaluation: 5 out of 5, excellent (7 out of 7 students)

ECON 480/580: Intermediate Environmental and Resource Economics Spring 2021
(co-taught with Gil DePaula)
Econ 480 Student Evaluation: 4.4 out of 5, good (9 out of 11 students)
Econ 580 Student Evaluation: 5 out of 5, good (2 out of 3 students)

ECON 364: Rural Property Appraisal (co-taught with David Nebel) Spring 2021
Student Evaluation: 4.5 out of 5, good (21 out of 34 students)

ECON 581: Advanced Environmental Economics (co-taught with Gil DePaula) Fall 2020
Student Evaluation: 4.6 out of 5, good (10 out of 12 students)

ECON 460: Agricultural and Trade Policy (co-taught with Chad Hart, John Crespi,
Alejandro Plastina, Keri Jacobs) Fall 2020
Student Evaluation: 4.4 out of 5, good (23 out of 49 students)

ECON 194X: Contemporary Chinese Economy Spring 2020
Student Evaluation: 4.3 out of 5, good (8 out of 10 students)

ECON 364: Rural Property Appraisal (co-taught with David Nebel) Spring 2020
Student Evaluation: 3.9 out of 5, good (34 out of 42 students)
Peer Evaluation: Excellent for overall evaluation

ECON 364: Rural Property Appraisal 2017-2019
Spring 2019 Student Evaluation: 4.1 out of 5, good (36 out of 41 students)
Spring 2018: Student Evaluation: 4.3 out of 5, good (36 out of 40 students)
Spring 2017: Student Evaluation: 4.5 out of 5, good (39 out of 39 students)

ECON 364: Rural Property Appraisal Spring 2016
Student Evaluation: 3.7 out of 5, good (39 out of 42 students)
Peer Evaluation: 4.5 out of 5, good to excellent (2 colleagues)

Teaching Experience at the Ohio State University

China's Economic Reform and Globalization, Sole Instructor (SEI: 4.9 out of 5, 26 students) Spring 2013
The Sustainable Economy: Concepts and Methods, Assistant Instructor Spring 2014

STUDENT ADVISING

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. Advisees as Major or Co-Major Professor:

Francisco Flores (joint with David Just) since fall 2023
[Alan Hinds](#), since fall 2024

Postdoctoral Researcher as Major or Co-Major Advisor:

Jasmin Wehner, Co-Major Professor (with Dr. Chris Wolf), since 2024 (Ph.D. from University of Gottingen, Germany)

[Jianwei Ai](#), Major Professor, since 2024 (Ph.D. from Renmin University of China)

Jingyi Tong, Major Professor, since 2025 (Ph.D. from Iowa State University)

Ph.D. Program of Study Committee Minor Member:

Mike Huang, Program of Study Committee Minor Member, since 2023 (Completed in 2024; First Placement: Research Economist, Freddie Mae)

Emil Kee-Tui, Program of Study Committee Minor Member, since 2024

Terry Zhang, Program of Study Committee Minor Member, since 2024

Yunran Wang, Program of Study Committee Minor Member, since 2024

Feiyu Wang, Program of Study Committee Minor Member, since 2024

Jerzy Jaromczyk, Program of Study Committee Minor Member, since 2023

Ph.D. Program of Study Committee Member for non-Cornell student:

Chad Fiechter, Ph.D. in Purdue University (completed in 2023; Ph.D. advisor: Todd Kuethe; First Placement: Assistant Professor, Purdue University, Department of Agricultural Economics)

Ph.D. Program of Study Committee Member for Non-Economics Students at Cornell University:

Preetaman Bajwa, Program of Study Committee Member with Ph.D. in Plant Sciences, since 2024

M.S. Advisees as Major or Co-Major Professor:

Ruihua Guo, Dyson School AEM MS Graduate in 2025 (Completed, First Placement: Ph.D. Program, National University of Singapore, Department of Real Estate (DRE), NUS Business School)

Yuhui Zhao, Dyson School AEM MS Graduate in 2024; Research Support Specialist after Graduation 2024-2025 (Joint with Dr. Cathy Kling)

Fangyao Wang, Dyson School AEM MS Graduate in 2023; Research Support Specialist after Graduation 2023-2024 (Joint with Dr. Peter Peng Liu, First Placement: Ph.D. Program, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics)

Devin Devin, Dyson School AEM MS, since 2025

Zihan Chen, Dyson School AEM MS, since 2025

Master's Program of Study Committee:

Alan Cui, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2024 (Ongoing)

Hongyu Zhao, Program of Study Committee Member, Graduated in 2025

(First Placement: Ph.D. Program, Michigan State University, Department of Agricultural Economics)

Yilin Zheng, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2024 (Completed in 2025)

Heting Li, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2022 (Completed in 2023)

Zisu Xie, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2022 (Completed in 2023)

Undergraduate or High School Student Research Project Advisors

Justin Chengzhi Li, Dyson School AEM Undergraduate Student and Cornell Rawlings Scholar, 2023-2024

Vincent Qiu, Jericho High School, Jericho NY, 2023

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Postdoctoral Researcher as Major or Co-Major Advisor:

Anton Yang, Co-Major Professor (with Dr. Edward Balistreri), since 2021 (Completed in 2022, First Placement: Postdoctoral Researcher, Yale University, Department of Economics)

Xi He, Co-Major Professor (with Dr. Dermot Hayes and Dr. Edward Balistreri), since 2020 (Completed in 2022, First Placement: Assistant Professor, Virginia Tech University, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics)

Minghao Li, Co-Major Professor (with Dr. Dermot Hayes), since 2017 (Completed in 2019, First Placement: Assistant Professor of Economics, Applied Statistics & International Business at New Mexico State University)

Ph.D. Advisees as Major or Co-Major Professor:

Xiaolan Wan, Program of Study Committee Major Professor, since 2021 (Ongoing)

Wendiam Sawadgo, Program of Study Committee Co-Major Professor (with Dr. Alejandro Plastina), since 2018 (Completed in 2020, First Placement: Tenure Track Assistant Professor and Extension Economist, Auburn University, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology)
(2021 CARD Award for Best Ph.D. Dissertation in Agricultural, Environmental, and Energy Economics and Policy)

- Ph.D. Thesis: "[Land tenure, agri-environmental policy, and conservation practice use in Iowa](#)"

Xibo Wan, Program of Study Committee Major Professor, since 2019
(Completed in 2021, First Placement: Postdoctoral Researcher, MIT Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research - CEEPR)

- Ph.D. Thesis: "[Three Essays on Hazardous Chemical Policy, Source Water Protection, and Recreational Value](#)"

Nieyan Cheng, Program of Study Committee Major Professor, since 2019
(Completed in 2022, First Placement: Assistant Professor, College of Economics and Management, China University of Petroleum – Beijing)
(2021 AAEA Extension Graduate Student Competition Finalist; 2023 CARD Award for Best Ph.D. Dissertation in Agricultural, Environmental, and Energy Economics and Policy)

- Ph.D. Thesis: "[Three Essays on Agri-Environmental Policy and Hazardous Materials](#)"

Wenran Fan, Program of Study Committee Major Professor, since 2021
(Completed in 2023, First Placement: Postdoctoral Researcher, Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy)

- Ph.D. Thesis: "[Three Essays on the Economics of Consumer and Recreational User Behavior](#)"

Ph.D. Program of Study Committee:

Jingyi Tong, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2022 (Ongoing)

Kyunghoon Ban, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2021 (Completed in 2023)

Jian Chen, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2021 (Completed in 2024)

Xiaorui Qu, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2021 (Completed in 2022)

Miracle-Rose Toppar, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2020 (Completed

in 2022)

Qing Liu, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2019 (Completed in 2021)

Liyuan Ma, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2019 (Completed in 2021)

Shirui Wang, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2019 (Completed in 2020)

Yulong Chen, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2019 (Completed in 2020)

Jia Cao, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2019 (Completed in 2020)

Ming Jin, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2016 (Completed in 2020)

Xiaogang, Li, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2018 (Completed in 2020)

Qiong Wu, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2018 (Completed in 2019)

Xianjun Qiu, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2017 (Completed in 2018)

Xiaoguang Feng, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2017 (Completed in 2017)

Qianrong Wu, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2016 (Completed in 2017)

Jae-Hoon Sung, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2016 (Completed in 2016)

Master's Advisees as Major or Co-Major Professor:

Albulena Basha, Program of Study Committee Major Professor, since 2018 (Completed in 2019, Kosovo American Education Fund Fellow, Recipient of 2019 NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Award; Junior Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH)

- Master Thesis: "[Effects of Interest Rate Changes on Midwestern US Farmland Values](#)"

Grant Durbahn, Program of Study Committee Co-Major Professor, since 2021 (with Dr. Peter Orazem) (Completed in 2021, Market Research Analyst at CF Industries, Deerfield, IL)

Master's Program of Study Committee:

Jiacheng Tian, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2019 (Completed in 2020)

Jee-Hae Ha, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2016 (Completed in 2020)

Jennifer Zarek, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2016 (Completed in 2016)

Ashley Garrand, Program of Study Committee Member, since 2018 (Completed in 2019)

Pulasthi Amarasinghe, Graduate Research Associate, since 2016 (Completed in 2017, Ph.D. student, University of North Carolina, Department of Economics)

Visiting Ph.D. Student from China (co-advised with Dr. Dermot Hayes):

Hongkun Ma, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Fall 2019 – Fall 2020 (Completed)

Wenting Wang, Zhejiang University, Fall 2018 – Fall 2020 (Completed)

Yue Hu, China Agricultural University, Fall 2018 – Fall 2020 (Completed)

Chuqiao Peng, Renmin University of China, Fall 2018 – Fall 2019 (Completed)

Pingping Wang, China Agricultural University, Fall 2017 – Fall 2018 (Completed)

Visiting Scholars from China (co-advised with Dr. Dermot Hayes):

Tao Xiong, Associate Professor, Huazhong Agricultural University, Spring 2019 – Spring 2020 (Completed)

Yongtong Shao, Associate Professor, Tianjin University of Commerce, Fall 2017 – Fall 2018 (Completed)

Undergraduate Honors Students:

Beatrice Maule, Undergraduate Researcher, "Of Women and Land: How Gender Affects Successions and Transfers of Iowa Farms", Spring 2021 – Summer 2021

- Winner of the AAEA 2021 Undergraduate Student Section Undergraduate Paper Competition

Madison Mueller, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Project, "Do Wealthier Landowners Have Better Timing in Their Farmland Purchases? Evidence from a Twenty-Year Panel", Spring 2019

Marina Awureda, Freshman Honors Program, "Heterogeneity of Responses to 2015 and 2016 Iowa Land Value Survey", Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Marta Grant, Freshman Honors Program, "Entrepreneurship and Start-Ups in the Agricultural Industry", Fall 2017

Grace Rens, Freshman Honors Program, "Heterogeneity of Responses to 2015 and 2016 Iowa Land Value Survey", Spring 2017

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional Leadership:

Board of Director (2023-2024), Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA)
Board of Director (2022-2023 and 2025-26), Chinese Economists Society (CES)
Board Member (2024-2026), International Advisory Board, Shaanxi Normal University International Business School
President (2019-2020), President-Elect (2018-2019), NC-1177 Multistate Research Project “Agricultural and Rural Finance Markets in Transition (NC1014, NC221, NCT-194)”
Past Chair (2020-2021), Chair (2019-2020), Chair-Elect (2018-2019), Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Agricultural Finance and Management (AFM) Section

Journal Referee:

American Journal of Agricultural Economics
Nature Food
Journal of Environmental Economics and Management
Land Use Policy
Southern Economic Journal
Land Economics
Food Policy
Ecological Economics
European Review of Agricultural Economics
Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics
Agricultural Economics
Agricultural Economic Perspectives and Policy
Science of the Total Environment
Ecological Indicators
Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics
Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics
Water Resources Research
Journal of Environmental Management
Agricultural Finance Review
Journal of Integrative Agriculture
Agricultural and Resource Economics Review
Journal of Soil and Water Conservation
China Agricultural Economic Review
Journal of Integrative Agriculture
Journal of Applied Economics and Policy
Agriculture
USDA Economic Research Service Information Bulletin
NSF Proposals
USDA AFRI Grant Review Panel

Invited Government Panel:

US EPA Hypoxia Task Force Ecosystem/Social Metrics Working Group, 2020-2022
NYSERDA Regional Agronomic Impacts from Solar Energy (RAISE) Committee, 2024-Present

Professional Membership:

American Economic Association (AEA)
Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA)

Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE)
Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association
(NAREA)
Chinese Economist Society (CES)

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Departmental Service at Cornell University:

2025: Ph.D. Admissions Committee
AEP Seminar Co-Organizer
CALs Awards Committee

2024: Ph.D. Admissions Committee
AEP Seminar Co-Organizer

2023: Ph.D. Placements Committee
Ph.D. Admissions Committee
AEP Seminar Co-Organizer
Ad Hoc Committee for Promotion for Dr. Ray Zimmerman
Ad Hoc Committee for Promotion for Dr. Frank Ge

2022: Ph.D. Placements Committee
Ad Hoc Committee for Promotion for Dr. Jie Li

Service to Iowa State Extension and Outreach:

2018: Farm Progress Show 2018, Ask an Expert
2017: Farm Progress Show 2017, Ask an Expert
2016: Farm Progress Show 2016, Ask an Expert
ANR Extension Strategic Planning Committee

Departmental Service at Iowa State University:

2019-2022: Graduate Recruiting and Admissions Committee
Departmental Seminar Committee

2019: Economics Council 2019-2020
CALs Faculty Recruiting Committee (Assistant Professor in Environmental and Resource Economics;
and Associate or Full Professor in Agricultural/Environmental Economics), 2019-2020

2018: Practice Job Talks for Graduate Students
“U.S. Job Market for Non-Native Speakers of English”, Presentation for Graduate Students
Departmental Seminar Committee 2018-2019

2017: Departmental Seminar Committee 2017-2018

2016: Practice Job Talks for Graduate Students
Seminar on Job Market Tips from Recent Graduates (with I. Rudik)
Departmental Seminar Committee 2016-2017
Presentation to Ag Business Club
Environmental Resource Economics Workshop, Co-Organizer

2015: Seminar on Job Market Tips from Recent Graduates (with I. Rudik)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Software Packages: Proficient in STATA, R and SAS
Programming Languages: MATLAB, and Python
Other: ArcGIS Suite, LaTeX, and GeoDa

Language: English, Mandarin Chinese (native), Cantonese (listening)