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ACADEMIC POSITION

- Research Assistant Professor, **North Dakota State University** 2025 – Present
- Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics
- Postdoctoral Research Scholar, **North Carolina State University** 2024 – 2025
- Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Supervisor: Rodrick Rejesus

RESEARCH FIELDS

Agricultural Risk Management, Agricultural Production, Livestock and Dairy Economics, Applied Econometrics

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Economics, **North Carolina State University** 2024
- Ph.D. Committee: Barry Goodwin (Chair), Junjie Wu, Jeffrey Prestemon, Ayse Dur
- M.A. in Economics, **Miami University, Oxford** 2018
- B.S. in Economics (Minor: Mathematics), **James Madison University** 2017

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Zhang, Y.**, B.K. Goodwin. 2025. Impacts of COVID-19 on U.S. Manufactured Wood Industry: Evidence from Softwood Lumber and Structural Panels. *Journal of Forest Economics*. [Accepted](#).
- Zhang, Y.**, B.K. Goodwin. 2024. Substitutability of U.S. and Canadian Softwood Lumber: A Threshold Modeling Approach. *Forest Policy and Economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.forpol.2024.103343>. [Link](#).
- Zhang, Y.**, Y. Che, R. Rejesus, M. Cavigelli, K. White, S. Aglasan, L. Knight, C. Dell, D. Hollinger, E. Lane, & S. Mirsky. 2024. Medium-Term Economic Impacts of Cover Crop Adoption in Maryland. *Soil Security*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.soisec.2024.100170>. [Link](#).

WORKING PAPERS

- “Long-term Economic Impacts of No-Till Adoption in the U.S. Midwest” with R. Rejesus. **R&R**, *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*
- “From Bailouts to Buy-Up: How CFAP and MFP Reshaped Insured Acres and Coverage Choices in the FCIP,” with D. Turner, S. Arita, & S. Steinbach.
- “Real Subsidy, Elusive Harvest: Timing, Frictions, and the Economics of Livestock Risk Protection Arbitrage,” with A. Keller, S. Arita, & S. Steinbach. *NBER Working Paper*. [Link](#).
- “Characterizing Systemic Risks Using Copulas: Evidence from the U.S. Crop Insurance Market,” with Barry Goodwin

POLICY BRIEF, WHITE PAPERS, AND REPORTS

- Zhang, Y.**, S. Arita, & D. Turner. 2025. 2025 Farm Bridge Assistance Program Payment Guesstimate Rates. *ARPC Brief*. [Link](#).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Independent Instructor, **North Carolina State University** 2020-2023
- Principles of Microeconomics: Summer 2020 (online), Fall 2020 – Spring 2021 (hybrid), Fall 2021 – Spring 2023 (in-person)
 - Introduction to Agricultural and Resource Economics: Spring 2020 (hybrid), Fall 2021 (in-person)
 - Selected Student Comments: [Link](#).
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, **North Carolina State University** 2019 – 2023
- Macroeconomics II (Ph.D. level): Spring 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
 - International Finance: Fall 2019, 2020, 2022
 - Introduction to Resource and Environmental Economics: Spring 2019
- Undergraduate Advisor Assistant, **Miami University, Oxford** 2017-2018
- Advised a total of 650 students in the Business Communication class on their client project reports in collaboration with Fifth Third Bank.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- SCC76 Annual Meeting (Kansas City, MO) Upcoming, March 2026
- National Bureau of Economic Research
Conference on Risk and Risk Management in the Agricultural Economy (Cambridge, MA) 2025
- Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting (Irving, TX) 2025
- Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA) 2024
- SAEA Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA) 2024
- AAEA Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C.) 2023
- AAEA Annual Meeting (Anaheim, CA) 2022
- AAEA & Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) Joint Annual Meeting (Austin, TX) 2021
- AAEA Annual Meeting, Virtual 2020

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- North Carolina State University
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship 2018 – 2023
 - Graduate Student Travel Grant 2021 – 2023
 - Economics Graduate Fellowship 2023
 - Andrew & Thelma Bartley Endowment Scholarship 2021 – 2022
 - Open Education ALT-Textbook Grants 2021
 - Owens Graduate Fellowship Fund 2020 – 2021
 - Goins Economic Graduate Education Scholarship 2019
- Miami University, Oxford
- Farmer's Business School Graduate Assistantship 2017 – 2018
- James Madison University
- Outstanding Senior in Economics Award (2 students selected each year) 2017

SERVICES

Associations: AAEA, SAEA, SAF

Referee service: Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics, International Food and Agribusiness Management Review

OTHER INFORMATION

Programming: R, Python, Stata, SAS, SQL (PostgreSQL)

Miscellaneous: PowerBI, \LaTeX , MS Office

Language: English (Native), Chinese (Native)

Nationality/VISA Status: China/U.S. F-1