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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, May 2025
(expected)

Dissertation Title: *From Trade Remedies to Firm Geography: Three Essays on U.S. Trade and Agricultural Sector*

Dissertation Committee: Cristina Connolly, Sandro Steinbach, Emma Bojinova

M.S., Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, May 2018

B.A., Economics, Shanxi University, Taiyuan, China, July 2016

FIELDS OF INTEREST

International Economics, Applied Microeconomics

WORKING PAPERS

Revisiting the Effects of Trade Remedies on U.S. Agricultural Imports (Job Market Paper)

Abstract: This paper examines the dynamic impact of U.S. trade remedy (TR) investigations on agricultural imports using detailed monthly U.S. trade data (1990-2019) matched by concordance at the HTS-10 level. Employing a three-country oligopolistic model, the study explores how U.S. anti-dumping and countervailing duties reshape trade flows from targeted (named) and non-targeted (non-named) countries. The event study reveals U-shaped trends in the destruction effects on both import values and quantities, with the effects diminishing by the third year after the initiation of TR investigations. This pattern highlights the dynamic adjustment capacity of agricultural markets to trade remedy shocks. In contrast, the diversion effects remain stable and statistically significant, indicating shifts in U.S. agricultural supply from non-named countries. In addition, paper finds that between 1994 and 2019, trade remedy actions reduce U.S. agricultural imports from named countries by \$21.25 billion. This reduction is partially offset by a \$17.18 billion increase from non-named countries, consistent with findings in the prior literature. Moreover, while trade effects on unit values are insignificant, heterogeneity analysis reveals significant declines for bulk commodities, reflecting differentiated market responses to trade remedies. These results hold across different model specifications and robustness checks.

Assessing the Global Trade Effects of U.S. Sunset Reviews (with Sandro Steinbach)

Sunset Reviews and Agricultural Trade: Analyzing the Enforcement and Revocation Dynamics of Trade Remedies (with Sandro Steinbach)

Non-Occupational Pesticide Exposure and Academic Achievement: School-Level Evidence from California (with Sandro Steinbach)

The Zwick Center for Food and Resource Policy Outreach Report [No. 55](#): Establishments and Jobs in the Connecticut Agricultural System (with Rigoberto Lopez)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, [International Trade and Policy](#), Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut, Fall 2023
Teaching Assistant, Business Management, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut, Spring 2023, Spring 2024
Teaching Assistant, Managerial Economics and Business Strategies, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut, Fall 2019, Spring 2021, Spring 2024
Teaching Assistant, Business Finance and Investment Management, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut, Fall 2019, Fall 2021
Teaching Assistant, International Commodity Trade, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut, Fall 2018

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Intern, The Academy of Macroeconomic Research (AMR), National Development and Reform Commission, China, Fall 2023 - Present
Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut, Fall 2018 - Spring 2024
Consulting Analyst Intern, Deloitte, Shanghai, China, Fall 2015

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Annual Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Connecticut, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022
Conference Participation Fellowship, University of Connecticut, Summer 2021
Ellen Bishop Carder Scholarship, University of Connecticut, Spring 2021
IATRC 2024 Travel Award, The International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium, Fall 2024
Nathan Koenig AG/EC Student Scholarship, University of Connecticut, Fall 2018, Spring 2019
Paul L. Putnam Development Scholarship, University of Connecticut, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023
The School Scholar Excellence Award, Shanxi University, Spring 2013 - Spring 2016

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2024 International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC), Fort Lauderdale, FL
2023 International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC), Clearwater Beach, FL
2023 Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Washington, D.C.
2023 Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), St. Louis, MO
2022 Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Anaheim, CA
2022 Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Austin, TX
2021 Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Online
2021 Canadian Economics Association (CEA), Online
2020 Northeastern Agricultural & Resource Economics Association (NAREA), Online
2019 Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Atlanta, GA

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

International Journal of Business and Management

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Session Chair, *Pollution, Human Capital Accumulation, and Mortality* Session, The American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), St. Louis, MO, Summer 2023

COMPUTER SKILLS

Stata, Python, ArcGIS, Microsoft Office Suites, Tableau, AWS EC2, R, LaTeX

LANGUAGES

Chinese (native), English (fluent)

REFERENCES

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