

Yifan Peng

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
PhD in Agricultural and Applied Economics

Urbana, IL
05/2025 (expected)

University of Wisconsin–Madison
Master of Science in Economics

Madison, WI
09/2016 – 05/2018

Doshisha University
Bachelor of Economics

Kyoto, Japan
04/2011 – 03/2015

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

- **Primary:** Food Policy, Environmental Economics
- **Secondary:** Data Science, Applied Microeconometrics, Non-Market Valuation

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- Survey Design and Experimental Method Scholarship, Michigan State University, 2022
- Dunsing MM Fellowship, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2021
- Morgan Endowment Fellowship, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 2020
- Scholarship for Excellent Foreign Students (for non-Japan citizens), Doshisha University, 2011 – 2015
- Third Place (Group) in Economics Debate Competition, Doshisha University, 2013
- Scholarship for Outstanding Overseas Studies at Stanford University, Doshisha University, 2013

OUTREACH PUBLICATIONS

- Coppess, J. and Y. Peng. “Taking A Closer Look at the Conservation Tradeoff Issues.” *farmdoc daily* (14):203. 2024.
- Coppess, J. and Y. Peng. “Conservation Tradeoff: EQIP in the Inflation Reduction Act and the House Farm Bill.” *farmdoc daily* (14):185. 2024.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Underserved Farmer Participation in Voluntary Conservation Markets: The Role of Access, Barriers, and Preferences” *with Amy W. Ando and Dale T. Manning*
- “Food Bank Responses to Major Disasters” (**Job Market Paper**) *with Amy W. Ando and Craig Gundersen*
- “The Impact of Regional Produce Cooperatives on the Distribution of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables in the United States” *with Craig Gundersen*

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Is State Party Affiliation an Omitted Variable when Studying the Relationship between Taxes and Migration of Top Inventors?” *with Ke Gao*
- “The Economic Impact of the Hangzhou Bay Bridge on Cross-regional Areas in the Yangtze River Delta” *with Yifan Sun and Chenxing Lin*

PRESENTATIONS

- Southern Economic Association (SEA) 93rd Annual Meeting, 11/2023
- 2023 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, 07/2023
- 2023 Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Meeting, 06/2023
- Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) 2023 Summer Conference, 05/2023
- Southern Economic Association (SEA) 92nd Annual Meeting, 11/2022
- 2022 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, 07/2022
- 2022 Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Meeting, 06/2022
- 2022 Nutrition Symposium (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign), 04/2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Urbana, IL

Research Assistant (RA)

- RA for Policy Design Lab at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 08/2023 – Present
 - Supervisor: *Jonathan Coppess*
- RA for project “Assessing Equity in Access of Midwestern Farmers to the U.S. Voluntary Soil Carbon Sequestration Market Producer” (EDF funded project) 05/2023 – 07/2024
 - Supervisor: *Amy W. Ando and Dale T. Manning*
- RA and data analyst for project “Disruptive Innovation in Community Charitable Food Systems” (FFAR funded project) 08/2019 – 12/2021
 - Supervisor: *Craig Gundersen*

Teaching Assistant (TA)

- TA for Natural Resource Economics (ACE/NRES/ENVS 310): Taught weekly discussion sessions 08/2023 – 12/2023
- TA for Personal Financial Planning (ACE 240) 01/2022 – 05/2022
- TA for Risk Management in Personal Financial Planning (ACE 398) 08/2021 – 05/2022

TalkingData

Beijing, China

Data Scientist, Internship (full-time offer received but decided to pursue PhD)

Summer 2018

- Completed the pre-internship training from 05/2018 to 07/2018 in Statistics, Data Visualization, Data Modeling and Algorithm, and Data Exploration with Python (top 3%)
- Highly ranked in two data science challenges (Gender Prediction & Look-alike) at Beijing headquarters
- Awarded certificate of data science from TalkingData

- Conducted exploration of customer segmentation with RFM & clustering analysis, and matched existing and prospective customers to various financial products
- Accomplished an anti-fraud task for investigating abnormal transactions for financial innovation team

Cross Border Wealth

Financial Analyst, Internship

New York, NY

01/2018 – 04/2018

SERVICE

- Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association
 - Graduate Student Engagement Committee (Committee Chair) 2024 – Present
 - Student Board Representative 2024 – Present
 - Graduate Student Engagement Committee (Committee Member) 2022 – 2023
- Abstract Reviewer
 - Southern Economic Association 93rd Annual Meeting (AERE session) 2023
 - Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference 2023
 - Southern Economic Association 92nd Annual Meeting (AERE session) 2022

DEVELOPMENT

- Course Design: Foundations (Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning Workshop) 2024
- How Fair is Your Grading? Strategies for Grading Consistently and Without Bias (Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning Workshop) 2024
- Designing Cooperative Learning Experiences (Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning Workshop) 2024
- Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association-Scholars Circle in Environmental Justice 2022 – 2024
- Survey Design and Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics Training, International Summer School (Michigan State University) 2022
- Graduate Academy for College Teaching, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign 2020

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association
- American Economic Association
- Association of Environmental and Resource Economists
- Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association
- Society for Environmental Economics and Policy Studies

SKILLS

- Programming & Software: Python, Java, Stata, R, Shell Scripting (Bash), SQL
- Language: Chinese, Japanese, English

REFERENCES

Amy W. Ando (Co-chair)

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Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and
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