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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, expected May 2017
- M.S. Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, 2015
- B.S. Agricultural and Resource Economics (High Honor), *Summa Cum Laude*, University of Maryland, College Park, 2011
- B.A. Rural Development, China Agricultural University, Beijing, China, 2011

## DISSERTATION

Title: “Essays on China’s Rural Land Rental Market: Institutions and Contract Design”  
Committee: Drs. Peter Murrell (Co-chair), Kenneth Leonard (Co-chair), Lars Olson

## FIELDS OF INTERESTS

Applied microeconomics, agricultural economics, development economics, Chinese economy

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Short-Term Consultant, Agriculture Global Practice, Supervisor: Dr. Aparajita Goyal, World Bank, Washington D.C., June 2015-Present
- Research Assistant, University of Maryland, College Park, Supervisors: Drs. Richard Just, Lori Lynch, Roberton Williams III, Charles Towe, Kenneth Leonard, Fall 2011- Spring 2014

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, China Agricultural University, Beijing, Special Topics in Chinese Rural Economy with Field Surveys (Undergraduate Research Program), Summer 2014
- Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland, College Park
  - Introduction to Economics and Environment (undergraduate), Spring 2016
  - Global Poverty and Economic Development (undergraduate), Fall 2014
  - Optimization in Agricultural and Resource Economics (PhD level), Fall 2012 & Fall 2013
  - Applied Price Analysis (undergraduate), Spring 2011

## PUBLICATIONS

- Yan, Jianzhong, **Ziyan Yang**, Zanhong Li, Xiubin Li, Liangjie Xin and Laixiang Sun (2016), “Drivers of Cropland Abandonment in Mountainous Areas: A Household Decision Model on Farming Scale and a Case Study of Southwest China,” *Land Use Policy*, 57, 459-469
- Yang, Ziyan** and Qiming Liu (2008), “Insights on Foreign Microfinance Institutions,” *Journal of Anhui Agricultural University (SOC.SCI)*, 16, 62-65 (in Chinese)

## PAPERS

- Yang, Ziyan (2016), “Contract Design in China’s Rural Land Rental Market: Contractual Flexibility and Rental Payment,” University of Maryland, College Park, College Park, October (Job Market Paper)
- Yang, Ziyan (2016), “The Security of China’s Rural Land Rental Contracts: Bargaining over the Degree of Contractual Formality,” University of Maryland, College Park, October

Yang, Ziyan (2015), "A Dynamic Economic Analysis of Nitrogen-Induced Soil Acidification in China," University of Maryland, College Park, August

### **INVITED TALK & PRESENTATIONS**

"Institutions of China's Rural Land Rental Market: Formal versus Informal and National versus Local," presented at the seminars organized by the National Development and Reform Commission of Anhui Province, Washington, D.C., January 2015 (invited)

"A Dynamic Economic Analysis of Nitrogen-Induced Soil Acidification in China," presented at  
-Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, July 2015  
-Chinese Economists Society North American Conference, Ann Arbor, March 2015  
-American Association for the Advancement of Science Annual Meeting, San Jose, February 2015

### **FIELD EXPERIENCE**

Dissertation Research, Tianjin (4 villages in 2 towns) and Anhui (9 villages in 3 towns): *China's Rural Land Rental Market*, Principal Investigator (16-people survey team, household and stakeholder surveys), June-July 2014

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Tongzhou County, Beijing: *Evaluation of Chinese Farmer Field Schools in Swine Production*, Field Surveyor (household survey), May 2008

### **HONORS, AWARDS & GRANTS**

-Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant, University of Maryland, College Park, 2015  
-Summer Research Grants (\$2000), China Agricultural University, Beijing, 2014  
-Outstanding Graduating Senior, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Maryland, College Park, 2011  
-Arthur A. and Pauline Seidenspinner Scholarship, University of Maryland, College Park, 2009-2011  
-National University Scholarship, China Ministry of Education (2% nation-wide), 2008

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

American Economic Association, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics, Chinese Economists Society

### **COMPUTER SKILLS**

Mathematica, Stata, Matlab, R, Latex

### **LANGUAGES**

Chinese (native), English (fluent)

### **OTHER SKILLS & EVENTS**

-China National English Debating Contest for College Students, National First Prize, 2009  
-China National English Speaking Contest for College Students, Provincial First Prize, 2007

### **REFERENCES**

Dr. Peter Murrell, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, 301-405-3476; [murrell@econ.umd.edu](mailto:murrell@econ.umd.edu)  
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