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Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison , Madison, Wisconsin	
Ph.D., Agricultural and Applied Economics	Spring 2026 (expected)
<i>Dissertation</i> : "Essays on Educational Investment"	
<i>Primary field</i> : Development Economics and Labor Economics	
M.S., Agricultural and Applied Economics	May 2022
Brigham Young University , Provo, Utah	
B.A., International Relations	August 2019

Publications and Working Papers

Working Papers

"Dropping out in uncertain times: Educational investment decisions in a changing labor market." (**Job Market Paper**)

"Impacts of mobile broadband access and speed on cropland values in the U.S. Corn Belt." with Jonathon McFadden, John Pender and Opeyemi Zubair

Published (Non Economics)

Brown, S., Bills, J., Hallam, P., Binghai, S. (2018). Exploring the faces of trust: A study of Chinese students in higher education. *World Studies in Education*, 19(1-2), 61-77. <https://doi.org/10.7459/wse/19.12.05>

Hallam, P., Brown, S., Chan, P., Bills, J. (2019). Navigating the new Silk Road: Eastern vs. Western perspectives on trust development in Chinese education. *World Studies in Education*, 20(1), 25-43. <https://doi.org/10.7459/wse/20.1.03>

Hallam, P., Brown, S., Bills, J. (2022). Connecting collective efficacy, trust, and principal leadership: A case study of Stonefields Primary School in New Zealand. *World Studies in Education*, 23(2), 5-36. <https://doi.org/10.7459/wse/23.2.02>

Research and Professional Experience

Summer Intern, <i>Economic Research Service, USDA</i>	5/2024-8/2024
Teaching Assistant, <i>Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UW-Madison</i>	1/2024-5/2024
	1/2023-5/2023
Research Assistant to Priya Mukherjee, <i>Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UW-Madison</i>	5/2023-1/2024
	5/2021-1/2023
Global Program Support Intern, <i>Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture</i>	1/2020-8/2020
Research Assistant to Pamela Hallam, <i>Department of Educational Leadership and Foundations, BYU</i>	2/2018-1/2021
Research Assistant to Joseph Price, <i>Department of Economics, BYU</i>	6/2019-8/2019
Research Assistant to Chad Nelson, <i>Department of Political Science, BYU</i>	8/2018-5/2019
Research Assistant to Earl Fry, <i>Department of Political Science, BYU</i>	9/2017-12/2017
	5/2014-7/2014

Awards and Fellowships

University Graduate Fellow, *UW-Madison*

2024-2025
2020-2021

Student Research Grant Competition, *UW-Madison*

Summer 2025

Language and Computer Skills

Languages: English (native), Indonesian (fluent)

Computer Skills: Stata, Python (intermediate), LaTeX, QGIS & ArcGIS (intermediate), NVivo (basic)

References

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