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- 1991-1992 Post-doc in Animal Science, University of Hawaii, USA
- 1985-1990 PhD in Animal Physiology & Biochemistry, Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing, China
- 1979-1983 BS in Biochemistry, Nanjing University, Nanjing, China

#### **2. Professional Positions:**

- 2012- Professor, Dept of Food Nutrition Dietetics & Health, Kansas State Univ
- 2006-2012 Associate Professor, Dept of Human Nutrition, Kansas State Univ
- 2002-2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Human Nutrition, Kansas State University
- 1998-2002 Associate Scientist, Dept of Food Sciences & Human Nutrition, Iowa State Univ
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- 1992-1997 Junior Researcher, Cancer Research Center of Hawaii, Univ of Hawaii
- 1990-1991 Lecturer, Dept of Biology, Nanjing University
- 1983-1985 Research Associate, Shanghai Institute of Biological Products

#### **3. Honors & Awards:**

- 2018 Professorial Performance Award, Provost Office of Kansas State University
- 2016-2017 Panel Manager of USDA-NIFA Function & Efficacy of Nutrients
- 2016-2018 Chair-Elect, American Society for Nutrition's Diet and Cancer Section
- 2015- US Working Group on the Codex General Principles of Food Hygiene, FDA Office of Food Safety
- 2015 Keynote Speaker at the International Conference of Quality and Safety of Agricultural Products, Shanghai, China
- 2013-2014 Faculty Senator, Kansas State University
- 2009 Dawley-Scholar Award for Faculty Excellence in Student Development, College of Human Ecology, Kansas State University.
- 2006-2009 Faculty Senator, Kansas State University
- 2005 Faculty Research Excellence Award, College of Human Ecology, Kansas State Univ.
- 1996 Keynote Speaker at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on the Role of Soy in Preventing and Treating Chronic Disease. Brussels, Belgium.
- 1995 Keynote Speaker at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Phytoestrogens, Little Rock, Arkansas
- 1994 Mead Johnson Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Biomedical Research, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii
- 1994 Traineeship in Histopathobiology of Neoplasia, American Association for Cancer Research

#### **4. Selected Peer-reviewed Publications (\*senior & corresponding author):**

- Amanda woolley, Samuel Sumpter, Myungjin Lee, Jingwen Xu, Shannon Barry, **Weiqun Wang**, C.B. Rajashekar. Nutritional Quality: Mineral Nutrients and Phytochemicals in Lettuce and Tomato Grown in High Tunnel. *American Journal of Plant Sciences*. 2019; in press.
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### **5. Synergistic Activities:**

Teaching: FNDH 820-Functional Foods for Chronic Disease Prevention  
 FNDH 812-Advanced Micronutrient Metabolism  
 FNDH 620-Nutrient Metabolism

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