Julian M. Alston is a professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics of the University of California, Davis, where he teaches graduate and undergraduate classes in microeconomic theory and the analysis of agricultural markets and policies, and serves as a member of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics, director of the Robert Mondavi Institute Center for Wine Economics, and associate director for science and technology policy at the University of California Agricultural Issues Center. At UC Davis, Professor Alston leads a wide-ranging research program on the economics of public policies related to food and agriculture and related issues, including impacts on obesity and malnutrition. He has published many journal articles and books related to these subjects, including Agricultural R&D in the Developing World: Too Little, Too Late? (International Food Policy Research Institute, 2006), Persistence Pays: U.S. Agricultural Productivity Growth and the Benefits from Public R&D Spending (Springer 2010), and Demand for Food in the United States: A Review of Literature, Evaluation of Previous Estimates and Presentation of New Estimates of Demand (Giannini Foundation 2011). He is a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association, a Distinguished Fellow of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society, a Distinguished Scholar of the Western Agricultural Economics Association, and a Fellow of the American Association of Wine Economists.

http://agecon.ucdavis.edu/people/faculty/julian-alston/links/