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Education

- Expected 2026 **Ph.D., Agricultural & Resource Economics**, *University of Connecticut*, CT
2023 **M.S., Applied & Resource Economics**, *University of Connecticut*, CT
2017 **M.A., Business Consulting**, *Comillas Pontifical University*, Spain
2014 **B.Sc., Economics & International Business**, *University of Alcalá*, Spain
2012 **B.Sc., Business Management & Administration**, *University of Alcalá*, Spain

Primary Fields

Labor economics; health economics; applied microeconomics; policy evaluation

Publications

Peer-reviewed

- Seoane Estruel, L., & Andreyeva, T. (2025). *Maternity Care Practices and Their Role in U.S. Breastfeeding Disparities*. *Breastfeeding Medicine*, 20(8), 579–587. doi:10.1089/bfm.2024.0368
- Seoane Estruel, L., & Andreyeva, T. (2025). *Breastfeeding trends following the U.S. infant formula shortage*. *Pediatrics*, 155(1), e2024067139. doi:10.1542/peds.2024-067139

Working Papers

- Seoane Estruel, L., & Lopez, R. *Minimum Wage Impacts on Employment Accounting for Oligopsony Power in Labor Markets*. (R&R at *Economic Analysis and Policy*).
- Getchis, T. L., Laughton, C., Lopez, R. A., Seoane Estruel, L., & Zhang, A. *Economic Contribution of Connecticut's Aquaculture Sector: Integration of Administrative Data and Trajectory*. (R&R at *Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy*).
- Seoane Estruel, L., & Andreyeva, T. *Impact of the 2022 Infant Formula Shortage on Breastfeeding and Infant Healthcare Costs*. (Under review at *Preventive Medicine*). doi:10.2139/ssrn.5220234
- Seoane Estruel, L., & Andreyeva, T. *Breastfeeding in the United States, 2022–2024: Sustaining Gains Beyond the Formula Shortage*. (Submitted).

Work in Progress

- Exploring the Driving Factors Influencing Residential Photovoltaic Installations in Connecticut: A Case Study (with Mengjie Li and Ruirui Dang).
- Meatpacking Concentration Implications for Supply Chain Performance (with Rigoberto Lopez and Sandra Lettu).

Outreach Reports

9. Lopez, R. A., Laughton, C., Nichols, J., & Seoane, L. (2023). *An Economic Evaluation of Employment and Wages in Connecticut's Agricultural Industry*. Zwick Center for Food and Resource Policy, Outreach Report No. 68, University of Connecticut.
10. Lopez, R. A., Seoane, L., Szczepanski, J., & Laughton, C. (2022). *An Economic Evaluation of Employment in the Connecticut Green Industry*. Zwick Center for Food and Resource Policy, Outreach Report No. 67, University of Connecticut.
11. Lopez, R. A., & Seoane, L. (2022). *Economic Importance of Connecticut's Food and Beverage Manufacturing Sectors in 2020*. Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut.

Teaching Experience

Summer 2024 **Sole Instructor, University of Connecticut**
ARE 2210 / SARE 460 Essentials of Accounting and Business (3 credits). Instructor score: 5/5.

Awards, Grants & Fellowships

- 2025 Summer Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Connecticut
- 2024–2022 Bishop Carder Scholarship, University of Connecticut
- 2024–2023 Spring Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Connecticut
- 2023 Eversource Energy Center Graduate Fellowship, University of Connecticut
- 2023 Don Lavoie Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University
- 2023 Conference Participation Fellowship, University of Connecticut
- 2023 Putnam Endowment Professional Development Award, University of Connecticut
- 2023 Stewart Johnson Scholarship, University of Connecticut
- 2010 Erasmus Scholarship, University of Birmingham (UK)

Presentations

- 2025 AAEA Annual Meetings, UConn Departmental
- 2024 AAEA Annual Meetings, UConn Departmental
- 2023 AAEA Annual Meetings, Sustainable Clean Energy Summit, Institute of the Environment
- 2022 AAEA Annual Meetings, Seminar presentations

Research Experience

- Fall 2021–Present **Graduate Research Assistant, University of Connecticut**
- State-Funded Universal School Meals: How Household Food Spending and Purchases Respond (PI: Tatiana Andreyeva)
 - Federal and state institutional factors in support of breastfeeding in the US (PI: Tatiana Andreyeva)
 - Effects of the Infant Formula Shortage and COVID-19 Pandemic on Obesity-related Factors in Young Children (PI: Tatiana Andreyeva)
 - Dynamics of Productivity Growth and Markups in the US Dairy Manufacturing Industry (PI: Rigoberto Lopez)
 - Meatpacking Concentration: Implications for Supply Chain Performance (PI: Rigoberto Lopez)

Non-Academic Experience

2015–2021 **Senior Analyst, Financial & Commodities Risk, GMS Management Solutions, Spain**

Professional Service

Referee Agribusiness; American Journal of Agricultural Economics; Applied Economics; Applied Economics Letters

Special Skills & Certifications

Certification Financial Risk Manager (FRM[®]), Global Association of Risk Professionals (2021)

Software Microsoft Office; L^AT_EX; SAS; Stata; R

Datasets National Vital Statistics System (NVSS); NielsenIQ Consumer Panel and Retail Scanner Data; National Establishment Time-Series (NETS); Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS)

Languages Spanish (native); English (fluent); French (conversational)

Leadership

Graduate Student Representative and President, ARE Graduate Student Club, University of Connecticut (2022–Present)

References

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