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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

1. 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
2. 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

3. Seoane Estruel, L., & Lopez, R. *Minimum Wage Impact on Low-Wage Employment: Does Concentration Matter?* (R&R at *Economic Analysis and Policy*).
4. 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*).
5. 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
6. Seoane Estruel, L., & Andreyeva, T. *Breastfeeding in the United States, 2022–2024: Sustaining Gains Beyond the Formula Shortage.* (Submitted).

Work in Progress

7. Exploring the Driving Factors Influencing Residential Photovoltaic Installations in Connecticut: A Case Study (with Mengjie Li and Ruirui Dang).
8. 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., Szcepanski, 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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