

# NATALIA I. VALDEZ GONZALEZ

## *Curriculum Vitae*

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- ✧ Behavioral & Experimental Economics
- ✧ Food Economics
- ✧ Policy

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ✧ Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics, Universitat de Barcelona. September 2023 - Present
- ✧ Visiting Lecturer, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Tennessee Knoxville. January 2023 - May 2023.
- ✧ Lab Manager at the Human Behavior Lab, Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University. September 2018 – May 2023.
- ✧ Graduate Assistant Researcher, Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University. September 2016 – December 2022.
- ✧ Research Associate at the Center on Conflict and Development, Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University. September 2014 - September 2016.
- ✧ Economist Intern, Office of Economics, United States International Trade Commission. June 2013 – August 2013.

## EDUCATION

- ✧ Ph.D., Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, 2023  
Chair: Marco A. Palma
- ✧ M.I.A., International Development and Economic Policy, Texas A&M University, 2014
- ✧ B.A., Economics and French, Texas A&M University, 2012

## WORKING PAPERS

- [1] **Valdez Gonzalez, N.I.**, Kee, J.Y., Palma, M.A., and J.R. Pruitt. 2023. “The Relationship between Monetary Incentives, Social Status, and Physical Activity.” *Accepted*
- [2] **Valdez Gonzalez, N.I.**, Palma, M.A., and A.L. Brown. “Social stigma and subsequent competitive behavior.” *Submitted*
- [3] Liu, H., Qu, N., He, Y., **Valdez Gonzalez, N.I.**, Palma, M.A., Chen, H., Jia-Ni, X., Choubey, A., Li, Y., Li, X., Meng, Y., Liu, H., Tu, L., Zhang, N., Yin, N., Conde, K.M., Wang, M., Bean, J.C., Han, J., Scarcelli, N.A., Yang, Y., Saito, K., Cui, H., Tong, Q., Sun, Z., Wang, C., Cai, X., Lu, L., and Y. Xu. 2022. “A retina-originated neural circuit transmits light signals to suppress feeding.” *Submitted*

## *Other Articles*

- [1] Kibriya, S., Tkach, B., Ahn, J., **Valdez Gonzalez, N.**, Xu, Z., & Y. Zhang. 2016. “The Effects of School-Related Gender-Based Violence on Academic Performance: Evidence from Botswana, Ghana, and South Africa.” USAID.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- [1] “Effect of light on food consumption and preferences”
- [2] “Transparency as a tool for increasing productivity”
- [3] “Preferences for competitiveness at varying levels”

## GRANTS

- [1] Graduate Student Travel Grant, \$250, November 2022
- [2] Graduate Student Travel Grant, \$250, October 2021
- [3] Graduate Student Travel Grant, \$350, July 2021
- [4] The International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics (IFREE) Small Grants Program, \$10,000, October 2019

## REFeree ACTIVITIES

Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, AAEA annual meeting abstract review (Experimental Economics and Agribusiness Management)

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- [1] Southern Agricultural Economics Association 2023, Oklahoma City, OK
- [2] Agricultural and Applied Economics Association 2022, Anaheim, CA
- [3] Economic Sciences Association North America 2021, Tucson, AZ
- [4] Economic Sciences Association Around-the-Clock meetings 2021, virtual (moderator)
- [5] Agricultural and Applied Economics Association 2021, Austin, TX (moderator)
- [6] Southern Agricultural Economics Association 2020, Louisville, KY (moderator)

## TEACHING

- ✧ Instructor for Microeconomic Applications to Ag & Resource Markets (AREC 550), Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Tennessee Knoxville, Spring 2023
- ✧ Co-Instructor for Research Methodology (AGEC 607), Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University, Spring 2021
- ✧ Teaching Assistant for Food Security, Climate, and Conflict (AGEC 489/689), Department of Agricultural Economics and Texas A&M University, Spring 2016, 2017
- ✧ Foreign Language Leader for French, Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University, Spring 2014
- ✧ Teaching Assistant for French, Department of International Studies at Texas A&M University, 2010-2012

## HONORS & AWARDS

- ✧ SAEA Best Job Market Paper, 2023
- ✧ The Graduate & Professional School Travel Scholarship, 2022
- ✧ 2022 AAEEA Travel Scholarship, 2022
- ✧ Graduate Research Assistantship, 2016-present
- ✧ ConDev Graduate Research Fellow, 2016
- ✧ Robert G. Cherry Graduate Fellowship, 2017-2018
- ✧ George and Barbara Bush Fellowship, 2013-2014
- ✧ Robert A Mosbacher, Sr Internship Award, 2013
- ✧ Bush School general scholarship, 2013

## SKILLS

- ✧ Software: Stata, Excel, Latex, oTree, iMotions, Python, R
- ✧ Languages: Native English and Spanish, Advanced French

## REFERENCES

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