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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University** 2013
Dissertation: Econometric Methods to Analyze Consumer Behavior Using Hypothetical and Non-hypothetical Approaches. Chair: Dr. Marco Palma
- M.S. Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University** 2009
Thesis: Analysis of Brand Recognition Associated with the Texas Superstar™ and Earth-Kind™ Programs in Texas. Co-chairs: Drs. David Bessler and Charles Hall
- B.S. Agribusiness Management, Pan-American Agricultural School, Zamorano, Summa cum laude** 2007
Thesis: Credit as a Risk Management Strategy Used by Agricultural Producers in Nicaragua.
Chair: Prof. Arie Sanders

AREAS OF INTEREST

Food marketing and policy, consumer behavior, experimental and behavioral economics.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed (11)

- 11) Chavez, D., M. Palma, and **A.J. Collart**. 2017. "Using Eye-tracking to Model Attribute Non-attendance in Choice Experiments." *Applied Economics Letters*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2017.1420879>
- 10) Thapaliya, S., M. Interis, **A.J. Collart**, L. Walters, and K. Morgan. 2017. "Are Consumer Health Concerns Influencing Direct-from-Producer Purchasing Decisions?" *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* 49(2):211-231.
- 9) Petrolia, D., **A.J. Collart**, and L. Yehouenou. 2016. "Consumer Preferences for Delacata Catfish: A Choice Experiment with Tasting." *Journal of Food Distribution Research* 47(3):84-100.
- 8) **Collart, A.J.** 2016. "The Food Safety Modernization Act and the Marketing of Fresh Produce." *Choices* 31(1):1-7.
- 7) Palma, M.A., **A.J. Collart**, and C. Chammoun. 2015. "Information Asymmetry in Consumer Perceptions of Quality-Differentiated Food Products." *Journal of Consumer Affairs* 49(3):596-612.
- 6) Ramirez, O., C. Carpio, and **A.J. Collart**. 2015. "Are the Federal Crop Insurance Subsidies Equitably Distributed? Evidence from a Monte Carlo Simulation Analysis." *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* 40(3):457-475.
- 5) **Collart, A.J.**, and K. Coble. 2014. "Highlights of the Agricultural Act of 2014 for Specialty Crops." *Choices* 29(2):1-4.
- 4) Ramirez, O., Mullen, J., and **A.J. Collart**. 2014. "Insights into the Appropriate Level of Disaggregation for Efficient Time Series Model Forecasting." *Journal of Applied Statistics* 41(10):2298-2311.

- 3) **Collart, A.J.**, M.A. Palma, and C. Carpio. 2013. "Consumer Response to Point of Purchase Advertising for Local Brands." *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* 45(2):1-14.
- 2) Palma, M.A., C. Hall, and **A.J. Collart**. 2011. "Repeat Buying Behavior for Ornamental Plants: A Consumer Profile." *Journal of Food Distribution Research* 42(2):67-77.
- 1) **Collart, A.J.**, M.A. Palma, and C. Hall. 2010. "Branding Awareness and Willingness-to-Pay Associated with the Texas Superstar™ and Earth-Kind™ Brands in Texas." *HortScience* 45(8):1226-1231.

Non-refereed

Collart, A.J. 2017. Review of magazine article. "Friction Lovers: The Case for an Efficiency Tax", published by The Economist. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ajae/aax042>

Conference Proceedings

- Velandia, M., T. Woods, E. Bendfeldt, J. Lelekacs, R. Holcomb, M. Palma, D. Lamie, R. Dunning, L. Meyer, H.L. Goodwin Jr., R. Rainey, **A.J. Collart**, and D. Fields. 2016. "Opportunities for Local Food Systems Research and Extension in the South—A Land Grant University System Initiative." *Journal of Food Distribution Research (Proceedings Issue)* 47(1):73-75.
- Lee, Y., M.A. Freeman, K.T. Coatney, **A.J. Collart**, and M.W. Schilling. 2016. "Does Experience Overcome Perception Bias for Consumers of Grass-Finished Beef?" *Journal of Food Distribution Research (Proceedings Issue)* 47(1):v.
- Collart, A.J.**, K. Hood, J. Barnes, and R. Little. 2015. "Overview and Economic Impact of the Mississippi Blueberry Industry." *Journal of Food Distribution Research (Proceedings Issue)* 46(1):63-64.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

Refereed Presentations

- Henson, C. (presenter), **A.J. Collart**, M. Interis, and J. Maples. 2018. "Consumer Willingness-to-Pay for Blemished Fresh Produce and Its Implications for Food Waste." Paper selected for presentation at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL, Feb. 2.
- Chavez, D. (presenter), M. Palma, and **A.J. Collart**. 2016. "Using Eye Tracking Measures to Improve Modeling." Poster presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, July 31–Aug. 2.
- Collart, A.J.** (presenter) and M. Interis. 2016. "Does Information on Food Dating Influence Consumer In-Store Purchasing Behavior?" Paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Feb. 8.
- Chavez, D. (presenter), M. Palma, and **A.J. Collart**. 2016. "Keep the Ball Rolling: Attribute Inattention in Discrete Choice Experiments Using Eye Tracking Technology." Paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Feb. 8.
- Thapaliya, S. (presenter), M. Interis, **A.J. Collart**, L. Walters, and K. Morgan. 2015. "Health Motivation for Purchasing Local Foods in the Southeastern United States." Paper presented at the Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 9-13.
- Lee, Y. (presenter), M.A. Freeman, K.T. Coatney, M.W. Schilling, and **A.J. Collart**. 2015. "Consumers of Grass-finished Beef: Experience Versus Perception Bias." Paper presented at the Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 9-13.
- Velandia, M. (presenter), T. Woods, E. Bendfeldt, J. Lelekacs, R. Holcomb, M. Palma, D. Lamie, R. Dunning, L.

- Meyer, H.L. Goodwin Jr., R. Rainey, **A.J. Collart**, and D. Fields. 2015. "Opportunities for Local Food Systems Research and Extension in the South - A Land Grant University System Initiative." Research update presented at the Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 9-13.
- Lee, Y. (presenter), M. Freeman, K. Coatney, W. Schilling, and **A.J. Collart**. 2015. "Consumers' Willingness-to-Pay for Grass-finished Beef?" Paper presented at Korea's Association of Livestock Management Conference, Seoul, South Korea, Feb.
- Thapaliya, S. (presenter), M. Interis, **A.J. Collart**, L. Walters, and K. Morgan. 2015. "Health Motivation for Purchasing Local Foods in the Southeastern United States." Paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Jan. 31–Feb. 3.
- Lee, Y. (presenter), M. Freeman, K. Coatney, W. Schilling, and **A.J. Collart**. 2014. "Does Experience Overcome Perception Bias for Consumers of Grass-Finished Beef?" Paper presented at the Southern Economic Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 22–24.
- Goggans, E., **A.J. Collart** (presenter), K. Hood, J. Barnes, and R. Little. 2014. "Overview and Economic Impact of the Mississippi Blueberry Industry." Poster presented at the Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT, Nov. 1–4.
- Collart, A.J.** (presenter), and M.A. Palma. 2014. "What Motivates Individuals to Participate in Economic Experiments? A Latent Class Analysis with Unobserved Heterogeneity." Paper presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN, July 27–29.
- Ramirez, O. (presenter), C. Carpio, and **A.J. Collart**. 2014. "Producer Welfare Implications of the RMA's "Shrinkage" Crop Insurance Premium Estimator." Paper presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN, July 27–29.
- Ramirez, O. (presenter), C. Carpio, and **A.J. Collart**. 2014. "Premium Estimation Inaccuracy and the Distribution of Crop Insurance Subsidies." Paper presented at the SCC-76 Multistate Project Annual Meeting, Pensacola, FL, March 27–30.
- Collart, A.J.**, and M.A. Palma (presenter). 2013. "Modeling Unobserved Consumer Heterogeneity in Experimental Auctions: An Application to the Valuation of Food Safety." Paper presented at the Economic Science Association (ESA) Annual Meeting. Santa Cruz, CA, Oct. 24–26.
- Collart, A.J.** (presenter), and M.A. Palma. 2013. "Maximize Your Sample: The Need to Account for Consumer Heterogeneity in Experimental Auctions." Poster presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting. Washington, DC, Aug. 4–6.
- Collart, A.J.** (presenter). 2011. "A Stochastic Analysis of Commercial Tree Production Portfolios: The Case of Crape Myrtle, Nellie R. Stephens, and Red Maple." Paper presented at the 2011 Annual World Symposium at the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association (IFAMA) Annual Meeting, Frankfurt, Germany, June 20–21.
- Collart, A.J.** (presenter), M.A. Palma, and C. Carpio. 2011. "Assessing the Economic Impact of the Texas Superstar™ and Earth-Kind™ Advertisement Campaign." Paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting, Corpus Christi, TX, Feb. 5–8.
- Palma, M.A., **A.J. Collart** (presenter), and C. Hall. 2010. "Repeat Buying Behavior for Ornamental Plants: A Consumer Profile." Paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, Feb. 6–9.

Invited Presentations and Guest Seminars

- "Does Information on Food Dating Influence Consumer Purchasing Behavior?" Department of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK, Feb. 24, 2017.
- "Local Food Systems, Policy Perspectives and Grant Opportunities." Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Feb. 8, 2016.
- "Does Information on Food Dating Influence Consumer In-Store Purchasing Behavior?" Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, Nov. 30, 2015.
- "Implications of the 2014 Farm Bill." National Value-Added Conference (NVAC) Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, May 18–21, 2015.
- "Situation and Outlook for U.S. Specialty Crops." Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Jan. 31–Feb. 3, 2015.
- "Situation and Outlook for Specialty Crops in the U.S." Southern Outlook Conference, Atlanta, GA, Sept. 22–24, 2014.
- "Highlights of the 2014 Farm Bill for Specialty Crops." Part of webinar series "2014 Farm Bill: Conservation Title, Horticulture, and Beginning Farmer Programs" by the Western Center for Risk Management Education and Ag in Uncertain Times, March 31, 2014.

Professional Development Workshops

- University of Bologna Summer School on "Experimental Auctions: Theory and Applications in Food Marketing and Consumer Preferences Analysis". Catania, Italy, July 5-12, 2016.
- Applying Behavioral and Experimental Economics to Food and Agri-Environmental Issues. Post-conference workshop at the AAEE & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, July 29, 2015.
- Field Experiments: Design, Methods, and Applications. Pre-conference workshop at the 2015 Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, June 3, 2015.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS AWARDED

- Assessing and Addressing the Needs of a Growing United States Organic Sweetpotato Industry. Co-PI. USDA-NIFA Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI), Oct. 1, 2015–Aug. 31, 2017, \$49,902.
- Enumerating Sweetpotato Marketability Based on Consumer Perception of Skinning. Co-PI. Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBG), Oct. 1, 2015–Aug. 31, 2018, \$18,461.
- Identifying and Understanding Traits to Improve Sweetpotato Tolerance to Abiotic and Biotic Stresses, Diseases, and Disorders. Co-PI. Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED) cross-college working group proposal, Mississippi State University, Jan. 2015, \$2,000.
- Consumer Demand for Frozen and Value-Added Mississippi Grown Blueberry Food Products. PI. Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Specialty Crop Block Grant Program (SCBG), Oct. 1, 2014–Jun. 30, 2017, \$28,300.
- Identifying New Market Opportunities for U.S. Catfish. Co-PI. Strategic Research Initiative, Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station (MAFES), Jan. 1, 2014–June 30, 2015, \$49,400.

EXTENSION**Program Statement**

The focus of my Extension and outreach programs at Mississippi State University is on horticultural marketing and policy. On the marketing side, my work has covered value-added and sustainable agriculture including local and regional food systems. On the policy side, I have worked on detangling the implications of the 2014 Farm Bill and the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) for the U.S. specialty crop industry. I collaborate with nationally recognized programs, such as Market Maker, Market Ready, and Farm-to-School, and also rely on my applied research efforts to feed my Extension programs, which I deliver using both face-to-face meetings and online tools. Stakeholders for these Extension programs include specialty crop growers, public and private organizations working with the specialty crop industry, farmers' market managers, advocates, and other Extension specialists state and nationwide.

Summary of evidence of demand for Extension programs

Type of presentation	Number of presentations	Estimated number of persons reached
Statewide	20	833
National and Regional	7	225
Total	27	1,058

Statewide

Date	Place	Title	Estimated attendance
1. 2/23/17	Pittsboro, MS	"Sweetpotato Skinning Injury Influences Consumer Willingness-to-Pay." Winter Sweetpotato Production Meeting Delivered by: Dr. Stephen Meyer	30 attending
2. 1/31/17	Hattiesburg, MS	"Consumers' Willingness-to-Pay for Selected Food Products Made with Mississippi-grown Blueberries" and Market Maker exhibition booth. Blueberry Education Workshop	95 attending
3. 10/26/16	Hattiesburg, MS	"Economic Outlook for Specialty Crops." Mississippi Farm Bureau (MSFB) Specialty Crop & Green Producer Workshop Delivered by: Robert Thompson	50 attending
4. 7/15/16	Pittsboro, MS	"Enumerating Sweetpotato Marketability Based on Consumer Perception of Skinning." Mississippi Farm Bureau (MSFB) Sweetpotato Commodity Meeting Delivered by: Dr. Stephen Meyers	40 attending
5. 3/2/16	Raymond, MS	"Cost Analysis for Greenhouse Tomatoes." Greenhouse Tomato Short Course	50 attending
6. 8/20/15	Verona, MS	"Economics of Wine Grapes." Wine Grapes and Muscadine Short Course	40 attending
7. 8/13/15	Hattiesburg, MS	"Economics of Wine Grapes." Wine Grapes and Muscadine Short Course Delivered by: Dr. Eric T. Stafne	20 attending

8. 7/24/15	Starkville, MS	"Market Maker." Cochran Fellowship Program Training	4 attending
9. 5/7/15	Jackson, MS	"Mississippi Market Maker and Farm-to-School." Market Ready Training	60 attending
10. 3/4/15	Raymond, MS	"Greenhouse Tomato Budgets." Greenhouse Tomato Short Course	50 attending
11. 2/8/15	Verona, MS	"Situation and Outlook for U.S. Specialty Crops." North Mississippi Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association Conference	50 attending
12. 10/15/14	Grenada, MS	"Economic Situation for Specialty Crops." Agricultural Lenders Workshop	10 attending
13. 8/27/14	Raymond, MS	"Sampling as a Promotion Strategy and a Food Marketing Database for Farmers' Markets." Micro-farming Conference: Growing for Farmers' Markets	35 attending
14. 7/10/14	Jackson, MS	"Highlights of the New Farm Bill for Specialty Crops." Mississippi Farm Bureau Summer Horticulture and Apiculture Meeting	40 attending
15. 5/13/14	Choctaw, MS	"Consumer Preferences for Locally-Produced Strawberries, and MSU-ES Decision Tools." Strawberry Short Course	40 attending
16. 4/30/14	Hattiesburg, MS	"Highlights of the New Farm Bill for Specialty Crops." South Mississippi Conference hosted by Mississippi Farm Bureau	50 attending
17. 4/23/14	Jackson, MS	"2014 Farm Bill Highlights Impacting Farmers' Markets." Farmers' Market Manager Workshop	60 attending
18. 3/12/14	Raymond, MS	"Highlights of the New Farm Bill for Specialty Crops." 2014 Farm Bill Education Workshops	9 attending
19. 3/5/14	Verona, MS	"Highlights of the New Farm Bill for Specialty Crops." 2014 Farm Bill Education Workshops	10 attending
20. 3/4/14	Raymond, MS	"Highlights of the New Farm Bill for Specialty Crops." Greenhouse Tomato Short Course	90 attending

National and Regional

1. 2/3/17	Mobile, AL	"Sweetpotato Skinning Injury Influences Consumer Willingness-to-Pay." National Sweetpotato Collaborators Working Group, Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science Delivered by: Dr. Stephen Meyers	40 attending
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2. 2/8/16	San Antonio, TX	"Local Food Systems, Policy Perspectives and Grant Opportunities." Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting	15 attending
3. 11/30/15	Storrs, CT	"Vision of Extension". Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut	10 attending
4. 5/20/15	Austin, TX	"Implications of the 2014 Farm Bill for Value-Added for Specialty Crops." National Value-Added Conference (NVAC) Annual Meeting	20 attending
5. 2/2/15	Atlanta, GA	"Situation and Outlook for U.S. Specialty Crops." Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting	10 attending
6. 9/22/14	Atlanta, GA	"Situation and Outlook for Specialty Crops in the U.S." Southern Outlook Conference	50 attending
7. 3/31/14	Online Webinar	"Highlights of the 2014 Farm Bill for Specialty Crops". Webinar by the Western Center for Risk Management Education and Ag in Uncertain Times	80 attending

TEACHING

Department of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University

Courses taught

- Agri-Marketing (AEC 4711): Undergraduate course on Agricultural Marketing, Fall 2014–Fall 2016.
- Directed Individual Study (AEC 7000), Spring 2017: Carlos Moreno-Ortiz.
- Directed Individual Study (AEC 4000), Fall 2014: Ethan Goggans.

M.S. Theses supervised

- Chloe' Henson (Co-major Professor). Spring 2017–Present.
 - Recipient of 2nd place (out of 65 graduate students) in the 2017 Mississippi State University's 3 Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition.
- Sudha Thapaliya (Committee member). "Health Motivation for Purchasing Local Foods in the Southeastern United States." Spring 2015.
- Yunkyung (Julie) Lee (Committee member). "Does Experience Overcome Perception Bias for Consumers of Grass-Finished Beef?" Fall 2014.
 - Recipient of the 2015 Richardson-Applebaum Award for Best M.S. Thesis.

Ph.D. Dissertations supervised

- Carlos Moreno-Ortiz (Minor Professor), Ph.D. Candidate, Fall 2015–Present.
 - Student in School of Human Sciences, Agricultural and Extension Education Program, Mississippi State University.

Undergraduate Research Projects supervised

- Shea Gould, Environmental Economics and Management major, Fall 2017–Present.
- Ethan Goggans, Agribusiness major, Fall 2014.

International Visiting Scholars

- Andres Hidalgo, Undergraduate Research Intern (from Zamorano University, Honduras), Spring 2016.

Other non-thesis projects supervised

- Robert Thompson, M.S. Student in Agricultural Economics, Research Assistant, Fall 2016.
- Patricia Hannaford, Master of Agribusiness Management Student, Student Worker, May 2016.
- Jack Ellington, Master of Agribusiness Management Student, Student Worker, Spring 2016.
- Daniel Chavez, Visiting Ph.D. Student (Texas A&M University), June 2015.
- Celestine Siameh, M.S. Student in Agricultural Economics, Research Assistant, Fall 2014–Fall 2015.

SERVICE

National and Regional

- Board Member and Vice-President of Education for the Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS), Jan. 2015–2017.
- Session moderator at the 2017 Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting, Mobile, AL, Feb. 2017.
- Session moderator at the 2016 Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, Feb. 2016.
- Presentation judge for the Undergraduate Student Marketing Challenge Competition at the Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 2015.
- Session organizer. "Implications of the 2014 Farm Bill." National Value-Added Conference (NVAC) Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, May 18–21, 2015.
- Session moderator at the 2015 Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, Feb. 2015.
- Presentation judge for the Undergraduate Student Marketing Challenge Competition at the Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, Nov. 2014.
- Session moderator at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, July 2014.
- Presentation judge for the Undergraduate Student Section Paper Competition at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, July 2014.
- Grant reviewer in the 2014 Specialty Crop Advisory Committee for the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce (MDAC), Summer 2014.

Department level/Department of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University

- Member of Search Committee for Health Economics Position, Fall 2017–Present.
- Faculty Advisor of MSU's National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) team, Spring 2014–Fall 2016.
*Team reached the semi-finals in the 2015 and 2016 NAMA Agri-Marketing Conferences, both held in Kansas City, MO.
- Chair of Fruit & Nut Planning Budgets Committee, Fall 2014–Present.
- Chair of Traditional Vegetables Planning Budgets Committee, Fall 2014–Fall 2016.

- Member of Departmental Self-Assessment Committee, Fall 2016–Present.
- Member of Departmental Seminars Committee, 2015–2017. Chair, 2017.
- Member of Search Committee for Professor and Head Position, Spring and Summer 2016.
- Member of Search Committee for Livestock Marketing Position, Spring 2016.
- Member of Search Committee for Agricultural Marketing Position, Fall 2014–Fall 2015.

University level/Mississippi State University

- Article reviewer for MSU Extension Service publications.
- Discussant at MSU President Mark Keenum’s PowerTalk, March 21, 2017.
- Faculty chaperone in the Maroon Volunteer Center’s 2015 Alternative Fall Break, March 8-10, 2015.
- Member of Curriculum Development Committee for the Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program (IYLEP) by the Office of Student Leadership and Community Engagement, Mississippi State University, July 2014.

Editing

Served as refereed Journal Article Reviewer for:

- Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics
- Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy
- Journal of Food Distribution Research
- International Food and Agribusiness Management Review

PAST EMPLOYMENT

Inter-American Development Bank Short-term Researcher. Contributed to Discussion Paper No. IDB-DP-329 “Agriculture and Future Climate in Latin America and the Caribbean: Systematic Impacts and Potential Responses”.	Nov. 2013–Jan. 2014
Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University , College Station, TX Graduate Research Assistant	Jan. 2008–Dec. 2013
Department of Agribusiness, Zamorano University , Honduras Teaching Assistant	April–Aug. 2007
Development Economics Group, Wageningen University , The Netherlands Research Intern	Jan.–April 2007
e-Learning Center, Zamorano University , Honduras Instructional Designer	April–Aug. 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS), 2014–Present.
- National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA), 2014–Present.
- NIMSS Project S-1067 (formerly S-1050): Specialty Crops and Food Systems: Exploring Markets, Supply Chains, and Policy Dimensions, Member, Aug. 2014–Present.
- NIMSS Project S-1065 (formerly S-1051): Sustainable Practices, Economic Contributions, Consumer Behavior, and Labor Management in the U.S. Horticulture Industry, Member, Feb. 2014–Present.

- Mississippi Agricultural Economics Association (MAEA), Member, 2014–Present.
- Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Member, 2013–Present.
- Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA), Member, 2008–Present.
- Gamma Sigma Delta, Member, 2007–Present.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Received while at Mississippi State University

- National Patrick J. Byrne Award for Emerging Leadership, presented by the Food Distribution Research Society, Oct. 2017.

Received while at Texas A&M University

- Finalist in the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Graduate Student Extension Competition, Aug. 2013.
- Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, May 2013.
- President of Zamorano Alumni Association at Texas A&M University, 2011–2012.
- Department of Agricultural Economics Travel Grant, June 2011.
- Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) Research and Presentation Grant, April 2011.
- 1st Place Graduate Poster in Marketing, Management and Finance at the Student Research Week, 2011.

Received while at Zamorano University

- 1st place of the graduating class, Dec. 2007.
- Gamma Sigma Delta, Honor Society of Agriculture, Inducted Nov. 12, 2007.
- USDA Scholarship through the Food for Progress (FFP) Program, Jan. 2006.
- Honduran Department of Agriculture (SAG) Scholarship, Jan. 2004.

LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SOFTWARE

- English and Spanish.
- Steady use of Stata, NLOGIT, and Ngene. Knowledge of SAS, SPSS, and SIMETAR.