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What are some of your past/current research interests? For my undergraduate research, I looked at the major constraints, which hamper the export potential of fruits and vegetables, and to propose suggestions and strategies to increase the level of exports of this sector, both in fresh and processed forms to a significant level within a given period of time. As a MS student in the Agribusiness and Applied Economics program, I looked at the effect of Chapter 11 bankruptcy on airfare. For this purpose, I took into account domestic airlines, including low cost carriers, regional carriers and legacy carriers. A database was built with relevant information, and models were created to analyze the relationship between bankruptcy and airfare.

How did you become interested in your field of study? During my undergraduate years I gained knowledge in economics as well and transportation in the field of agriculture. This ignited by interest in this field which led me to pursue an MS degree in International Agribusiness and a PhD in Transportation and Logistics.

What do you like to do in your spare time? I like to conduct landscaping projects and design gardens for boutique hotels and eco-friendly tourist destinations.

What are your goals or future plans? After completion of my PhD I hope to continue research in the area of transportation economics. I would like to work in academia so that I could guide students in this area and encourage valuable research.