

## **Short Biography**

### **Carlos García**

Originally, I am from Guatemala, and pursued undergraduate studies in Honduras where I obtained an associate degree in agriculture from the Pan American Agricultural School El Zamorano. Thereafter, I worked in the same institution as an extension agent, in the USAID Agricultural Revitalization Outreach Project. I had the opportunity to write a much needed manual titled “*Advice and Guidelines for the Estimation of Costs and Returns of Apicultural Projects in Honduras*” that served as the basis of analysis for loans in lending institutions. It was also the foundation for my undergraduate research thesis that compared the costs and returns of honeybee production under stationary and migratory beekeeping systems.

After completing the undergraduate major in agricultural economics, I came to Louisiana State University A&M as visiting research scholar and was able to continue self-studies of the English language. Later on, I pursued the master’s degree in Agricultural Economics and specialized in consumer behavior while pursuing complementary coursework in marketing and statistics. My research focused on determining the effects of ethnicity in allocations of expenditures as well as the comparative analysis of the Hispanic market in the United States, research findings were published in Applied Economics Letters.

I have also performed research and consulting in environmental economics that has involved practical economic analyses for the creation of natural protected areas, encompassing social, developmental, cultural, and demographic aspects. I enjoy the outdoors and have visited more than 25 natural protected areas in North and Central America.

Currently, I am Ph.D. candidate at Louisiana State University A&M.

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