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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2023-present Assistant Professor, Department of Business and Economics, Allegheny College  
2021-2023 Postdoctoral Scholar, Center for Policy Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

## EDUCATION

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2021 PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut  
2015 Master of Arts in Economics, Boston University  
2014 Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Summa Cum Laude, University of Colorado Denver  
2014 Bachelor of Arts in Economics, China Agricultural University

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Child Wellbeing and Health, Policy Analysis, Education Economics, and Applied Microeconomics

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

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2016-2021 Graduate Research Assistant, Rudd Center for Food Policy and Health, University of Connecticut  
2015-2021 Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Connecticut  
2019 Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics and Finance, Eastern Connecticut State University  
2015 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Boston University  
2013 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Denver

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] Heflin, C., & Sun, X. (2022). "Food Insecurity and the Opioid Crisis." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 703(1), 262-284.
- [2] Andreyeva, T., Sun, X., Cannon, M., & Kenney, E. (2021). "The Child and Adult Care Food Program: Barriers to Participation and Costs of Underutilization." *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*. 54(4), 327-334.
- [3] Andreyeva, T., Sun, X. (2021) "Universal School Meals in the US: What Can We Learn from the Community Eligibility Provision?" *Nutrients*, 13, 2634.
- [4] Andreyeva, T., Sun, X., Cannon, M., & Kenney, E.L. (2021). "Implementation of Minimum Nutrition Standards and Best Practices in Childcare Centers." *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*. 121(12), 2454-2463.
- [5] Sun, X., & Andreyeva, T. (2020). "Kindergarten Entry Age and Household Food Insecurity." *Journal of Health Behavior and Policy Review*, 7(5), 416-431.

[6] Andreyeva, T., Kenney, E. L., O'Connell, M., **Sun, X.**, & Henderson, K. E. (2018). "Predictors of Nutrition Quality in Early Child Education Settings in Connecticut." *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 50(5), 458-467.

## **RESEARCH REPORTS**

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[1] Andreyeva, T., Pipito, A., **Sun, X.**, Henderson, KE., Powell, LM. (2018). "Price Impacts on Dietary and Health Outcomes: A Scoping Review." Final report to the World Health Organization.

## **PAPERS UNDER REVIEW OR IN PREPARATION**

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[1] **Sun, X.** "The Impact of Anti-Bullying Laws on Children's Behavioral Skills."

[2] **Sun, X.**, & Andreyeva, T. "The Impact of Universal Free Meals on Children's Social Behavioral Skills and Peer Relationships."

[3] **Sun, X.** Zhao, H "Obesity and Academic Performance among U.S. Children: Do Bullying Explain the Relation?"

[4] Rothbart, M., Helflin, C., **Sun, X.**, Morrissey T. (2023, under review). "Low Income Children's Participation Across Public Programs: PreK, Child Care Subsidies, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program."

[5] Rothbart, M., **Sun, X.**, Helflin, C., Morrissey T. "The Impact of Public Prekindergarten Expansion on SNAP Participation: Evidence from the Virginia Preschool Initiative Plus Program."

## **RESEARCH GRANT EXPERIENCE**

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[1] Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Healthy Eating Research. Studying the Community Eligibility Provision's Broad Impact-on Child Nutrition, Health, Academics, School Attendance, and Family Food Security. 03/01/2019—08/31/2020. Principal Investigator: Tatiana Andreyeva. \$150,700. Role: Research Assistant.

[2] World Health Organization. Fiscal and Pricing Policies on Foods and Non-alcoholic Beverages. 04/25/2019-11/25/2019. Principal Investigator: Tatiana Andreyeva. \$61,100. Role: Research Assistant.

[3] Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut (CHDI). Barriers to Participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in Connecticut: Opportunities for Expansion. 10/01/17-09/30/19. Principal Investigator: Tatiana Andreyeva. \$64,998. Role: Research Assistant.

[4] USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station. Preference Formation and Purchasing Behavior among WIC Participating Households. 10/01/2015-09/30/2019. Principal Investigator: Tatiana Andreyeva. \$60,000. Role: Research Assistant.

[5] World Health Organization. Price Impacts on Dietary and Health Outcomes: A Scoping Review. 04/05/18-06/04/18. Principal Investigator: Tatiana Andreyeva. \$21,873. Role: Research Assistant.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Intro to Macroeconomics, Allegheny College

Intro to Statistics (Master Level), Syracuse University

Quantitative Analysis (Master Level), Syracuse University

Principles of Macroeconomics, Eastern Connecticut State University

Food Policy, University of Connecticut, Teaching Assistant

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2022 Population Association of America Annual Meeting. “Low Income Children’s Participation Across Public Programs: Public Pre-K, Child Care Subsidies, and SNAP”. Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 Population Association of America Annual Meeting. “Food Insecurity and the Opioid Crisis”. Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 Authors Conference: The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. “Food Insecurity and the Opioid Crisis”. Online.
- 2019 Second Meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) Nutrition Guidance Expert Advisory Group (NUGAG) Subgroup on Policy Actions. “A Systematic Review on Fiscal and Pricing Policies”. Qingdao, China.
- 2019 Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Conference. “Kindergarten Entry Age and Household Food Insecurity: Evidence from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study”. Atlanta, GA.

## **SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2022 Syracuse University Demography and Social Policy Lab. “Low Income Children’s Participation Across Public Programs: Public Pre-K, Child Care Subsidies, and SNAP”. Syracuse, NY.
- 2022 Syracuse University Demography and Social Policy Lab. “Food Insecurity and the Opioid Crisis”. Syracuse, NY.
- 2021 Syracuse University Education and Social Policy Working Group. “The Impact of Anti-Bullying Laws on Children’s Social and Behavioral Skills”. Online.
- 2021 University of Connecticut Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity Seminar. “Universal School Meals in the US: What Can We Learn from the Community Eligibility Provision?”. Online.
- 2019 University of Connecticut Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity Seminar. “Kindergarten Entry Age and Household Food Insecurity: Evidence from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study”. Hartford, CT.
- 2018 University of Connecticut Graduate Research Forum Poster Session. “Kindergarten Entry Age and Household Food Insecurity: Evidence from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study”. Storrs, CT.

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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- 2021 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Connecticut
- 2021 Predoctoral Fellowship Scholarship, University of Connecticut
- 2020 Bishop Carder Scholarship, University of Connecticut
- 2020 Predoctoral Fellowship Scholarship, University of Connecticut
- 2019 Predoctoral Fellowship Scholarship, University of Connecticut
- 2017 Nathan Koenig AG/EC Scholarship, University of Connecticut
- 2014 Outstanding Graduates of Beijing
- 2013/2012 First Place Award for International College Beijing Merit Scholarships
- 2012 China National Scholarship
- 2012/2011 Learning Merit Scholarship of China Agricultural University

## **SOFTWARE & LANGUAGES**

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- Computers: Stata, SAS, Qualtrics, Python
- Certificate: SAS Certified Base Programming for SAS 9

- Languages: Chinese Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent)

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

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- 2018-2019 Graduate Student Council: College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources,  
University of Connecticut
- 2012-2013 Vice President: China Students and Scholars Association of University of Colorado  
Denver
- 2011 TOEFL Teaching Assistant: New Oriental School, Beijing, China
- 2011 Volunteer: Homes for the Aged, Weihai, China
- 2011 Tutorial Volunteer: Dongxiaokou Elementary School, Beijing, China

## **PERSONAL**

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Hobbies: Playing the piano, swimming, travel