

AAEA News

2024 AAEA Elections Are Now Open

The AAEA elections will end on **May 15, 2024, at 11:59 pm CDT**. Please log into the My Account section to access the ballot: <https://aaea.execinc.com/edibo/2024Elections> If you have any questions or trouble accessing the online ballot, please contact the AAEA Office at (414) 918-3190 or at Info@aaea.org.

2024 AAEA Executive Board Election Candidates

President-Elect

[*Carola Grebitus, Arizona State University*](#)

[*Brian Roe, The Ohio State University*](#)

Director

[*Jane Kolodinsky, University of Vermont*](#)

[*Sarah Low, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*](#)

[*Tim Richards, Arizona State University*](#)

[*Junjie Wu, North Carolina State University*](#)

Section Elections

The AAEA Section elections are also taking place concurrently with the Executive Board election. You will be able to complete the Executive Board and Section elections all in one place. Section members will be directed to the Section ballots for which they are eligible to vote upon submitting the Executive Board ballot.

President-Elect Seeks Volunteers for AAEA Committees

Members interested in shaping the future of the AAEA can play an essential role by serving on an association committee. Committee service also offers an excellent opportunity for developing contacts and increasing professional networking.

Beatty will make appointments to the following 2024-2025 committees in June 2024:

- AAEA Trust
- Awards
- Case Study Invited Paper
- Communications
- Employment Services
- Fellows Selection
- Finance
- Galbraith Forum and Award
- Membership
- Mentoring
- Nominating
- Selected Presentations
- T.W. Schultz Lecture



For information about these committees and a list of their current members, please visit <http://www.aaea.org/about-aaea/aaea-committees>.

Any AAEA member interested and willing to serve on a committee should contact Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190 by **May 3, 2024**.

2024 AAEA Accept/Reject Notifications

Notifications for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting were sent on March 26. Please check your email (and spam/junk folders) or log into the [abstract management system](#) to view your standing.

Presenter Requirements by May 15, 2024

In order to participate in the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting, presenters **MUST** meet three requirements:

1. Be a [2024 AAEA member](#)
2. [Register for the 2024 annual meeting](#)
3. Upload PDF of finished paper (or poster if presenting a poster) to AAEA submission site using these [instructions](#).

**If your institution will be registering you for the Annual Meeting or renewing your membership it is your responsibility to ensure that they have done so prior to the May 15 deadline.

Presentations are subject to withdrawal from the program if requirements are not completed by **May 15 at 11:59 pm CST**. If you would like to withdraw your paper, you must notify the AAEA business office of your intentions at (414) 918-3190 or info@aaea.org.

2024 AAEA Annual Meeting Information

- NOLA Tourism: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2024-aaea-annual-meeting/registration-travel/nola-tourism>
- Undergraduate Recruitment Fair: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2024-aaea-annual-meeting/about/undergraduate-recruitment-fair>
- Employment Center: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2024-aaea-annual-meeting/about/employment-center>
- Committee & Journal Meeting: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2024-aaea-annual-meeting/events/meetings/committee--journal-meetings>
- Section Business Meetings & Events: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2024-aaea-annual-meeting/events/meetings/section-business-meetings--events>

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 28

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section Meetings • Committee & Journal Meetings • Employment Center • Gordon Rausser Keynote Address (Aaron Clauset) • Welcome Reception • Reunions & Receptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various Times • Various Times • 9:30 am – 5:00 pm • 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm • Immediately following Gordon Rausser Keynote Address • 8:30 pm – 10:30 pm |
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Monday, July 29

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AAEA Business Meeting • Undergraduate Recruitment Fair • Presidential Address (Timothy Beatty) • Employment Center • Concurrent Sessions #1 • Luncheons (Pre-ticketed Event) • Concurrent Sessions #2 • Concurrent Sessions #3 • Poster Reception • FAMPS Poster Competition • Academic Bowl Finals • AAEA Awards & Fellows Recognition Ceremony & Appreciation Club Ceremony • Reunions & Receptions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 am – 8:30 am • 8:00 am – 4:00 pm • 8:30 am – 9:30 am • 9:30 am – 5:00 pm • 10:00 am – 11:30 am • 11:30 am – 1:00 pm • 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm • 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm • 4:15 pm – 5:30 pm • 4:15 pm – 5:30 pm • 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm • 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm • 8:30 pm – 10:30 pm |
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Tuesday, July 30

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fellows Address (Bruce McCarl) • Concurrent Sessions #4 • Galbraith Forum (Catherine Wolfram) • Concurrent Session #5 • Concurrent Session #6 • Concurrent Session #7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30 am – 9:30 am • 10:00 am – 11:30 am • 11:45 am – 12:45 pm (**NEW TIME**) • 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm • 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm • 4:30 pm – 6:15 pm |
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The 2024 AAEA Room Block is OPEN**[New Orleans Marriott](#)**

555 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
(504) 581-1000

Guest Rooms for Single/Double \$179 per room per night

Taxes are a total of 16.2% (9.45% State Tax, 5% Federal Tax, and 1.75% Tourism Tax) plus a \$3 per night occupancy fee.

Please reserve your room using the following link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50476455>

Cut-off Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 or when sold out.

Please note that all annual meeting sessions and the majority of activities will take place at the Marriott.

Register Now for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting!

You may register for a Pre- and Post-conference Workshop while registering for the annual meeting or by calling the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190.

Register Online

Paper Form

| | Early Bird (on or before May 31) | | Advanced (June 1-July 18) | | On-site (July 19 and after) | |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| | Member | Non-member | Member | Non-member | Member | Non-member |
| Graduate Student | \$105 | \$300 | \$140 | \$335 | \$180 | \$380 |
| Professional | \$475 | \$650 | \$560 | \$720 | \$635 | \$795 |
| Senior | \$365 | \$505 | \$450 | \$580 | \$525 | \$655 |
| Guest | \$75 | | \$75 | | \$75 | |

**Guests include any interested party not professionally in or a student of the fields of agricultural or applied economics, or a related discipline. Guest fees include the welcome reception, plenary sessions, and all concurrent sessions (Guests under the age of 16 are free, and don't need to register).*

**Cancellation: Cancellations of meeting registrations are subject to a \$50 processing fee. After July 5, no refunds will be given for meeting registrations or special event tickets. To cancel your Annual Meeting registration and/or special event tickets, contact the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190 or info@aaea.org. Website: www.aaea.org. If AAEA cancels the meeting any paid meeting registration fees will be fully refunded.*

Accepted Presenters must register for the Annual Meeting by May 15, 2024

2024 AAEA Travel Grants

These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, July 28 – 30, 2024. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. There are Travel Grants for both International and Domestic travel.

The AAEA Trust is accepting applications for Travel Grants to the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

[International Travel Grant Applications](#)

[Domestic Travel Grant Applications](#)

Preview of AAEA 2024 Annual Meeting Workshops & Luncheons

Pre-registration for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops and Luncheons are required before the annual meeting. You may register for a Pre- and Post-conference Workshop while registering for the annual meeting or by calling the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190.

Pre-Conference Workshops

Saturday, July 27, 2024

[BEER Section Craft Industry Tour \(PC11\)](#)

\$100

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

(Note: will depart Marriott at 12:00 pm)

Light lunch included in tour

Limited space available

[COSBAE Section Historical Plantation Tour \(PC12\)](#)

\$115

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Bus will depart Marriott at 8:00 am; meet at 7:45 am in lobby

Light lunch included

Limited space available

[Demystifying Institutional Employment Opportunities for Economists \(PC13\)](#)

\$30

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

New Orleans Marriott

AAEA Student Member Waivers available **Accepting applications, apply today**

deadline to apply April 29th Application is available [here](#).

[Engaging Industry and Academia on Agribusiness Research Topics and a Tour of a Grain Export Terminal \(PC14\)](#)

\$25

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Tour and pre-conference workshop

New Orleans Marriott

[AAEA Teaching Academy \(PC15\)](#)

Students & ECP \$25; General \$55

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

New Orleans Marriott

Lunch included

Read more at the AETR Teaching Resource [webpage](#)

[Transformative Trends in U.S. Agriculture: Unraveling the Dynamic Competitive Landscape \(PC16\)](#)

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

New Orleans Marriott

Lunch included

Students & ECP \$25; General \$55

Post-Conference Workshops

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

[Extension Section Agricultural Tour \(PC51\)](#)

\$100

Additional details coming soon

[Post-Conference Workshop on Food Prices and Forecasting Sponsored by ERS \(PC52\)](#)

Note: 2-day workshop

Wednesday, July 31 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm;

Thursday, August 1 from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

New Orleans Marriott

Students & ECP \$25; General \$55

AAEA Student Member Travel Grant Available up to \$1,000 Deadline to apply is May 19th

Complete this [application form](#) by May 19th (*20 travel grants available – Restricted to AAEA Graduate Student Members and Early Career Professional Members*)

[Workshop on NIFA's Agricultural Economics and Rural Communities Awarded Projects \(PC53\)](#)

Wednesday, July 31

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

New Orleans Marriott

\$35

[Speaker Luncheons Preview](#)

Luncheons are a ticketed event and will occur on Monday, July 29th. Additional details available [here](#)

Extension Section Lecture & Luncheon (SP31)

Monday, July 29th

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

New Orleans Marriott

\$74

COSBAE and Africa Section Speaker Series & Luncheon (SP32)

Monday, July 29th

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

New Orleans Marriott

\$74

[Announcing 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting – Invited Paper Sessions](#)

- Innovations in Characterizing Rural Economic Activity
Session #3757
- New Developments in Assessing Global Food Security
Session #3758

- Leveraging multiple–data sources and methods to better inform food policies and market strategies
Session #3759
- When Efficiency Matters: Incentivizing Right Agent, Right Behavior, and Right Compensation to Improve Conservation Outcomes
Session #3790
- Burning Issues in Agricultural Trade Policy
Session #3798

Announcing 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting – Organized Symposia Sessions

- Challenges and Solutions in Measuring Household Food Loss and Waste for Use in Policy Analysis
Session #3765
 - Reflecting on Key Dimensions of the Interdisciplinary Research Process
Session #3767
 - Teaching new and existing courses for students from other fields
Session #3777
 - Learning about various transitioning opportunities from the academic to the professional environment
Session #3780
 - Tales from the Dark Side: Insights for Ag and Applied Economists from Administrators
Session #3781
 - Applying for USDA–NIFA Funding for the Area of Agricultural Economics and Rural Communities
Session #3782
 - Best Practices for Furthering Innovation and Capturing the Benefits of the Bioeconomy
Session #3783
 - Overcoming Challenges and Constraints to Growth in Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness, and Related Programs at 1890 Land–grant Institutions
Session #3784
 - Examination of Agricultural Labor Policy Options
Session #3785
 - The State of Academic Profession of Agricultural & Applied Economics
Session #3789
 - Strategies for Health & Wellbeing in Agricultural Economics
Session #3795
 - Empowering EU Consumers for the Green Transition
Session #3983
 - Nutrition, Inequality, Gender, and Food Security
Session #3800
 - Case Studies – Paper Session
Session #3897
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Announcing the 2024 Extension Competition for Graduate Students at the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting

The AAEA Extension Competition for Graduate Students provides an opportunity to develop and/or get feedback on programs that communicate research and practical information to Extension (usually non-economist) audiences. Entries can be based upon graduate student research for a thesis, dissertation, or other academic work. The competition is sponsored by the Extension and Graduate Student Sections.

[Read more >>](#)

Undergraduate Student Section 2024 Competitions

- The Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition
- Student Paper Competition
- Outstanding Paper Competition
- Creative Club Competition

Read more about each competition here: <https://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea/aaea-annual-meeting>

Register for the 2024 Academic Bowl

Each year, SS-AAEA sponsors an academic bowl competition for undergraduate students at the [AAEA Annual Meeting](#). Students compete on teams of three, which are affiliated with their school. The finals of the competition are held immediately preceding the AAEA Awards Ceremony, with an audience of all meeting attendees. The winning team receives \$500.

The Academic Bowl Competition will be held on Monday, July 29 at 8:00 am – 2:00 pm followed by The Finals at 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm prior to the Awards Ceremony at the [2024 AAEA Annual Meeting](#).

[Read more >>>](#)

2024 Local Food Economics Data Visualization Challenge

We are excited to announce a second year of the Local Food Economics Data Visualization Challenge!

What is the challenge?

Intended for graduate students in agricultural and applied economics, this challenge is an opportunity to practice your coding and data visualization skills, build your network, connect with mentors, learn about USDA AMS' local food data tools and Regional Food Business Centers, and potentially receive travel support to attend the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA!

Generously sponsored by the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), and co-organized by the AAEA Graduate Student Section (GSS) and AMS, this AAEA competition will challenge graduate student teams of three from around the US to develop a novel data visualization and analysis that responds to competition prompts using the [Local Food Data Warehouse](#) and [FAME](#) tools developed by a team of researchers from Colorado State University, the University of Kentucky, and the USDA AMS, as well as many representatives from local and regional food system nonprofits. This year, we are also working in partnership with the new [Regional Food Business Centers](#) to provide analysis relevant to the 12 regions.

Pending final approval, USDA AMS funds will provide travel support for student teams to attend the AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA on July 28–30, 2024, and cash awards for winning teams.

Who can participate?

Applicants must:

- Be students enrolled in a Master's or PhD program in applied economics or a closely related field in the United States during the 2023–2024 academic year,
- Have at least beginner knowledge in coding and data visualization and an interest to practice these skills, and
- Have interest and/or experience in local food systems.

Graduate students from minority serving institutions are encouraged to apply.

Please note: We will be prioritizing students in agricultural and applied economics programs and students who did not participate in the in-person Data Visualization challenge in Summer 2023 when selecting participants.

How will the competition be structured?

- Students can apply either as an individual or as a team of three students.
 - Individuals will be matched with two other individuals using information gathered in the application.
 - Teams can include students from the same or different universities.
- All teams will be assigned one faculty member and one USDA AMS staff member as mentors. Applicants will have the opportunity to re a specific mentor during the application process. Please note mentor requests will be taken into consideration but are not guaranteed.

What's expected of participants?

- Attend one 90-minute competition kick-off webinar at 10–11:30 AM Pacific/1–2:30 PM Eastern on Friday, May 17, to become oriented to [FAME](#) and the [Data Warehouse](#), hear the competition prompts, and meet with your team and mentors.
- Work in person and/or virtually with your team in May, June, and July 2024 to develop your data visualization and analysis based on the prompts provided at the kick-off webinar.
- Meet with your team and mentors 3–4 times over Zoom during May, June, and July 2024 leading up to the challenge submission to discuss ideas, get feedback, and ask questions – your group can determine the meeting times that best fit your schedule.
- Upload your completed data visualization submission for judge review by Friday, July 19 at 11:59 PM Eastern.
- Present your data visualization and analysis in person to competition judges at the AAEA Annual Meeting on Sunday, July 28, 2024, in New Orleans, LA.

What are the benefits to participants?

- Cash prizes and plaques for top three teams and recognition during the Awards Ceremony at the AAEA Annual Meeting (the evening of Monday, July 29)
 - Cash awards: \$1,200 for 1st place, \$600 for 2nd place, and \$300 for 3rd place
- Travel awards to attend the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA (based on need)
- Networking opportunities with fellow graduate students, faculty experts in local food systems, and USDA AMS staff members
- Opportunities to practice and develop data visualization and coding skills
- Enhanced familiarity with AMS' local food tools and Regional Food Business Centers

To apply, please complete this application form at your earliest convenience, and no later than Sunday, April 28: [Link to Survey](#)

If applying as a team, please compile all team information so it can be submitted on one form. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by Friday, May 10, 2024.

Questions can be directed to AAEA GSS Faculty Advisor and AAEA Mentorship Committee Chair Dr. Zoë Plakias (plakiaz@wwu.edu).

Learn more about the 2024 Local Food Economics Data Visualization Challenge and see how last year went by visit the website: <https://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/gss/local-food-economics-data-visualization-challenge>

New for 2024 FAMPS Section Poster Competition

Read more here: <https://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/famps/aaea-annual-meeting>

Call for submissions: AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2025 ASSA Annual Meeting

President-Elect Tim Beatty is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2025 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, January 3–5, 2025.

The objective of AAEA sessions at the ASSA Annual Meeting is to share new knowledge of interest to economists. The AAEA encourages sessions that will draw widely from ASSA attendees, including sessions jointly sponsored with other ASSA member associations.

A subcommittee of the AAEA Board will review all proposals. Preference will be given to proposals that

- 1) Cover issues of national and international importance,
- 2) Expand capabilities and tools for economic research,
- 3) Promise a high-quality collection of papers suitable for publication.

Papers in approved Invited Paper sessions are eligible to be peer reviewed for publication in the proceedings issue of the *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policies*. Authors will be contacted by the *AEPP* editors with manuscript submission details.

Proposed formats for the 2-hour sessions may include either three papers with one discussant or else four papers with no discussant. All proposals must include a plan for fostering participant interaction.

Proposals should include the session title and paper titles, as well as the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the session organizer, moderator, paper presenters, and discussants. Proposal text should begin with a short justification of the session, followed by one paragraph abstracts describing the objective and contributions of each paper. The organizer is responsible for ensuring that all individuals identified in the proposal are willing to participate.

All speakers and discussants must be members of AAEA, although the proposal may request a membership waiver under special circumstances. Participants must register for the ASSA meeting.

Please send proposals by **May 22, 2024**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org.

Call for Papers:**Special Issue: Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics Use in the Classroom and Academy**

Deadline: June 30, 2024

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources is calling for manuscripts about the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and data analytics in undergraduate and graduate education in the classroom and across the academy. Submissions of case studies, teaching and extension scholarship and research, educational innovations and methods, extension education innovations and methods, and commentaries about use of artificial intelligence, including use of large language models (LLMs) and platforms, such as ChatGPT, Bing AI, Bard, amongst other, and data analytics in undergraduate and graduate education, extension education, and other learning venues in institutions of higher learning. This special issue is open to a wide array of topics related to artificial intelligence and data analytics across the agricultural and applied economics and agribusiness and management economics disciplines. Topics may include but are not limited to innovative use of AI and data analytics in the classroom; innovative data analytic teaching modules and teaching case studies; teaching case studies about the impact of AI on agriculture, the agricultural industry and society; ethical and academic concerning the use of AI in the academy; assessments of AI for different learning outcomes and tasks; and use of AI and data analytics in extension education programming.

Special Issue Timeline:

If you are interested in making a submission to the special issue, please submit a 300 word abstract to Dr. Jason Bergtold (bergtold@ksu.edu) by **June 30, 2024**, at the latest. The abstract should describe the overall theme/topic of the manuscript, how it relates to the special issue call, and how it can be used for educational purposes. Your abstract will be reviewed once submitted and you will then be informed if you will be invited to submit a submission to the special issue.

Full papers for accepted abstracts must be submitted through AETR at www.aetrjournal.org. All papers will go through a double-blind peer review process and be available online via Advanced Access for readers once accepted. All submissions will need to follow the AETR submission guidelines at: <https://www.aetrjournal.org/contribute/submission-guidelines>. If you have questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors.

Call for Papers**Special Issue: Designing Agribusiness Education for Changing Student Demographics and Employer Needs**

Deadline: June 30, 2024

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources is calling for manuscripts related to agribusiness education and curriculum. Agribusiness programs are simultaneously grappling with changing student demographics and evolving employer needs. Continued consolidation across all agricultural sectors means that fewer students are growing up on farms and ranches than in previous generations. Additionally, automation and technological change are rapidly transforming agricultural supply chains. This change has contributed to a growing gap between the skills and knowledge sets that agribusiness programs prioritize and what employers within the food supply chain value (Johnson, Downey, and Holcomb, 2023). Agribusiness programs must both broaden their appeal to students without an agricultural background and adapt curriculum to ensure students are given the tools they need to thrive after graduation. Programs that achieve these objectives will help empower the next generation of problem solvers to grapple with increasingly intricate challenges within the food value chain. Departments that cannot meet these objectives may experience decreased enrollment and struggle to place graduates.

We are seeking submissions that address the following concerns:

- **General Decline in College Students Nationally and Changing Backgrounds:** Agribusiness programs face enrollment challenges from two fronts. First, declines in the population that is college age, along with growing skepticism of higher education from the public, will shrink the pool of students attending a university at the national level. Second, fewer students are growing up on farms and ranches each year, which shrinks the pool of students that traditionally formed the cornerstone of agribusiness programs. To avoid declining enrollment, agribusiness programs will need to appeal to a wider demographic of students. This is likely to create challenges in instruction and require content to focus on skills, as well as agriculture specific content. Research contributions could include curriculum aimed at addressing this change or analysis aimed at measuring this change and predicting its impacts on recruitment.
- **Disparity in Defining Agribusiness Bounds:** There has been a growing discussion over the identity of agribusiness as a discipline. There are increasing employment opportunities in parts of the supply chain far from the farm gate, but agribusiness programs risk losing their core competencies if they become too general. Individual departments may have responded to this question in unique ways. Thus, having a discussion on what programs offer in their curriculum in terms of courses, electives, concentrations, experiential learning, or opportunities for learning outside of the classroom would be illuminating.
- **Generational Gaps:** Each generation grows up exposed to different social and cultural landscapes than previous generations. These changing experiences can impact the average skill and deficiency levels students within an age group have for various topics (e.g. stronger technological savvy than the previous generations but weaker communication skills on average). Discussions of necessary adjustments to the curriculum in order to leverage generational strengths and help refine generational skill gaps would benefit the future positioning of agribusiness programs. A few examples of topics within this vein include work that measures these generational changes or work that presents pedagogical contributions for addressing them in the classroom.
- **Evolving Employer Needs and Trends:** Personal characteristics and essential (or soft) skills draw top billing by the agribusiness profession when evaluating graduates for potential employment. However, the business and economic knowledge held by graduates still remains a high priority for agribusinesses. Agribusinesses have also started putting more emphasis on the lower ranked areas of technical knowledge, computer skills, and work experiences. This presents a challenge for programs on how to balance developing graduates skills and knowledge while maintaining limited credit hours. Perspectives and practices that speak to how programs can shift classes, curriculum, or teaching methods to help students to be competitive in the job market and valued by agribusiness hiring personnel would push the academy forward to meet the future challenges. Particular interest will be given to work that highlight insights from industry shareholders or provides survey results.

We expect this special issue to facilitate a discussion of innovative ideas aimed at supporting recruitment, curriculum and course development, teaching methods, and outreach to industry. By addressing these issues, agribusiness programs can ensure that graduates are well-equipped to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st-century agricultural sector and food supply chain. This special issue would serve as a valuable resource for educators striving to shape the future of agribusiness education. Authors are encouraged to submit any type of work that fits within the four categories discussed. The special issue will have three guest co-editors Dr. Tanner McCarty (tanner.mccarty@usu.edu), Dr. Anastasia Thayer (awthaye@clemsun.edu) and Dr. Aaron Johnson (ajjohnson@ksu.edu) in addition to the AETR Editor, Dr. Jason Bergtold (bergtold@ksu.edu).

Special Issue Timeline:

If you are interested in making a submission to the special issue, please submit a 300 word abstract to Dr. Anastasia Thayer (awthaye@clermson.edu) by **June 30, 2024**, at the latest. The abstract should describe the overall theme/topic of the manuscript, how it relates to the special issue call, and how it can be used for educational purposes. Your abstract will be reviewed once submitted and you will then be informed if you will be invited to submit a submission to the special issue. Full papers for accepted abstracts must be submitted through AETR online by December 31, 2024. All papers will go through a double-blind peer review process and be available online via Advanced Access for readers once accepted. All submissions will need to follow the AETR submission guidelines at: <https://www.aetrjournal.org/contribute/submission-guidelines>. If you have questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors.

People Section

University of Idaho

- Appointment Changes: **Patrick Hatzenbuehler**, Associate Professor/Extension Specialist

International Food Policy Research Institute

- New Appointments: **Abdallah Tarek**, Senior Research Assistant; **Valencia Wenqian Xu**, Research Analyst; **Kinya Kaibunga**, Research Officer; **Linda Steinhuebel-Rasheed**, Research Fellow
- Resignations: **Ehtesham Ul Haq**; **Oliver Kiptoo Kirui**; **Abdul Wajid Rana**; **Robert Baguma**; **Anuj Srivastava**; **Samyuktha Kannan**; **Shahnila Dunston**
- Visitors: **Dr. Soo-Jin Choo**, **Dr. Gaeun Kim** – March 27; **Dr. Kristofer Hamel** – April 3

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Honorary Position: **Sandy Dall'Erba**, President of the North American Regional Science Association 2024–2025
- Retirement: **Alex Winter-Nelson**, 32 years of service

University of Missouri

- Retirement: **Scott Brown**, 37 years of service
- Awards: **Alan Spell**, University of Missouri Office of the Provost, Provost's Award for Creative Extension Programming by New Faculty; **Corinne Valdivia**, University of Missouri System, C. Brice Ratchford Memorial Fellowship Award
- New appointment: **Alejandro Plastina**, associate professor of agricultural finance and director of the Rural and Farm Finance Policy Analysis Center
- Appointment change: **Stephen Mukembo**, assistant professor of agricultural and applied economics and director of the McQuinn Center

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- New Appointments: **Asa B. Stone**, Assistant Research Professor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; **Renata Ramsaite**, Assistant Research Professor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Appointment changes: **Kathleen Brooks**, Professor and Department Head, Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; **Simanti Banerjee**, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; **Christopher Gustafson**, Professor, Department of Agricultural

Economics, University of Nebraska–Lincoln; **Elliott Dennis**, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska–Lincoln; **Glennis McClure**, Extension Educator, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

- Positions taken by recent graduates: **Jessica Windh**, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, University of Idaho; **Maroua Afi**, Post–Doctoral Researcher, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska–Lincoln
- Returns from leave: **Fabio Mattos** and **Daniela Mattos**
- Retirement: **Larry Van Tassell**

Other News

NBER Conference on Competition in the US Agricultural Sector

To promote research on competition in the agricultural sector and the consequences of the industrial organization of this sector for consumers as well as input suppliers, the National Bureau of Economic Research, with support from the Economic Research Service of the US Department of Agriculture, will convene a research conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on December 12, 2024. The conference will be organized by James MacDonald (University of Maryland) and Fiona Scott Morton (Yale University and NBER).

More details on the conference may be found at this link: <https://www.nber.org/calls-papers-and-proposals/competition-us-agricultural-sector>. The deadline for submissions is September 3, 2024, and submissions should be of complete, or nearly complete, papers.

VIII Beeronomics Conference

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- Others: food industry and alternatives to beer

Please find the official Conference Flyer/Call for Paper attached. Additional information about abstract submission and event details can be found on the conference's webpage:

<https://beeronomics2024.unimib.it/>

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