



# AAEA

**Agricultural & Applied  
Economics Association**

**Undergraduate Student Section**

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## Letter from the President:

Dear Chapter Presidents and Advisors,

First of all, I want to thank everyone who was involved in the 2015 AAEA annual meeting last year in San Francisco, California! It was a wonderful experience and I know my fellow student officers feel the same. I am very excited for the 2016 AAEA meeting in Boston, Mass., and I know it will be an enriching time with the opportunity to see everyone from last year. Boston is rich with culture and American history. There are expected to be over 1,300 people attending the meeting and as the semester/quarter terms are finishing up for students and faculty, I encourage everyone to make travel and room accommodations as soon as possible. This year's meeting will feature phenomenal speakers and workshops as well as several competitions that will have everyone's attention. The Academic Bowl competition will be exciting and rewarding as usual. There are a few new changes to the formatting that we are looking forward to letting you experience firsthand! On behalf of the student officer team, I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of the AAEA. I look forward to seeing you all in July!

Sincerely,  
Luke Benton

## Important Dates 2016:

### June 3:

- Student Paper Competition Statement of Intent Form Due.
- Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition Statement of Intent Form Due.

### July 1:

- Student Paper Competition Submissions Due.
- Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition Submissions Due.
- Academic Bowl Registration Due.
- Outstanding Chapter Submissions Due.
- Creative Club Award Submissions Due.

### July 31:

- Academic Bowl Orientation & Student Mixer
- Student Paper Competition & Presentations
- Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Presentations

### Aug. 1:

- Academic Bowl Competition
- AAEA Awards Ceremony
- SS-AAEA Business Meeting

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## Schedule of Events:

### Sunday, July 31

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Keynote Address, Hilary Hoynes  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Poster Session  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Academic Bowl Orientation / Student Mixer**  
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

### Monday, August 1

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **AAEA Business Meeting**  
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Academic Bowl Preliminaries**  
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. AAEA Presidential Address, Jayson Lusk  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Monday Poster Presentations  
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **Academic Bowl Finals**  
6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. **Awards and Fellows Recognition Ceremony**  
8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Student Section Business Meeting**  
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Reunions and Receptions

### Tuesday, August 2

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. AAEA Fellows Address, Jo Swinnen  
9:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions  
11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Tuesday Poster Presentations  
6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. AAEA Galbraith Forum, Alain de Janvry  
7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Closing Reception

## Boston, Massachusetts:

On behalf of the 2015-2016 SS-AAEA Officer Team, I would like to extend a warm welcome and invitation to the 2016 AAEA annual meeting at the Marriott Copley Place in Boston, Mass., July 31- Aug. 2. As the spring semester comes to an end, it is a good time to begin planning for your trip. We look forward to seeing all members, new and returning! We want to encourage everyone to participate in the SS-AAEA Academic Bowl, Undergraduate Paper, Creative Club, Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet, and Outstanding Chapter Competitions. For more information on how to enter these competitions- go online to: [www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea](http://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea).

Sincerely,  
Hollie Koester  
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### Room Sharing

For smaller chapters that would like to combine for lodging with other universities please contact Sierra Howry: [sierra.howry@uwrf.edu](mailto:sierra.howry@uwrf.edu) so arrangements can be made.

### Making the Trip

As the SS-AAEA officer team, we understand the financial commitment made by universities, chapters, and individuals to attend the AAEA annual meeting. To increase chapter participation and make the trip financially feasible, we encourage chapters to begin planning for the trip now! Some things to consider while planning are:

- **Airfare:** Book now! Six weeks out is usually the best time to book flights. If your school or department uses a travel agent, ask to utilize their services.

- **Room Sharing:** As mentioned above, smaller chapters are encouraged to sign up for room sharing. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and help offset costs.
- **Fundraising:** Hosting a fundraiser or soliciting sponsorships for your trip may be possible. If your chapter or university has established relationships with businesses in your community, writing a letter asking for donations to present or participate in the 2016 AAEA annual meeting may be appropriate. Also, if your chapter is a campus sanctioned club, you may be eligible to apply for the CHS Foundation Mini-Grants. For more information, please visit: <http://www.chsinc.com/stewardship/leadership-development>.

## New this Year to Academic Bowl Competition:

We are working diligently to improve your academic bowl experience. Going forward, look toward these improvements:

- When a team buzzes in, the moderator will stop reading, and the answer time will start.
- There will be a brief training session for computer operators, moderators, and judges Sunday night before the competition.
- Providing judges a guide to help eliminate confusion when the question has multiple answers or terms.

These are just a few changes that will be made in order to improve how efficiently the competition will run overall.

## Things to do in Boston:

Explore the historical city of Boston, Mass., and uncover the past by visiting some of these attractions:

- Boston Museums & Attractions
- Performing Arts & Entertainment
- Sight Seeing, Tours & Trails

## Download the New Mobile App!

In May 2016, the new AAEA annual meeting mobile app will be available for download on your smartphone or tablet! The app offers an up-to-date meeting program, listing all sessions and meeting times. The app serves as an alternative to carrying around the paper program and features more personalized settings so you can view your schedule of events at the touch of a button!



AAEA ANNUAL MEETING  
BOSTON  
MASSACHUSETTS ★★★★★★  
2016 July 31 - August 2

On behalf of the Undergraduate Student Section of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, we cordially invite you and your students to attend and participate in the AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston (July 31-August 2, 2016). Our section offers a wide variety of professional development opportunities for undergraduate students of agricultural and applied economics:

- Academic Bowl Competition
- Student Paper Competition
- Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition
- Outstanding Chapter Competition
- Creative Club Competition

In addition to the aforementioned competitions, students can interact with representatives of major graduate programs in our profession to discuss MS and PhD programs. Our reception on Sunday night (July 31, 2016) is a great opportunity for your students to meet and forge lifelong friendships with other students from over 20 domestic and several Canadian universities. On Monday night, immediately following the final round of the Academic Bowl Competition, we recognize and celebrate student accomplishments at the Awards Ceremony. Additionally on Monday night, in our section's business meeting, students have the opportunity to run for elected student leadership positions within our section.

To encourage participation, the student registration fees this year are only \$20 per student. As a further incentive to participate, there is a total of \$1,800 in prize money, various award plaques, and of course bragging rights to be national champions in a given competition. All of the required registration forms, competition rules, and overview of the Undergraduate Student Section may be found at <http://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea/>. If you have any questions, please contact me at [Tyler.Mark@uky.edu](mailto:Tyler.Mark@uky.edu).

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