

AAEA News

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The benefits of your AAEA membership only last through the spring of 2018, so be sure to renew soon to ensure that you keep receiving services from AAEA throughout the upcoming year.

You will need to be a current AAEA member in order to vote in the **Executive Board Election**, which runs April 15–May 15.

Call for Applications

Travel Grants for Early Career Professionals and Graduate Students

The AAEA Trust seeks applications for Early Career Professional and Graduate Student Travel Grants. These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2018 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., on August 5–7. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received.

marketing, regional, rural, or resource economics.

- No other sources of funding available (including university, department, grant, employer, etc.)
- Paper/poster accepted for presentation at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Eligibility Requirements

Qualifying applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to be considered for a travel grant:

- Graduate student or Early Career Professional 2018 member of AAEA.
- Engaged at a college, university, or other non-academic institution (including agribusinesses, non-government organizations, government, and “think tanks”) in such applied economics fields as agribusiness, agricultural, consumer, food, development, environmental, health,

Application Process

Applications must be submitted through the [online application form](#). You will be asked to submit the following:

- Your name and email address;
- Institution and (if applicable) department at which enrolled/employed. You may indicate “not-yet-employed” if not a current student and without employment – please highlight degree-awarding institution and date awarded;
- Degree program underway (Graduate Student Applicants)

- Anticipated graduation date (Graduate Student Applicants)
- Professional rank or position (Early Career Professional Applicants)
- Number of years at Institution (Early Career Professional Applicants)
- Brief summary of research interests (1000 words or less);
- Applicant statement (500 words or less): description of the anticipated value gained from attending and participating in the Annual Meeting (including paper/poster presentations, awards and/or pre-/post-conference workshops in which you will be involved);
- Proposed travel budget;
- A nomination from a department, division head, or supervisor which includes written acknowledgement of the nomination and certification of your financial need, including certification that funding is unavailable from other sources. Self-employed or not-yet-employed applicants may submit a letter supporting the nomination from a colleague or mentor from their

degree-granting institution or include a letter stating financial need.

Applications should be submitted by the individual seeking support; however, only two applications from each employing institution will be considered. In the event that more than two applications are submitted from a specific department or division, it will be up to the department head to decide which will be considered. If an applicant is self-employed or not-yet-employed they may seek a letter of support from a colleague or mentor from their degree-awarding institution. Any letter of support for an Early Career Professional not employed or a student at a degree-awarding institution will not count against the maximum of two nominations from any department or other entity formally nominating other applicants.

Reflecting the Trust's goal of broadening participation in the Annual Meeting, preference may be given to individuals working under institutional circumstances not normally conducive to AAEA meeting attendance. The deadline for submission is **May 23, 2018**. To apply, please visit <https://aaea.execinc.com/edibo/TravelGrants2018App>.

Call for Applications

AAEA Annual Meeting International Travel Grants

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Eligibility Requirements

Qualifying applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to be considered for a travel grant:

- Resident of and residing in a country outside the U.S.
- [2018 member of AAEA](#)
- Engaged at a college, university, or other non-academic institution (including agribusinesses, non-government organizations, government, and “think tanks”) in such applied economics fields as

agribusiness, agricultural, consumer, food, development, environmental, health, marketing, regional, rural, or resource economics.

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**2018 AAEA Annual Meeting Post-conference Workshop:
*Science Communications and Media Engagement***

August 8, 2018 at the Marriott Wardman Park

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Cost: \$25

Workshop Description: AAEA has engaged the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Center for Public Engagement with Science and Technology to conduct a communications workshop for our members. This four hour workshop will be divided into two parts. The first part, termed Science Communication Fundamentals, focuses on the core components of successful public engagement. Participants are introduced to the AAAS public engagement framework, a guide they can apply to all kinds of interactions. Participants also learn how to identify a public engagement goal, determine the relevant audience, craft tailored messages to achieve their goal and rehearse their engagement scenario. This workshop includes both facilitator presentations and attendee exercises. Examples include:

- learning why economics communication is valuable and how to engage in outreach activities
- understanding and connecting to public audiences

- selecting audiences and developing targeted engagement strategies
- identifying individual strategic communications goals
- handling interaction with stakeholder audiences
- accessing resources to communicate science and economics and find outreach opportunities

The second component termed Strategic Media Engagement provides agricultural economists an understanding of established best practices with regard to media engagement. It includes:

- overview of the science media landscape
- strategies for effective targeting of messages
- handling interaction with media and public audiences

The registration fee is only \$25 and includes light refreshments. Workshop size is strictly limited to enable better communication among attendees and presenters, so please register early to assure your place.

View all [Pre- and Post-conference Workshops](#) on the Annual Meeting website.

**2018 AAEA Annual Meeting:
*Notification Letters***

Thank you to everyone who submitted a Selected Presentation abstract for the 2018 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. We received about 1,300 abstracts and accepted 804. Notification letters regarding all Selected Presentation submissions were sent on March 15, 2018. If you have not received a notification email or are unsure of your abstract status, please email the AAEA Business office at info@aaea.org.

**2018 AAEA Annual Meeting:*****Undergraduate Student Section Activities***

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 2018 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., August 5– 7. 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 evening reception on Sunday, August 5, 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, August 6, 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 are only \$40 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/aaea-annual-meeting>.

Call for Applications:***2018 TLC Graduate Student Teaching Award***

Applications are now invited for the 2018 TLC Graduate Student Teaching Award.

The Teaching, Learning and Communication Section (TLC) recognizes that graduate students are our teachers and educators of tomorrow. In support of this emerging cohort, we have chosen to sponsor an award to recognize and encourage graduate students who excel in teaching agricultural or applied economics courses. The award winner will be recognized at the 2018 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. during the TLC section's business meeting. The award recipient is expected to present at the TLC's track session "Teaching Tips from AAEA Winners."

Any member of the AAEA may submit nominations and selection is made based on nominating materials. Re-nominations are encouraged, providing materials are updated and resubmitted. The Graduate Student Teaching Award is a criterion-based award and is reviewed by a committee of TLC members.

The successful nominee will be required to attend the 2018 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. In addition, the winner of the award will participate as a presenter (10–15 minute presentation) in the TLC's track session "AAEA Teaching Tips Winners." This session offers the opportunity for Teaching Award recipients to share teaching tips and have a dialogue with AAEA members. The goal of the session is to share ideas on what successful teachers are doing in and out of the classroom to facilitate learning.

Eligibility: The nominee must have been involved in course instruction (including one or more of laboratory, discussion sections, help section, and online courses) for a minimum of one year (2 semesters or 3 quarters or the equivalent). Nominee must have been a graduate student in good standing within the year before the nomination, i.e. cannot have graduated prior to August 2017. Applicants must hold a current Graduate Student Membership in AAEA.

Selection Criteria: The following three major areas are considered in evaluating nominations:

1. Quality of teaching;
2. Personal commitment to teaching and self-development as a teacher; and
3. Involvement in undergraduate extracurricular activities.

Nomination Packet: Nominating materials should demonstrate that the nominee has outstanding ability and performance as a teacher of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the AAEA Vision Statement. The nomination packet shall include the following:

1. Award cover page, including membership status to address eligibility. The cover page should include the following information:
 - a. Name, title, professional address, telephone number, email address of the nominator;
 - b. Name, title, professional address, telephone number, email address of the nominee; and
 - c. "TLC Graduate Student Teaching Award Nomination" should be included on the cover page.
2. An essay by the nominee on his/her teaching philosophy, not to exceed five typewritten (double-spaced) pages;
3. A complete description of nominee's specific teaching involvement;
4. A self-evaluation of nominee's teaching activities;
5. A summary of student evaluations of teaching, and no more than two letters of support from current or former students;
6. Two letters of support from faculty, administrators, or others directly involved in the nominee's teaching activities;
7. A statement about nominee's involvement in activities related to teaching (clubs, review sessions, committees, etc.);
8. The nominee's resume/vita; and

9. Supporting materials may be submitted but are limited to three additional pages.

Due date: **Friday, April 20, 2018**. All materials are to be submitted as a single electronic PDF file to Maria Bampasidou at mbampasidou@agcenter.lsu.edu.

2018 AAEA Employment Center and Job Fair

Registration is now open for the 2018 Employment Center taking place August 5–7, during the [2018 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in Washington, D.C. New this year, AAEA will be hosting a job fair on **Sunday, August 5, 2018**. This one-day event will take place in the Employment Center from 9:30 am to 5:00

pm. This is a great opportunity for employers to connect with potential candidates.

For more information, please visit the online [Employment Center](#). If you have any questions please feel free to contact [Sarah Kenner](#). We hope to see you in D.C.!

2018 AAEA Annual Meeting: Extension Competition for Graduate Students

Overview: The Extension and Graduate Student Sections of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association announce a competition for graduate students for 2018. This competition, sponsored jointly by the Extension Section and the Graduate Student Section, provides graduate student competitors the opportunity to develop extension and outreach programs from their research. The development of education materials and presentations suitable for a general public audience is expected.

We encourage all departments with graduate students in agricultural economics, agribusiness, natural resource economics, community resource economics, applied economics or similar programs related to agriculture and/or the food system to tell their students about this important competition.

Purpose for the Competition: To provide incentives to graduate students to learn to prepare and present appropriate analytical results for an extension (usually non-economist) audience. This can be based upon the graduate student's research for a thesis or dissertation, or other projects. Participation in the competition is expected to enhance the professional growth of participating students regarding extension programs.

Who's Eligible? : Eligible applicants are:

- Graduate students currently engaged in agricultural economics, agribusiness, natural resources, and community resource economics.
- Applied or similar economics MS or PhD programs related to agriculture and/or the food system.
- Those who graduated from such programs in 2017 or later.

Note: Participants must identify and work with a mentor with experience in outreach or extension activities.

Competition Application Information: Applications should be addressed to Kate Fuller at kate.fuller@montana.edu and must include:

1. Student's name, university, department, address and contact information.
2. Title of the extension program to be delivered.
3. A summary of the proposed extension program. This should include target audience, delivery plans, communication methods and activities planned for distributing the information to the public such as with fact sheets, pamphlets, press releases, reports, web sites, streaming videos, spreadsheets, workshops, PowerPoint presentations and training activities to be conducted (4 page maximum).
4. A profile of the student applicant's background as well as the related thesis title and brief description of the research (maximum 1 page).
5. The mentor's name, address and description of the mentor's role in assisting the student with this project.

Submission Deadline: Applications must be submitted electronically no later than **5:00 pm EST on May 31, 2018**.

Selection of Finalists: Finalists will be selected to make a 15-minute extension/outreach presentation at the 2018 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., on **Sunday August 5, 2018**, to a panel of judges. Selection of the finalists will be notified by June 15, 2018.

Criteria for Selecting Finalists: Criteria for judging the finalist and winners will include:

1. Identification of a target audience.
 - a) An explanation of the issue/problem/opportunity being addressed
 - b) An explanation on how this target audience was identified
2. Development of an extension program for the target audience that includes:
 - a) An outline of the goals of the extension program
 - b) A summary and an explanation of the main elements of the thesis, dissertation, or other research results, to be included in the extension program. Include a description of how the results will address the issue/problem/opportunity and benefit the target audience.
 - c) A summary of the program in an extension report, or extension PowerPoint presentation, or other appropriate extension communication media that the audience can take home. This summary should be an explanation that would be effective in accomplishing the extension goals as identified in step 2a. above.
3. An explanation of extension team development and responsibilities in terms of program development and delivery should be addressed, if appropriate.
4. Plans for evaluating the effectiveness of the extension program.

Extension/outreach presentation at the AAEA: Each finalist must develop oral and visual presentations (15 minutes in length) for delivery at the 2018 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Following the 15-minute presentation the judges will have 5 minutes of questions. The competition begins at 8am on Sunday, August 5. The top three finalists are required to make presentations during an AAEA Extension track session.

Awards: Cash awards will be given to those judged to be the top three graduate students in this competition. Award funding is provided by the AAEA Extension Section through membership dues and via support provided by sponsors. Awards are:

First Place: \$1,000 and a plaque

Second Place: \$300 and a certificate

Third Place: \$200 and a certificate

Other finalists receive finalist certificates

The top 3 competitors selected will be recognized at the AAEA Awards ceremony. All finalists are guests at the [Extension Luncheon](#) during the [2018 AAEA Annual Meeting](#). Luncheon tickets will be provided to all finalists.

Submit Entries to:

Dr. Kate Fuller

Competition Committee Chair

Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics

Montana State University

Email: kate.fuller@montana.edu

People Section

University of California, Davis

- Awards: **Julian M. Alston** and **Abigail M. Okrent**, Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society, Quality of Research Discovery Award; **Katrina Jessoe**, University of California, Davis, 2018 Chancellor's Fellow; **Tina Saitone**, University of California, Davis, 2018 Academic Federation Award for Excellence in Research; **James E. Wilen** and **James Eales**, the Journal of Marine Resource Economics, Publication of Enduring Significance Award; **Oscar Barriga Cabanillas**, University of California, Davis, Miguel Velez Fellowship for Spring 2018; **Xiaomeng Cui**, Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, 2018 Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Self-Financed Students Abroad; **K. Aleks Schaefer**, University of California, Davis, Best Dissertation & Gordon A. King Award; **Matthieu Stigler**, University of California, Davis, 2018-19 Provost's Dissertation Year Fellowship in Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; **Pablo Valdes-Donoso**, University of California, Davis, Best MS Thesis
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Ellen Bruno**, PhD, Assistant Specialist in Cooperative Extension, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics; **Huang Chen**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Xiamen University Chow Center WISE and School of Economics, China; **Xiomeng Cui**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Jinan University Institute for Economic and Social Research, Guangzhou, China; **Meilin Ma**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics; **Ruben Irvin Rojas Valdes**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Mexico City, Mexico; **Heidi Schweizer**, PhD, Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics
- Visitor: **Carlo Russo**, University of Cassino, Italy, visitor, Spring Quarter

University of Guelph

- Awards: **Kate Jones**, **Lisa Wong** and **Brianne Chan**, Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics, first, second and third places, Canadian Agricultural Economics Society; **Kate Jones**, second, student post competition, Canadian Agricultural Economics Society

Kansas State University

- New Appointments: **Joe Janzen**, Assistant Professor; **Sarah Janzen**, Assistant Professor
- Award: **Gregory Doud**, Kansas State University Department of Agricultural Economics, 2017 Distinguished Alumnus Award
- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Nicolas Quintana Ashwell**, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Wyoming
- Retirement: **David Lambert**, 9 years of service

University of Maryland

- Visitor: **Chongshang Zhang**, PhD candidate, Renmin University of China, Visiting Scholar, March 2018–December 2018

Michigan State University

- Awards: **Thomas Reardon**, British Academy, Visiting Fellowships Program; **David Ortega**, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Emerging Scholar Award

University of Missouri

- Appointment Change: **D. Scott Brown**, Director of Strategic Partnerships, College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Awards: **Jill Findeis**, Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association, ARER Fellow; **Harvey S. James**, CAFNR, Golden Apple for Outstanding Teaching and Advising; **Harvey S. James**, CAFNR, Outstanding Teacher, Senior Career; **Laura McCann**, CAFNR, Outstanding Advisor for Graduate Advising
- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Srini Konduru**, PhD, Chair of the Agribusiness Management Department at Cal State–Fresno

The Ohio State University

- Awards: **Ani Katchova**, AEDE, Serving as United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Review Panel Chair; **Carl Zulauf**, Emeritus, The Ohio State University, 2018 CFAES Distinguished Alumni Award
- Positions Taken By Recent Graduates: **Nicholas Irwin**, Postdoctoral Researcher, Assistant professor, University of Nevada Las Vegas; **David Wolf**, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin Eau-Claire

Purdue University

- Awards: **Allan Gray**, J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, 2018–19 Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant; **Paul Preckel**, Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence, 2018; **Otto Doering**, Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence, 2018
- New Appointments: **Meilin Ma**, Assistant Professor; **Michael Gunderson**, Director of Purdue University's Center for Food and Agricultural Business

- Appointment Change: **Allan Gray**, Executive Director of Purdue University's Center for Food and Agricultural Business
- Visitor: **Keith Coble**, Giles Distinguished Professor and Head of the Agricultural Economics Department at Mississippi State University, Purdue University, Snyder Memorial Guest Lecturer, April 13, 2018

Virginia Tech

- Awards: **Richard Crowder**, Virginia Agribusiness Council, Alvin W. Blaha Distinguished Service Award 2018; **Mike Ellerbrock**, Virginia Tech Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, March 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award
- Honorary Position: **Kevin Boyle**, Inductee to Virginia Tech Academy of Faculty Leadership, Virginia Tech
- Leave: **Everett Peterson**, Purdue University, January–June 2018
- Visitors: **Tadashi Sonoda**, Professor, Nagoya University, Visiting Research Collaborator, March 2018; **Jesse Tack**, Associate Professor, Kansas State University, Guest Lecturer, March 2018; **Jakina Debnam**, PhD Candidate, Cornell University, Guest Lecturer, February 2018; **Alan Ker**, Professor, University of Guelph, Guest Lecturer, March 2018

Washington State University

- Appointment Changes: **Michael Brady**, Associate Professor with tenure; **Pat Kuzyk**, Clinical Associate Professor
- Awards: **Karina Gallardo**, Washington State University, Early Career Excellence in Extension; **Jill McCluskey**, Washington State University, Samuel Smith Award for Leadership, Association for Faculty Women; **Ron Mittelhammer**, Washington State University, Alumni Achievement Award
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Matt Birch**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Texas Lutheran University; **Nate Delay**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Purdue University; **Zhuang Hao**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Beihang University, Beijing; **Yeon A. Hong**, PhD, Research Fellow, Korea Rural Economic Institute; **Kiriti Khanjilal**, PhD Assistant Professor, Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi; **Rui Luo**, PhD, Assistant Professor at the University of International Business and Economics; **Alisher Mamadzhonov**, PhD, Environmental Affairs Officer, United Nations; **Jiehong Qui**, PhD, Co-founder of Bayes Data Intelligence; **Xinlong Tan**, PhD, Chief Data Officer, Bayes Data Intelligence; **Xangrui Wang**, PhD, Assistant Professor at Renmin University, China; **Haowei Yu**, Postdoctoral Fellow, City University of Hong Kong
- Retirement: **Phil Wandschneider**, 39 years of service
- Honorary Position: **Jill McCluskey**, Board on Agriculture and Natural Resources, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine

Other News

NBER Call for Proposals:

Economics of Research and Innovation in Agriculture

The National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) is planning a project, supported by the Economic Research Service, on "Research and Innovation in Agriculture." The project will be led by NBER Research Associate Petra Moser of New York University, and will explore the role of public and

private sector support for agricultural R&D, the effect of different institutional structures (such as business–university partnerships) on the conduct and impact of R&D, differences in R&D spending and outcomes across countries, differences in intellectual property rights, as well as other factors

that encourage the adoption of promising new agricultural technologies and crops.

The project will support several research teams working on subprojects, and selected via the call for proposals. Research teams that take part in this project will be expected to participate in a research pre-conference that will be held in Cambridge, MA, on November 8, 2018. There will be a capstone research conference in May 2019 in Washington

D.C., at which researchers will share their findings with policy experts. If there is sufficient interest from project authors, the NBER will consider including these papers in an edited volume on agricultural R&D.

For more information on the project and the proposal submission process, please see the full call at the NBER website:

<http://www.nber.org/callforpapers/innovationinagriculture.html>

Newcastle University PhD Studentship Opportunities

4-year PhD studentships in the multimodal study of behaviour and behaviour informatics

Are you interested in developing novel approaches to understanding, predicting or changing behaviour?

Newcastle University is offering five, 4-year PhD studentships on the multimodal study of behaviour and behaviour informatics.

Behaviour informatics brings together the study of behaviour in all its guises, from economics to psychology and from behavioural ecology to animal welfare, with new methods from computational science and engineering to address challenging questions in human and/or animal behaviour.

We want to attract students with backgrounds relevant to *either* behaviour (life, social sciences and economics) *or* informatics (computing science, engineering and mathematics) who are keen to expand their skills and pursue research at the intersection of these disciplines.

Students with a background in behavioral or experimental economics or economic psychology are very much welcome.

Students recruited in 2018 will form the first cohort of an integrated programme funded by the Leverhulme Trust to develop training in behavioural informatics at Newcastle. In the first year, all students will conduct three taster projects that will give them the opportunity to choose and develop their final PhD project. All students will work with two supervisors, one from each discipline. The four-year program is designed to allow time for the upskill training necessary for successful inter-disciplinary research.

The application deadline is **April 22, 2018** (including receipt of two references), expected start date is September 2018.

Call for Nominations***U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)***

Help in identifying a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for the Administrator's appointment to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC). The CASAC is a chartered federal advisory committee that provides advice, information and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on the scientific and technical aspects of air quality criteria and National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). As required under the Clean Air Act section 109(d), the CASAC is composed of seven members, with at least one member of the National Academy of Sciences, one physician, and one person representing state air pollution control agencies.

Each year, the SAB Staff Office publishes a Federal Register Notice announcing opportunities for the public to nominate candidate experts to serve on the CASAC. On March 21, 2018, the SAB Staff Office published a Federal Register Notice (<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-03-21/pdf/2018-05754.pdf>) requesting public nominations of candidate experts to serve on the CASAC. The notice describes the functions of and expertise needed for the CASAC. The SAB Staff

Office is seeking nominations of experts to serve on the CASAC with expertise in: air quality, biostatistics, ecology, environmental economics, environmental engineering, epidemiology, exposure assessment, medicine, risk assessment, and toxicology. The SAB Staff Office is especially interested in scientists with expertise described above who have knowledge and experience relating to criteria pollutants (carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen oxides, ozone, particulate matter, and sulfur oxides).

Nominate candidates for the CASAC, and share this request with others. Nominations to the CASAC should be made using the web nomination links at the bottom of the CASAC (www.epa.gov/casac) home page under "Public Input on Membership."

Nominations are sought by **April 20, 2018**. If you have questions about the nomination process or the broad charge to the CASAC email Yeow.Aaron@epa.gov. Thank you in advance for your assistance in identifying a diverse set of expert candidates for the CASAC.

Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research***Special Issue: Effective Management of Natural Disasters: Conceptual, Empirical Issues and Case Studies***

Guest Editor: Chennat Gopalakrishnan, University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA

Call for Papers: Recent years have witnessed a dramatic increase in the human and economic impacts of natural disasters. Between 2003 and 2013, they have resulted in total economic damages of \$1.5 trillion, 1.1 million deaths, and impacted the lives of 2 billion people. Furthermore, it is worth noting that there has been a steady increase in the intensity and frequency of natural disasters, 2017 representing a case in point. Water disasters have accounted over the years for a significant proportion of natural disasters in the U.S and globally.

Ossified governance structures, polycentric decision-making entities, entropy-ridden institutions, cascading conflict scenarios, deep-seated and wide-ranging internal feuds and precariously perched, top-heavy decision agencies significantly add to the complexity of policy domains in the natural disasterscape. Against this bleak

backdrop, well-intentioned policies stumble into a collision course, making the emergence of workable policies exceedingly difficult.

We are seeking original contributions that will explore and shed light on the five policy areas noted above and related topics, using historical surveys, institutional analysis, econometric investigations and theoretical discussions. Policy-rich cross-disciplinary and transnational papers that examine the cause and consequence of water disasters are especially welcome. *We are specifically looking for case studies of recent natural disasters in the U.S. and elsewhere. Of particular interest to us are case studies of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Sandy.*

We have identified *five broad categories* of natural disaster policies for an in-depth study: risk management; vulnerability assessment; capacity building and resilience; disaster risk reduction–development linkage; and institutional design.

Possible topics include:

- policy frameworks for natural disaster management
- risk reduction and management
- vulnerability (including climate-induced) reduction and assessment
- capacity-building and resilience
- disaster risk reduction–development linkage
- institutional entropy reduction
- polycentric decision making
- and disaster governance–disaster policy nexus

Submit your papers online

Please prepare your papers in accordance with the guidelines posted at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/jnrpr> under “Instructions for Authors.” Inquiries may be directed to the Editor-in-Chief at: jnrpr@press.psu.edu.

Deadline: May 1, 2018

Member in the News:

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Send a link of the article to Sinais Alvarado at salvarado@aaea.org or info@aaea.org

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