

President's Column

August 2016



It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the AAEA president over the next year. My job is made easier because of the capable leadership and vision of prior presidents and boards. The Association is in a strong financial position and we have stable membership

numbers. For all those who were able to make it to Boston, it is evident that we have a vibrant, well-attended annual meeting that shows off the diversity of interests and talents of our members. I even heard one person remark, "The AAEA is back!"

However, we have more work to do. For the association to remain relevant, we need to find ways to engage and provide value to early career professionals who are the future of the association. Cheryl DeVuyst and Norbert Wilson (the past and current chairs of the AAEA mentorship committee) are working with me to organize a symposium in the late spring or early summer of 2017 for early career professionals. The aim is to provide practical advice on successfully navigating the rigors of an academic career, and to provide an opportunity for young professionals to meet their peers and form a strong cohort for the future. Be on the lookout for additional details about the symposium in the coming months.

We are continuing to keep an eye on the Association's publications, and at the end of September, the AAEA executive board and the editors of the *AEPP* and *AJAE* will meet to strategize and plan for the future. Some of topics of discussion will include impact factors, the rising number of submissions, invited papers, and opportunities for special issues or alternative types of submissions.

As incoming president, I was frequently asked about the cost of our annual meetings. Early registration for regular members and students were \$405 and \$105 for the Boston meetings. Our meeting registration rate is much higher than the ASSA meetings (which were \$55 last January in San Francisco), but with roughly 10 times our attendance, the ASSA has much more bargaining power, not to mention the benefit of holding their meetings in the off-season. AAEA's registration rates compare more favorably to similar associations. Regular member registration rates for the most recent WAEA & CAES, NAREA, AERE, and SAEA meetings were \$268, \$260, \$325, and \$400; for students the respective figures were \$195, \$155, \$250, \$200. Thus, AAEA's registration rate is somewhat higher for regular members but quite a bit lower for students as compared to our sister associations.

It is important to note that the board has strategically chosen to operate the meetings at a loss—to the tune of about—\$70,000 in both 2014

and 2015. Said differently, membership dues, income from journal subscriptions, and other revenues subsidize the annual meetings. Thus, registration would be more expensive if the meetings were priced at cost. The implicit subsidy arises because of a belief that getting a bulk of our members together in one place at the meetings creates a variety of positive externalities. It is, of course, possible to choose lower cost meeting locations. At present, we solicit bids from a number of locations and contract several years in advance in an effort to hold down cost. However, meeting attendance often falls when the meetings aren't located in major cities. Moreover, we need locations that can provide enough meeting space to meet our needs. We use a large amount of meeting space relative to the number of hotel rooms booked, an

outcome resulting from an effort to maximize involvement in the meetings. All this is to say that there are a number of difficult tradeoffs in choosing a location related to attempts to promote attendance, meeting involvement, paper and presentation quality, keep down cost, and more. The good news is that attendance this year in Boston was fantastic, only outpaced in recent history by the number of attendees in Washington, D.C., in 2013.

I welcome comments and suggestions on these and other matters of relevance to the Association. I look forward to working with you over the next year.

Jayson Lusk
AAEA President

AAEA News

Call for Nominations:

AAEA President-Elect and Directors

The AAEA Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations from AAEA membership for AAEA President-Elect and two AAEA Directors, all for three year terms beginning July 2017.

Please submit the names and affiliations of nominees to bmjones@aaea.org. Nominations must be received by October 3, 2016.

Announcing the Mentorship Portal:

Resources and Discussion Board

The Mentorship Committee is pleased to formally present the Mentorship Portal, launched at the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston during the Early Career Professional Networking Reception. The Mentorship Portal offers current AAEA Members access to Podcasts, Presentations, Articles, and Handouts, covering a wide range of relevant topics. Check out the [Mentorship Resources](#) page within the portal to see items developed throughout the years. The [Mentorship](#)

[Discussion Board](#) is an open forum for all AAEA members to ask questions about challenges they are encountering. This is a great resource for Graduate Students and Early Career Professionals to seek insight from other AAEA members. Please view the [Usage Policy here](#).

If you have, or know of, any resources that would fit well on the Mentorship Resources page, please send them to Allison Scheetz (ascheetz@aaea.org).

Call for Applications:

AAEA/AARES Heading South Award

The Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) and the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) through the AAEA Trust will jointly offer this travel award to attend the 2017 AARES Conference in Brisbane, Queensland. It is available to members of AARES or AAEA normally resident in North America. Applicants for the award can be a member of either AARES or AAEA but must be a member of AARES to participate in the conference.

The objective of the award is to provide the winner with an opportunity for professional and personal development and international professional and cultural exchange. The award will have a value of \$3,000 USD to be used to assist the winner's participation in the **2017 AARES Annual Conference to be held in Brisbane, Queensland from February 7–10, 2017.**

Selection Process

The 2017 Heading South Selection Committee will be chaired by the AAEA President, Jayson Lusk. Other members will include the President–Elect of AARES, Prof. Quentin Grafton, Dr Joanna MacEwan, President of the AARES North America Branch, and another member of AAEA.

Applications should include:

- a paper for presentation at the AARES Annual Conference in Brisbane, for which the applicant is the sole or first author and which represents their original and unpublished work,
- a one–page biographical statement, and
- a one–page statement in support of their application, indicating what they would hope to accomplish through the award, why they would be deserving of the award, and confirming that they would be unable to attend the conference without this financial support.

Submission Deadlines and Details

Electronic submissions (in PDF form) for this award must be emailed to Brian Mondragón Jones (bmjones@aaea.org) by **Friday, September 16, 2016** (for travel in February 2017).

Call for Nominations

2017 Fellows Award Nominations

The AAEA Fellows Selection Committee is inviting nominations for the 2017 AAEA Fellows Awards. The deadline for submission of nominations and supporting biographical documentation is Wednesday, October 5, 2016. Selection is based mainly on a continuous contribution to the advancement of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the Vision Statement of the AAEA. Achievements may be in research, teaching, extension,

administration, or business. The nominee must be a living current member of AAEA and have been a member for at least five years.

Please follow these guidelines to submit Fellows nominations (non–complying materials will be returned). The nomination package should focus on documentation of the case for the nominee's contributions rising to a level that warrants recognition as a Fellow. "Continuous

contribution" means exceptional service over a period of years. Such exceptional service may be demonstrated by: research discoveries published in major professional journals; leadership in the development of extension programs extensively utilized by other professionals; the development of undergraduate or graduate programs of learning that have become nationally recognized professionally and by students who have, in turn, demonstrated success as a result of these teaching programs; or outstanding performance in government, business, or NGOs. As a general principle, continuous service means more than a single act that might be rewarded by an outstanding journal article, extension award, or outstanding teaching awards. The documentation for the nominee provided should make clear the impact of the individual nominated in the areas of achievement to which the nominee has contributed. This evidence could include, but is not limited to, reference to publications, awards, honors, reports, or testimonials to notable tasks undertaken and outcomes achieved, or other contributions to the profession.

Members of the Fellows Selection Committee and AAEA Executive Committee (President-Elect, President, or Past President) may not nominate or provide support statements for nominees. Nomination packages that include support statements from a member of the Fellows Selection Committee and/or the AAEA Executive Committee will be sent back to the nominator for revisions.

Testimonial letters or vitae are not required. The total nomination package should be limited to a maximum of eight typed pages using 12-point font and with margins of at least one inch on all four sides. All material must be double-spaced. Please include the name, institution, and contact information of all of the nominators within the eight page package. Nominations should be submitted as a single PDF file to Brian Mondragón Jones at bmjones@aaea.org. Please contact Brian if you have any questions.

The 2017 Fellows Recognition Ceremony will be held as part of the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL. Information on previous AAEA Fellows and the procedures used to select Fellows is available on the AAEA Fellows page.



Join AAEA at the
**2017 Allied Social
Science Association
Annual Meeting**
JANUARY 6-8, 2017
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Call for Proposals:***2017 AAEA Organized Symposium at the AARES Annual Conference***

The AAEA is accepting submissions for the **AAEA Organized Symposium** at the Annual Conference of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) in Brisbane, Queensland from February 7–10, 2017.

The Organized Symposium will be allocated a session 1.5 hours in length during the AARES general program. Organizers should submit a proposal for a complete session that will take up the full time period allotted. The format of the session may involve panel discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, paper presentations, or other formats. Whichever format is proposed, the organizer should ensure that the presentations fit into a tightly coherent theme and that there is plenty of time for discussion.

Submission Deadline

Submissions for the organized symposium should be sent to Brian Mondragón Jones (bmjones@aaea.org) by **September, 16, 2016**.

Submission Format

Submissions (in PDF format) should include the following:

- Symposium title
- Abstract of 250 words or less
- Organizer name and contact information
- Participant names/affiliations

Membership and Registration Requirements

All presenters/speakers/discussants must be [members of AAEA](#). A membership waiver request can be included in the proposal in the case of extenuating circumstances. In addition, participants need to register for the 2017 AARES Annual Meeting. AAEA cannot grant registration waivers for the meeting. It is the responsibility of the organizer to ensure all participants are willing to participate and meet the presentation requirements.

Submissions will be reviewed by the President of AAEA and the organizer of the selected symposium will be notified by the AAEA Business Office by the end of September.

2017 EAAE in Parma, Italy:

Call for Contributions

Agri-food systems in Europe and elsewhere often face conflicting incentives and signals arising from markets and society, and need to make trade-offs. Sustainability advocacy groups are putting societal concerns like animal welfare, food safety, cultural heritage, food sovereignty, and carbon footprint on the agenda of policy makers and stakeholders in the food value chain. However, there are many challenges to overcome, especially when more sustainable food systems face conflicting goals, and households' purchasing decisions are mainly price-driven.

Policy makers, therefore, face increasing challenges in balancing these concerns. The nature of challenges has changed over time with new technologies becoming available, with the ongoing innovation and transition to the bio-based economy, with an increasing share of the population living in urban areas, and with many markets becoming global. Some of these changes are subtle as borders between rural and urban areas are gradually disappearing, and cities are integrating agricultural activities within their boundaries.

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) scientific community is key to providing insights into the economic challenges and opportunities arising from the changing expectations and requirements from markets and society on agriculture. The XV EAAE Congress aims to foster discussion and interaction among scholars with representatives from business, society and policy agencies.

The EAAE board has appointed the [Program Committee](#) to organize the scientific program of



the Congress. The [Local Organizing Committee](#) and the Program Committee are striving to arrange a very stimulating and innovative Congress program consisting of organized sessions, organized panels, invited plenary presentations, contributed papers, and posters as well as field trips.

In particular, policy makers, societal stakeholders, and agribusiness representatives shall contribute to the program through organized panels which have an open format and do not require a scientific paper. Organized panels could be thought of a sort of “round table” discussion, moderated by an “external” figure to the presenting/debating panelists, which may also feature one or two presentations by academics. A formal scientific paper is not required to encourage the participation by NGOs, producer/industry groups representatives, or any other stakeholder who may not be accustomed to submitting a formal paper. A four person panel, in which academia, industry, NGO/stakeholder/societal groups and policy representatives are present and deliver their presentation/speech for 15 minutes each, may be the best format. The remaining 30 minutes could be employed for discussion – solicited by the moderator – or for answering questions from the audience. In order to facilitate stakeholder participation to the organized panels daily participation fees will be foreseen, in case a one day presence is anticipated. Hopefully, the XV EAAE Congress in Parma will provide an interactive platform for researchers and representatives from non-academic institutions.

Call for papers, organized sessions, and posters

Contributed papers and posters as well as organized sessions are welcomed from all fields of agricultural, food, environmental and rural economics, and related disciplines.

The *deadlines for submission* are:

- Contributed papers: **January 31, 2017**
- Organized sessions: **March 15, 2017**
- Organized panels: **March 15, 2017**
- Posters: **April 1, 2017**

Notification of acceptance:

- Contributed papers: **April 14, 2017**
- Organized sessions: **April 21, 2017**
- Organized panels: **April 21, 2017**
- Posters: **April 21, 2017**

Final versions of contributed papers and posters due: **June 5, 2017**.

Meanwhile, you can also [Stay in Touch](#) with the organization on the Social Media referenced throughout the website or via the Newsletter. Any help in spreading the word about the Call for Contribution and the Congress Social Media presence will be greatly appreciated!

Contribution Submission and Registration

Contribution submission and registration will be managed through ConfTool Pro, via the Congress website, or – directly – at

<https://www.conftool.com/eaee2017/>

Conference registration (at a later date) will be possible only by participants with a valid EAAE membership. Please note that this condition will be strictly enforced! To learn more about the benefits of and conditions for becoming an EAAE Member, please visit the Association [page](#).

The early opening of a ConfTool Pro account, besides the Congress Social Media and Newsletter, will guarantee you are up to date with any further detail on deadlines and the Congress itself.

The flyer containing the Call for Contributions, Deadlines for Submission, and other pieces of information related to the XV EAAE Congress is available for you to download and share here:

[XV EAAE Congress Flyer](#)

People Section

University of Arizona

- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Wenjun Wu**, MS, PhD Program, University of Washington; **Ashutosh Kumar**, MS, PhD Program, University of Washington; **Josh Albright**, MS, Allstate Insurance, Illinois; **Chris Avery**, MS, BASIS Schools, Tucson, AZ; **Niloy Chowdhury**, MS, TANGO International, Tucson, AZ
- Retirement: **Bruce Beattie**, 26 years of service
- Resignation: **Dean Lueck**

University of California, Davis

- Awards: **Tina L. Saitone**, **Richard J. Sexton** and **Daniel A. Sumner**. AAEA–FAMPS Section, Best

Published Research Paper Award; **Rachel Bernstein**, AAEA, Outstanding Master's Thesis Award; **Philip Garcia**, **Scott Irwin**, and **Aaron Smith**, AAEA, Quality of Research Discovery Award; **Timothy Beatty** and **Charlotte Tuttle**, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Outstanding Article Award Honorable Mention

- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Filipe Dizon**, PhD, Young Professionals Program, The World Bank; **Christine Carroll**, PhD, Assistant Professor, California State University; **Amanda Faig**, PhD, Post-doctoral Research Associate, University of Washington/National Ocean and Atmospheric Association
- Retirement: **Roberta Cook**, 31 years of service

Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

- New Appointment: **Jeta Rudi**, Assistant Professor

Economic Research Service (USDA-ERS)

- New Appointments: **Jeff Gillespie**, Branch Chief; **Monica Saavoss**, Research Economist; **Chang Hong**, Research Economist; **Sharon Raszap Skorbiansky**, Research Economist; **David Boussios**, Economist; **Matthew Taylor Rhodes**, Economist
- Appointment Changes: **Andrew Muhammad**, Associate Director; **Jennifer Bond**, Wheat Analyst
- Retirements: **Edward Allen**, 39 years of service; **Roger Hoskin**, 36 years of service; **Kenneth Mathews**, 27 years of service
- Resignations: **Sahar Angadjivand**; **John Bovay**

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

- Awards: **Howdy Bouis**, World Food Prize, 2016 World Food Prize Laureate; **Will Martin**, GTAP (Global Trade Analysis Project), Hall of Fame; **Antoine Bouët**, GTAP, 2016–2019 GTAP Research Fellow
- Honorary Position: **Claudia Ringler**, Council Member, Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research, Optimizing Agricultural Water Use Advisory Council, June 2016
- Visitor: **Jessica Leight**, Assistant Professor of Economics, Williams College, IFPRI Visiting Fellow, June – December 2016

Iowa State University

- New Appointments: **Catherine Kling**, President's Chair in Environmental Economics; **Quinn Weninger**, John F. Timmons Endowed Professor of Environmental and Resource Economics; **Neil Harl**, Governor, Iowa State University Foundation
- Awards: **William Edwards** and **Robert Jolly**, American Society of Farm Managers, Rural Appraisers' Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award and ISU College of Agriculture Award for Excellence in International Agriculture; **Terence Alexander**, Iowa State University, 2015 Outstanding Teaching by a Lecturer Award; **Georgeanne Artz**, Iowa State University, Outstanding Service in Student Recruitment and Retention Award and ISU Extension, Impacting Iowans Award; **Lee Schulz**, Iowa State University, 2016 Early Achievement Extension and Outreach Award; **GianCarlo Moschini**, Western Agricultural Economics Association, Fellow; **Sergio Lence**, and **Chad Hart**, Iowa State University, Exemplary Mentors. **Matthew Clancy** and **Younjun Kim**, Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD), Award for Best PhD Dissertation in Agricultural, Environmental, and Energy Economics Policy

- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Kenny Liao**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Oberlin College; **Xiaohong Zhu**, Capital Markets Analyst II, Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines; **Zhixia Ma**, Agriculture Bank of China
- Resignations: **David Hennessy**; **Hongli Feng Hennessy**

University of Kentucky

- Appointment Change: **Kenny Burdine**, Associate Professor
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Hua Zhong**, PhD, Postdoc, University of Nevada – Reno; **Xiaojin Wang**, PhD, Post-doctorate, The Ohio State University; **Charlotte Hansen**, MS, Statistical Analyst, American Veterinary Medical Association; **Xiurui Cui**, MS, Agricultural Economist, Seed Commodities eXchange; **Andrew McLaughlin**, MS, Data Analyst, UK Center for Clinical and Translational Science
- Honorary Position: **Wuyang Hu**, H.B. Price Professor, University of Kentucky
- Return from Leave: **Tim Woods**
- Retirement: **Jerry Skees**, 35 years of service

University of Maryland

- New Appointment: **Neslihan Uler**, Assistant Professor
- Award: **Erik Lichtenberg** and **Monica Saavoss**, *Water Resources Research*, Editor's Choice Award 2015

University of Missouri

- New Appointments: **Theodoros Skevas**, Assistant Professor; **Matt Sveum**, Post Doctoral Fellow; **Jasper Grashius**, Post Doctoral Fellow
- Award: **Scott Brown**, University of Missouri Extension, C. Brice Ratchford Memorial Fellowship Award
- Leave: **Christian Boessen**, Iowa State University, September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017
- Visitors: **Dhruba Bhattacharai**, Director & Economics Faculty, Kathmandu Model College, Visiting Scholar, July 1–August 13, 2016; **Dima Didukh**, Fellow, Ukraine, Computer Software for Economic Analysis, Zhytomyr, July 31 – December 4, 2016; **Olga Yatsenko**, Fellow, Ukraine, Foreign Trade Management, Zhytomyr National Agroecological University, July 31 – December 4, 2016; **Elena Cherniavska**, Fellow, Ukraine, International Economy, National Economic University, July 31 – December 4, 2016; **Dmytro Kyrlyuk**, Fellow, Ukraine, Administrative Management and Foreign Economic Activity, National University of Life and Environmental Sciences, July 31 – December 4, 2016; **Yue Jiao (Joyce)**, Division of Biosafety, Development Center of Science and Technology, Ministry of Agriculture, P.R. China, June 13–Sept 7, 2016; **Zhuojing Sun (Cindy)**, GMOs Biosafety Division, Development Centre of Sci & Tech, Ministry of Agriculture, P.R.China, June 13–Sept 7, 2016.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- New Appointment: **Timothy J. Meyer**, Associate Professor of Practice
- Award: **Federico Jose Trindade** and **Lilyan Estela Fulginiti**, *Agricultural Economics Journal*, Best paper award 2015
- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Wenfeng Li**, MS, PhD Program, Cornell University

The Ohio State University

- New Appointments : **Leah Bevis**, Assistant Professor of Sustainable Food and Farm Policy; **Yongyang Cai**, Associate Professor of Global Economic Modeling; **Daniela Miteva**, Assistant Professor of Sustainable Development and Economy; **Zoe Plakias**, Assistant Professor of Agribusiness
- Appointment Change: **Barry Ward**, Transfer to ANR Extension
- Retirement: **Eugene Jones**, 32 Years of Service

Purdue University

- New Appointment: **Ariana Torres**, Assistant Professor
- Awards: **Allan Gray**, Purdue University, Land O'Lakes Chair for Food and Agribusiness and International Food and Agribusiness Management Association, Fellow; **Michael Boehlje**, Purdue University, Fellow
- Return from Leave: **Benjamin Gramig**
- Leave: **Nicole Widmar**, August 2016
- Visitors: **Sounghun Kim**, Associate Professor, Chungnam National University, South Korea, Working with Dr. Joe Balagtas; **Luis Armando Becerra-Pérez**, Professor, Autonomous University of Sinaloa, Mexico, Working with Dr. Wally Tyner; **Ken Itakura**, Associate Professor, Nagoya City University, Japan, Working with Dr. Tom Hertel

Texas A&M University

- New Appointments: **Rebekka Dudensing**, Associate Professor & Extension Economist; **Ariun Ishdorj**, Associate Professor; **Craig Carpenter**, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist
- Retirements: **Ronald C. Griffin**, 36 years of service; **Stan J. Bevers**, 27 years of service
- Awards: **Jim Mjelde**, WAEA, Fellow; **Nathan Harness**, *Investment News* magazine, "40 Under 40" class of 2016; **Jason Johnson**, Texas County Agricultural Agents Association, District 8 Distinguished Specialist Award; **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, Texas County Agricultural

Texas Tech University

- New Appointment: **Sanja Zivkovic**, Assistant Professor
 - Leave: **Chenggang Wang**, Spring 2015
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Obituary

Don Ethridge*1942–2016*

Don Erwin Ethridge LUBBOCK—Don Erwin Ethridge, age 73, of Lubbock, Texas, passed from this life on Monday, June 13, 2016.

Don was born July 23, 1942, in Spur, Texas, to Sidney Melvin Bo Ethridge and Sammie Jo Houston. The family moved to Bailey County in 1948, where he grew up and graduated from the Muleshoe School System in 1960. He earned BS and MS degrees in Agricultural Economics from Texas Tech University and a PhD degree in Economics from North Carolina State University.

Don will be remembered as a passionate and caring husband, father, and grandfather who dedicated his life to teaching as well as learning from others. His professional work included tenures with the University of Missouri–Rolla, Economic Research for the Central Intelligence Agency, and the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In 1985, he began his tenure with the Agricultural Economics Department of Texas Tech University, where he developed a prolific research program, became an award-winning teacher and student mentor, and engaged in outstanding service to agricultural entities throughout Texas. He served as Chairman of the Department during 1997–2005 and brought it to historically high levels of high-impact research and development. Awards included President's Academic Achievement Award (for distinguished teaching, research, and service); Outstanding Service to the U.S. Cotton Industry; College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Outstanding Researcher; Lifetime Achievement Award for Significant and Enduring Contributions to the Agricultural Economics Profession; and Distinguished Alumnus Award by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. He retired with Professor Emeritus status in April of 2009. Don had a life-long love of automobiles which he passed on to his daughter, Heather.

On a sunny day he could be found showing off one of his classic beauties at an area car show, swap meet, or parade. He took pride in every detail from restoration to upkeep. He leaves behind a close knit group of friends who share his passion and will miss him at Saturday morning breakfast. Don's spirit is carried on by his wife Kathie Moody Ethridge; daughter, Heather Ethridge and boyfriend, Craig Childre; stepson, Todd Pitts, wife, Aimee and granddaughters, Taylor and Ryann; brother, Dr. Dean Ethridge, wife, Lanell, nieces, Lisa and Tiffany and brother, Gary Ethridge, wife, Gail and nieces, Erin, Whitney and Sierra, and great-niece, Story. Don is preceded in death by his parents, Bo and Sammie; and nephew, Justin. Family and friends gathered to celebrate Don's life at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock on Thursday, June 16, at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Other News

Call for Participation:

2016 FDRS Student Marketing Case Competition

The 2016 Student Marketing Case Competition will be held October 1st and 2nd during the Annual Conference of the Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS). The Conference will be held September 30th – October 4th at the Downtown Marriott at the Convention Center in New Orleans, LA.

During this live case study competition, students role play as consultants and have the opportunity to apply their knowledge of food distribution, marketing, management, economics, and merchandising, as they compete to give a presentation for a mystery company over the two-day event. Teams in the final round make their bid presentation directly to the company's executive team. Details about the company are withheld from all teams until

the morning of the contest, except for minimal topic guidance provided two weeks prior to the competition.

Teams may consist of 3–5 undergraduate and masters-level students, with undergraduate students comprising the majority. Registration fees are \$350 per team, and teams need to be registered for the competition by **August 31, 2016**. Registration includes attendance to all FDRS case events. The top three teams will split \$1000 in prize money.

Additional information is available at <https://www.fdrsinc.org/2016-fdrs-annual-conference-in-new-orleans/>. Please direct any inquiries about the competition to Dr. Lurleen Walters (lurleen.walters@msstate.edu), FDRS VP of Student Programs.

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- [Postdoctoral Fellowship in Food Security and the Environment](#)
(Posted: 08/02/2016)
Stanford University
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