

AAEA News

Call for Applications

Editorship of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*

Editorship appointments for the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* are staggered such that two new appointments are made every two years. The AAEA Board now seeks applications for two editors to be appointed for a four-year term, beginning in January 2018. Each editor handles approximately one-fourth of the submitted manuscripts and makes independent editorial decisions on those submissions. The degree to which candidate's expertise complements that of the continuing editors, Timothy Beatty and Travis Lybbert, will be considered in the selection process.

In addition, editors share the administrative responsibilities of managing the *AJAE*. Each editor should plan to dedicate 25 to 40 percent of his/her time to *AJAE* editorial duties. AAEA will provide financial assistance to defray some portion of the editors' time and most expenses.

Transition Timing

The AAEA Board will make final selections by early 2017. The new editors should be prepared to begin the transition process on August 1, 2017 and expect to be fully engaged in editorial duties by January 1, 2018. Interested candidates can consult the journal website for information on the journal at www.ajae.oxfordjournals.org/. Please note that all editors need to maintain their AAEA membership throughout their service to the journal.

Applications

Applications should include:

- a brief statement expressing interest which should include applicant's areas of expertise and editorial philosophy for the *AJAE*,
- curriculum vitae (including descriptions of previous editorial work),
- statements of administrative support from the candidate's department chair, dean or other appropriate administrative officer.

Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Brian Mondragón Jones, Executive Director, at bmjones@aaea.org by **December 1, 2016**. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

2017 AAEA Annual Meeting: FAMPS Track Sessions

The leadership of the Food and Ag Marketing Policy Section (FAMPS) of the AAEA is organizing track sessions for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, July 30–August 1, 2017.

We are asking that you submit your proposed track section ideas (send to: Jane.Kolodinsky@uvm.edu and alessandro.bonanno@colostate.edu) by **Friday, November 11th**.

Although we have some time before proposals are due, it may be helpful to start putting your ideas together and seeking out potential participants.

Track sessions with presentations must fit one of the following formats:

- Four presentations with no discussants or panelists,
- Three presentations with a maximum of one discussant, or
- Two presentations with a maximum of two discussants or panelists.
- In sessions without presentations, a maximum of five participants may be included as panelists

2017 AAEA Annual Meeting: CRENET Track Sessions

The leadership of the Community and Regional Economics Network (CRENET) of AAEA is organizing track sessions for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meetings in Chicago.

Track sessions are a set of multiple sessions submitted by AAEA Sections, scheduled throughout the meeting and devoted to a common interest area or topic. Presentations must fit one the following formats:

- Four presentations with no discussants or panelists,
- Three presentations with a maximum of one discussant, or

Food and Agricultural Marketing Policy Section (FAMPS)

IN ADDITION, there is the opportunity to organize joint track sessions with other AAEA sections. If you have a session/paper idea and you want some help finding potential collaborators, let us know and we can try to help.

If you have never been part of a track session, they are a great opportunity to bring together interesting researchers and research topics! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact **chair** Jane Kolodinsky (Jane.Kolodinsky@uvm.edu) or chair-elect Alessandro Bonanno (alessandro.bonanno@colostate.edu)

FAMPS exists to facilitate networking and sharing of research ideas among AAEA members with similar interests. FAMPS seeks to foster informed economic debate, research and communication about food and agricultural marketing policies of current and emerging significance, in both national and international contexts.

Community and Regional Economics Network (CRENET)

- Two presentations with a maximum of two discussants or panelists.
- In sessions without presentations, a maximum of five participants may be included as panelist

We would like to receive as much information as possible about your proposed session. At a minimum, please include the following information in your submission:

- Session Title
- Session Format
- Session Description (250 words)
- Session Organizer and email
- Other Presenters/Participants and their role in the proposed session

All proposals should be submitted to Becca Jablonski (Becca.Jablonski@colostate.edu) by **Friday, November 13th**.

In order to prioritize topics for the sessions, we are also asking CRENET members to please fill out the below 4 question survey: https://colostateag.col.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bEBUg50ShPuSiK9

If you have questions, please contact the CRENET Chair Becca Jablonski (Becca.Jablonski@colostate.edu) or Chair-Elect Mallory Rahe (Mallory.Rahe@oregonstate.edu).

The CRENET welcomes anyone with interests in community economics, regional economics, rural development, and domestic economic development. CRENET hosts an active listserv that provides a forum for members to share information and research ideas, discuss policy issues, and learn about professional development opportunities.

2017 AAEA Annual Meeting: TLC Track Sessions

The leadership of the Teaching, Learning, and Communications (TLC) of AAEA is organizing track sessions for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, scheduled July 30–August 1, 2017.

TLC track sessions are a great opportunity for scholars, researchers, and educators to share their research projects, teaching approaches and ideas. According to AAEA guidelines, track sessions with presentations must fit one of the following formats:

- Four presentations with no discussants or panelists,
- Three presentations with a maximum of one discussant , or



- Two presentations with a maximum of two discussants or panelists. In sessions without presentations, a maximum of five participants may be included as panelists.

Submit your track session proposals (send to: mbampasidou@agcenter.lsu.edu) by **Monday, November 14, 2016**.

Please send as much information as possible about your proposed session including:

- Session title
- Session format (presentations with moderator or panel)

- Session organizer and contact information
- Short description (about 250 words)
- Information for organizer, presenters, moderator, etc.

Proposals will be reviewed shortly after the due date.

There is the opportunity to organize joint track sessions with other AAEA sections, so please keep that in mind. If you have any questions or need help identifying potential collaborators and/or collaborating sections, please do not hesitate to contact chair Beth Yeager (eyeager@ksu.edu) or chair-elect Maria Bampasidou (mbampasidou@agcenter.lsu.edu).

New Section Announcement: *Specialty Crop Economics Section*

The Specialty Crop Economics Section has just formed! This new section's objective is to bring together and offer a forum for AAEA members interested in the topical areas of marketing and consumption, trade, policy, farm and agribusiness management, sustainability and risk management for specialty crops (fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, floriculture, and nursery crops). The section will recognize outstanding economic research and extension contributions related to specialty crops.



The section fee is \$10 for regular members and free for student members. We encourage you to join and help shape the focus of this section!

AgEcon Search Milestone

[AgEcon Search](#) has just reached another milestone: its 100,000th paper.

- Stobbe, Tracy, 2016. Making Sense of the Dollars Spent at Farmers' Markets. Journal of Food Distribution Research, 47(2):138–161. <http://purl.umn.edu/240765>

The Journal of Food Distribution Research was one of the first journals to be included in AgEcon Search, and to date there are 1,986 papers dating



from Volume 1 in 1969 to the present. It is one of over [90 journals](#) included in AgEcon Search.

This year is the 20th anniversary of AgEcon Search and we are in the midst of a move to a new software platform with enhanced searching and display options.

Other News

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, 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 as sort of a “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/eaae2017/>

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](#)

**Call for Applications:
IMMANA Fellowships**

The Friedman School of Nutrition at Tufts University and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine are pleased to announce the third of four planned rounds of Post-Doctoral Fellowships for Emerging Leaders in Agriculture, Nutrition, and Health Research (IMMANA Fellowships), funded with UK aid from the UK government through the Department for International Development (DFID). For 2017–2018, IMMANA will award six 12-month post-doctoral fellowships to early career researchers who are using and developing or adapting these new methodological approaches with mentors in ongoing research programs in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Eligible candidates will have completed a doctoral degree (PhD, DPhil, DPH, MD, DVM or similar terminal degree) in any field related to agriculture, nutrition or health research and practice, and are seeking a career in research, education, and engagement at the intersection of two or more of these fields. Eligible candidates should have no more than three years of post-PhD experience prior to their proposed Fellowship start date. We anticipate that IMMANA Fellows will bring diverse perspectives to leadership in agriculture, nutrition, and health. IMMANA Fellowships will aim for equal representation of women and men, and we particularly welcome applications from citizens of LMIC countries.



Innovative Methods and Metrics for
Agriculture and Nutrition Actions

Applicants must propose to conduct fieldwork or other research under the joint supervision of two mentors, one from the applicant's current or previous employer or academic institution, and one from a host institution where the applicant proposes to advance their work. At least one of the two mentors must be physically located in Africa or Asia. The two mentors need not have equal roles in the project, but having both be involved should help accelerate research and sharing of ideas between the Fellow's home and host environments. Selection will give preference to applicants who have research or faculty appointments in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, but applicants may be of any nationality and have earned their doctorate anywhere.

Applications are submitted in a two-stage process. Applicants are welcome and encouraged to submit a concept note to confirm eligibility and receive valuable feedback. Concept notes should be submitted as soon as possible, and will be accepted on a rolling basis until 1 February 2017. Applicants must submit a full proposal by 28 February 2017 and selected candidates will be notified no later than 1 May 2017. IMMANA Fellows must then begin their 12-month projects between the dates of 1 June and 31 December 2017. Both forms are available online at <http://immanafellowships.submittable.com>. Enquiries and other documentation should be sent by email to immanafellowships@tufts.edu

Call for Submissions:

2017 Economics and Managements of Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resources Annual Meeting

The SCC-76 "Economics and Management of Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resources" Group is soliciting submissions for the 2017 Annual Meeting, taking place March 30 – April 1, 2017, in Pensacola Beach, FL.

The objective of the conference is to provide a forum to facilitate the exchange of applied approaches to risk analysis, economics, and policy – both empirical and theoretical – as well as to nurture the development and application of dynamic and original research efforts related to agriculture and natural resources. Applied work in domains of government, industry, and academia are most welcome.

Abstracts should normally not exceed two double-spaced pages and should outline the research question, methodology, and results of the research. Authors are welcome to submit abstracts for finished papers as well as papers in the early stages of development. All papers relevant to risk in agricultural and applied economics and their constituent fields will be considered. When submitting a paper, please indicate whether you would like a discussant. Requesting a discussant means you agree to discuss another paper.

Abstracts should be submitted by email (PDF only) no later than **December 15, 2016**, to abstracts@agriskgroup.org. Authors will be informed whether their papers are accepted by December 23, 2016. If a discussant is requested, a draft paper will be due by March 1, 2017.

The group's website is: <https://www.agriskgroup.org/>

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