

## AAEA News

### **Call for Applications**

#### **Editorship of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics***

Editorship appointments for the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (*AJAE*) 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 2016. Each editor handles approximately one-fourth of the submitted manuscripts and makes independent editorial decisions on these submissions. The degree to which candidate's expertise complements that of the continuing editors, James Vercammen and Junjie Wu, 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.

The new editors should be prepared to begin the transition process on August 1, 2015 and expect to be fully engaged in editorial duties by January 1, 2016. The AAEA Board will make final selections by early 2015. Interested candidates can consult the journal website for information on the journal at <http://www.ajae.oxfordjournals.org/>. Please note that all editors need to maintain their AAEA membership throughout their service to the journal.

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) and 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](mailto:bmjones@aaea.org) by December 1, 2014. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

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## **Travel Grants for Economists from Low Income & Lower-Middle Income Countries**

During the 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, AAEA welcomed the 2014 recipients of the Travel Grants for Economists from low and lower-middle income countries. These individuals were selected from more than 40 applicants to the travel grant program to attend the meeting, network, and present their research in a Selected Paper session. More information about past winners of the LI-LMI Travel Grant program can be found on the [AAEA website](#).

### *2014 Travel Grant Recipients*



- Rajib Sutradhar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
- Sendhil Ramadas, Directorate of Wheat Research, India
- Taiwo Ejiola Mafimisebi, Mulungushi University, Zambia
- Opeyemi Ayinde, University of Ilorin, Nigeria
- Alaba Modupe Dare, Federal University of Agriculture, Nigeria
- Assa Maganga, Lilongwe University, Malawi



### ***Call for Nominations:***

### **Travel Grants for Economists from Low Income & Lower-Middle Income Countries**

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust invites nominations for economists from low and lower-middle income countries to be awarded full travel grants to attend the 2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, July 26–28. Nominees should be professional economists who are from and residing in a low income or lower-middle income country. A complete list of qualifying countries is available under the headings “Low-income economies” and “Lower-middle-income economies”: [http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low\\_income](http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income) or see list on page 2.

Nominees should be working in one or more of the following fields or another closely related field of applied economics: agribusiness economics and Management, agricultural economics, economic development, food and consumer economics, regional economics, or resource and environmental economics.

Nominations should include:

1. Nominee’s name, institution, postal address, and e-mail address.
2. Nominator’s name, institution, postal address, and e-mail address.
3. Brief statement of support written by the nominator.

4. Brief statement of interest written by the nominee.
5. Proposed travel budget.
6. Paper (no longer than 20pp. double-spaced pages, including tables and figures) describing the research to be presented at the meetings

\*Eligible nominators include department chairs or administrators, advisors, or any AAEA member.

Nomination packages should be submitted electronically in a single PDF to Brian Mondragón Jones at [bmjones@aaea.org](mailto:bmjones@aaea.org) by 5 pm CDT on **Tuesday, November 4, 2014**.

Selected applicants will be scheduled to present their research (as a paper or poster) during the meeting. Details regarding presentation will be provided after the acceptance notices are sent out.

The funds for these travel grants are provided by a grant from USDA–Economic Research Service.

#### Low Income Economies

Afghanistan	Gambia, The	Nepal
Bangladesh	Guinea	Niger
Benin	Guinea-Bissau	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Haiti	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Kenya	Somalia
Cambodia	Korea, Dem Rep.	Tajikistan
Central African Republic	Liberia	Tanzania
Chad	Madagascar	Togo
Comoros	Malawi	Uganda
Congo, Dem. Rep	Mali	Zimbabwe
Eritrea	Mozambique	
Ethiopia	Myanmar	

#### Lower – Middle Income Economies

Armenia	Kiribati	São Tomé and Príncipe
Bhutan	Kosovo	Senegal
Bolivia	Kyrgyz Republic	Solomon Islands
Cameroon	Lao PDR	South Sudan
Cabo Verde	Lesotho	Sri Lanka
Congo, Rep.	Mauritania	Sudan
Côte d'Ivoire	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Swaziland
Djibouti	Moldova	Syrian Arab Republic
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Mongolia	Timor-Leste
El Salvador	Morocco	Ukraine
Georgia	Nicaragua	Uzbekistan
Ghana	Nigeria	Vanuatu
Guatemala	Pakistan	Vietnam
Guyana	Papua New Guinea	West Bank and Gaza
Honduras	Paraguay	Yemen, Rep.
Indonesia	Philippines	Zambia
India	Samoa	



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2015 ASSA Annual  
Conference in Boston, MA!**



### ***Call for Proposals:***

#### **Pre/Post-conference Workshops**

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops at the [2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in San Francisco. The deadline for proposals is **Thursday, December 4, 2014**. Selections will be finalized at the AAEA Executive Board meeting in early January and organizers will be notified soon thereafter by the AAEA President.

Submissions will be judged on the merits of the proposal and the space and time available at the Joint Annual Meeting. Organizers will work with the AAEA Business Office to develop a budget for final approval at the January Board meeting.

Please fill out the [Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal form](#) to submit a proposal. Finished forms should be sent to Kristen Wright at [kwright@aaea.org](mailto:kwright@aaea.org). The form asks the proposers for the following information:

1. Title of proposed session and the proposed date and time that the workshop would take place (potential dates include Saturday, July 25 and Wednesday, July 29).
2. Objectives of the workshop, as well as the timeliness of the subject and why the content of the workshop is relevant to AAEA members/meeting attendees.
3. Potential speakers, presenters, or panel members, and the total time required for these presentations.

4. Intended audience and expected attendance at the workshop.
5. Contact information for organizers in charge of overall development and coordination (complete addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses).
6. Complete budget information, which includes: financial support expected, speakers' fees, stipends, and honoraria, catering needs, administrative fees, and other income and costs. Detailed information will be needed, including any catering requests (e.g. boxed lunches, buffet, coffee breaks, etc.), so that a registration fee for the workshop can be determined.
7. Any requests for membership and/or registration fee waivers that may be required in order to properly conduct the workshop.
8. Any special software or electronic needs, including if the attendees will be required to bring a laptop.

Incomplete proposals cannot be considered. Please include as much information as needed when submitting; there is no minimum or maximum length for the proposal.

[Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal forms](#) should be sent to [kwright@aaea.org](mailto:kwright@aaea.org) by **Thursday, December 4, 2014**. For more information, contact the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190.

***Call for Proposals:***  
**Invited Paper Sessions**

AAEA welcomes [proposals for Invited Paper sessions](#) for the [2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in San Francisco. Papers in these Invited Paper sessions may be published in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* in March 2016 subject to review (If your paper is accepted, you must inform Kristen Wright at [kwright@aaea.org](mailto:kwright@aaea.org) of your plan to submit *or* not to submit to *AJAE* by March 18. Within that notification, authors should include a 250 word abstract of their paper).

Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using the online submission system by **Thursday, December 4, 2014**. The online submission system opens in early November.

Proposed session formats must include either two papers with two discussants or three papers with one discussant. Four paper sessions will not be considered.

Proposals will be evaluated by how well they satisfy the following criteria:

- The proposed session supports the objective of the Association to further the development and dissemination of systematic knowledge of agricultural and applied economics.
- The importance of the session is well-justified.
- The proposed papers are innovative and the topics are likely to generate meaningful discussion during the presentation, as well as interest in a published version.
- It is likely that the session format will be conducive to a clear, focused, and informative presentation of the topics proposed.
- The session theme and paper topics are not repetitive of themes and/or topics previously addressed in Invited Paper sessions.
- The set of sessions will appeal to a broad spectrum of the membership.

Proposals should include session title, session rationale, titles and two-page abstracts of each proposed presentation, and names and contact information of authors, discussants, and moderators.

Proposals will be reviewed and selected by a subcommittee of the AAEA Board. Final versions of the invited papers must be submitted to AgEcon Search by June 24, 2015 and should be submitted to the *AJAE* Proceedings Issue Editor by the same date if the authors wish the invited paper to be reviewed for publication in the *AJAE*.

If you have any questions about submitting an Invited Paper session proposal, please contact Kristen Wright at [kwright@aaea.org](mailto:kwright@aaea.org) or at (414) 918-3190.

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**Call for Proposals:  
Case Study Invited Paper Session**

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Case Study Invited Paper Session

AAEA welcomes proposals for [Case Studies for a special Invited Paper session](#) that will be part of the [2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in San Francisco. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using the online submission system by **Thursday, December 4, 2014**. The online submission system opens in early November.

Cases in this Invited Paper session may be published in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* in January 2016, subject to review (If your paper is accepted, you must inform Anna Douangphachanh at [adouangphachanh@aaea.org](mailto:adouangphachanh@aaea.org) of your plan to submit *or* not to submit to *AJAE* by March 18. Within that notification, authors should include a 250 word abstract of their paper).

Proposals are requested for case studies that show how the application of economic principles to decision making in the public and/or private sectors leads to better decisions. Any topic area that illustrates the application of economic principles is acceptable. Topic areas focusing on emerging issues such as: renewable ingredients, energy economics, food safety, and company environmental policies (e.g., green scorecard) are encouraged. Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Deals with a problem that has a high level of importance/interest/relevancy to members of AAEA.
- Clear and concise teaching objective(s) and target audience(s) (e.g. undergraduate students, graduate students, extension audiences).
- Case summary that presents solutions and explanations of how the learning objectives are realized.
- Leads to a better understanding of how the application of economic principles improves decision making.
- A general description of the teaching plan for presenting the case to include expected student use of reference materials.

Proposals should include case title, names and contact information of the authors, and a case outline that covers the company or situation profiled, as well as a detailed outline for the case study. The outline should be 3-5 pages in length and a maximum of 2,000 words. The proposal must also contain an outline and ideas for a teaching note, although the teaching note will not be published with the case. Of the cases submitted, three winning case submissions will be accepted for presentation at the AAEA meetings by February 12, 2015.

Selected case studies (with teaching note when applicable) should be completed by April 14, 2015. These completed versions will be reviewed by the invited case study committee, and feedback to improve the cases will be provided to the author(s). Final versions of the cases must be submitted to AgEcon Search by June 24, 2015 and should be submitted to the *AJAE* Proceedings Issue Editor by the same date if the authors wish the case study to be reviewed for publication in the *AJAE*.

2015 AAEA & WAEA  
**JOINT ANNUAL MEETING**



***Call for Proposals:*****Track Sessions sponsored by AAEA Sections**

The AAEA Executive Board invites [Track Session proposals](#) for the [2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in San Francisco. Initial proposals need to be submitted by **Thursday, December 4, 2014**, to Sarah Kenner at [skenner@aaea.org](mailto:skenner@aaea.org). Final, detailed submissions associated with each session are due by March 16, 2015. The AAEA Business Office will work with each Section that submits proposals on their final submission.

Tracks are a set of multiple sessions submitted by AAEA Sections, scheduled throughout the meeting and devoted to a common interest area or topic. The AAEA President determines the number of sessions allocated to each section. All Section leaders will be notified of their allocations in October 2014.

Section leaders are responsible for managing and submitting Track Session proposals. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a Track Session, please contact the chair of the Section for more information about the session topics that they are seeking. Proposals submitted to the AAEA Business Office by an

individual will be referred back to the Section for approval and official submission.

AAEA has created a [Track Session Outline form](#) for Section Leaders to use when submitting their initial outlines in December. This form should be submitted for each session, by the leader of the sponsoring section.

Specific Track Sessions can also be considered as Invited Paper sessions. These sessions need to be submitted through the abstract submission system as an Invited Paper session (see the call for Invited Paper Sessions for more information), and included with the initial Track Session proposals due in December, with an indication that it has also been submitted as an Invited Paper Session. If the proposed Invited Paper session is not accepted, it will still be included as a traditional Track Session.

Please contact Sarah Kenner at [skenner@aaea.org](mailto:skenner@aaea.org) or (414) 918-3190 if you have any other questions about submitting or participating in a Track Session.

For a full list of the 2015 Joint Annual Meeting Call for Proposals visit the [website](#).

***AAEA Sections***

Sections are subgroups of the AAEA membership organized to assist members with similar interests to connect and network easily.

## ***Call for Submission Ideas: We the Geeks***

"We the Geeks" is a new series of Google+ Hangouts presented by the President's Office of Science and Technology Policy to highlight the future of science, technology, and innovation here in the United States. Topics such as commercial space exploration; science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education; turning science fiction into science fact; and others will be discussed with Administration officials and key private sector contributors.

The AAEA and the Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (C-FARE) seek submission ideas for an episode of the President's "We the Geeks" Google+ Hangout series. The submission ideas should include the following components:

1. A summary paragraph outlining the issue narrative, science, data, and research or analytics approaches that you suggest be highlighted in the program. (Submissions including infographics and other visuals are encouraged.)
2. An explanation of why the topic will appeal to middle-school and/or high-school students.
3. Up to five suggested speakers to speak on the topic (speaker groups can range from Nobel Prize winners to undergraduate students).
4. Why this episode of "We the Geeks" will help make a difference in understanding science policy.

AAEA and C-FARE seek submissions related to:

- Securing food safety
- Elucidating global agricultural markets
- Extreme weather impacts
- Valuing the natural capital of our collective resources
- Urban agriculture and local foods

Submissions on other topics are also welcome.

For examples of "We the Geeks" episodes, please see here:

- [We the Geeks: SUBMERGED!](#)
- ["Polar Vortex" and Extreme Weather](#)
- [The Future of Computing](#)
- [We the Geeks: Grand Challenges](#)

Please submit your "We the Geeks" ideas to [info@cfare.org](mailto:info@cfare.org) by **Monday, November 10 at 9 AM ET**.

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## Joint EAAE/AAEA Seminar Consumer Behavior in a Changing World: **FOOD, CULTURE AND SOCIETY**

**NAPLES, ITALY** | **March 25-27, 2015**



### Joint EAAE/AAEA Seminar

The main goal of the seminar is to provide an integrated multidisciplinary approach to the analysis of food consumption and consumer behavior. It aims to encourage broad discussion among economists, sociologists, psychologists, anthropologists and marketing scholars on the role of food consumption in the late modern society and on the need to adopt innovative tools for the analysis of consumer's behavior and choices.

For more information on the seminar, please visit the main page at <http://www.143eaae-aaea-seminar.org/>.

#### Abstract Submission

Participants who would like to present a paper are requested to submit an abstract in English (max 3500 keystrokes including spaces; Times New Roman font, size 12, double spacing) before **October 31, 2014** using the *Conf Tool Platform* available on the website of the seminar: <http://www.143eaae-aaea-seminar.org/>. The abstract should indicate: the question addressed, theoretical background, methods, results and potential for discussion.

- **October 31, 2014:** Abstract submissions due
- **December 1, 2014:** Notification of acceptance/rejection
- **January 20, 2015:** Last day to register for the seminar
- **February 28, 2015:** Submission of full versions of accepted papers due

Download the [flyer for the call for papers](#) for more information.



# C-FARE Update

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## Budget & Appropriations Update

The government is currently operating under a stopgap funding measure (PL 113-164) until December 11. Passage or agreement for a 2015 omnibus is not a likely scenario for the partisan lame-duck session. However, appropriators, still seeking to squeeze out an accomplishment this year, insist that the narrow funding differences between the House and the Senate versions of the bill signal possibilities for an omnibus.

In December 2013, lawmakers forged the [Bipartisan Budget Agreement](#) (PL 113-67), which suspended sequestration on discretionary spending limits for FY 2014 and 2015. Therefore, funding differences for FY 2015 reflect those in the FY 2014 cycle, indicating that the challenges to passage of an omnibus are not insurmountable. Negotiations on the omnibus will begin the day after the election on November 5. Both chambers are hoping to make some decisions.

The biggest obstacles to movement of the appropriations bills are policy riders and recent changes to congressional leadership. For example, in June then House majority leader Eric Cantor of Virginia lost his seat to David Brat in a primary election, derailing the

agriculture appropriations bill on the House floor. There are several policy riders in the House bills that limit investments in climate research, EPA regulations, health-care funding, and school lunches. Additionally, battles over child migration and Ebola funding could impact progress and even splash over into the next Congress.

In November, if Republicans win control of the Senate, they will likely attempt to extend the stopgap into the next Congress. Then they can rewrite the spending bills to reflect GOP priorities or freeze funding for most, if not all, agencies for the rest of FY 2015. Yet, to draw out 2015 could be tiresome, especially when the reapplication of sequestration for the FY 2016 cycle indicates that the real challenges lie with future budgets.

Related to agriculture, the House (HR 4800) and Senate (S 2389) are about 1% apart on overall spending. Both the House and the Senate seek more than the Administration's \$20.4 billion request. They both seek funding for the Women, Infants, and Children nutrition program of \$6.6 billion and \$1 billion for the Food Safety Inspection Service. The most significant gap relates to the CFTC, where there is a 22% difference between the requests.

*\*Sources: CQ BUDGET TRACKER Special Report: Omnibus May Be Within Reach by George Cahlink; Congressional Budget Office; and Thomas.gov.*

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## C-FARE Fall 2014 Board Meeting Update and Meetings

From September 29 to October 1, the Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (C-FARE) met in Washington, D.C., to discuss the organization's structure, 2015 work plan, and interaction with its core sponsors. During the meeting, the C-FARE Board approved a draft schedule of work based on available funding. The plan of work includes several education and outreach activities pending on funding.

**2015 Agricultural and Applied Economics Education and Outreach Work Plan Highlights:**

- **The Jon Brandt Policy Forum on the Rural Credit, Infrastructure, and Entrepreneurialism Nexus, which will take place in April 2015.** A steering committee will be formed this month to plan the event and advise on fundraising. C-FARE is pleased that the NIFA Regional Rural Development Centers, the C-FARE BREP on Economic Opportunities in Rural Communities, and members of CRENET will be a part of developing this event.
- **A Grand Challenges Project for Agricultural and Applied Economics, which will highlight key research questions that need to be addressed to result in solutions to societal challenges.** A steering committee based on specific areas of expertise will be assembled in November to guide this project.
- **The C-FARE's Webinar Series, which will include three or more webinars pending on funding.**

Examples include:

- o *The Economics of Food Waste in the Contemporary Marketplace* on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, at 2 PM EST, live from Washington D.C. at ERS's Patriot's Plaza III on the first floor in Classroom 6st. To attend in person, please RSVP to [info@cfare.org](mailto:info@cfare.org). Register to attend the webinar/event here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3521008229035689986>. This event is cosponsored by the USDA Economists Group.
  - o *Ecosystem Services: Producer, Market, and Social Valuation of Private-land Services*. This event has not yet been scheduled. C-FARE will engage related Blue Ribbon Expert Panels and AAEEA Sections.
  - o *Role of Data and Analytics in Our Agricultural Economy: What is the Value of Data?* This event has not yet been scheduled. C-FARE will engage the founding members of the Friends of Agricultural Economics, including COPAFs.
- **The C-FARE Briefing Series, which will include two or more briefings pending on funding.** Examples include:
  - o *Behavioral Economics and Food Choice – Childhood Nutrition in Action!* This event has not yet been scheduled. C-FARE will engage related Blue Ribbon Expert Panels and AAEEA sections.
  - o *Drought: An Environmental and Economic Anomaly or Shifting Norm?* This event has not yet been scheduled. C-FARE will engage related Blue Ribbon Expert Panels and AAEEA sections.
  - o Other Topics for New Congressional Staff: Overview of the Agricultural Economy (from 'Local' to 'Global'), CFTC Issues, International Development, and Food Safety.
- **The C-FARE Workshop Series, which will include three or more workshops.** These events have not yet been scheduled. They will be cosponsored by the USDA Office of the Chief Economist.
  - o *The 'Frontier' of Rural Energy Development: Reflecting on the Dynamics of Rapid Growth*. This event will discuss research on the implications for rural economic development of rapid shale gas development.
  - o *Biofuel and Agriculture: Intentional Evolution of the Bioeconomy*. This workshop will assess the long-term sustainability, industry evolution, and policy effectiveness of the bioeconomy.
  - o *Transportation Infrastructure Implications for Rural Agricultural and Energy Economies*. This workshop will discuss the decoupling of the grain and energy transportation systems in the United States, the policies that impact operation, and the long-term trade and local impacts of inefficiencies.

- *Ecosystem Services Valuation Workshop.* This workshop will focus on developing an action plan for how valuation information from regional ecosystem markets and/or other sources can be used within the public policy process.

*Please note, C-FARE anticipates undertaking these outreach activities while also coordinating nominations, public comments, network relationships, and D.C. visit days that support greater awareness and appreciation of the work of agricultural and applied economists. C-FARE is continually exploring new ways to support the profession. If you have suggestions, please let us know at [info@cfare.org](mailto:info@cfare.org).*

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## **C-FARE and AAEA Leadership Visits Summary**

On September 30, members of the C-FARE Board of Directors and AAEA Past President, Julie Caswell, met several agency, administrative, and congressional staff, and private sector and NGO leaders. Here is a brief summary of the visits:

- **Neil Conklin, President of Farm Foundation**, described the [economics component](#) of the [Soil Renaissance](#) project to the visit's participants. The goal of the project is to quantify the effects of soil health on economic risks and returns. The objectives are to: 1. evaluate the current state of research on the economics of soil health and identify key economic data needs; 2. develop a comprehensive analysis of returns on soil health investments and their effects on risk; and 3. provide producers with information and tools for determining the economic value of soil health management decisions. With assistance from Informa Economics, the leaders of the Soil Renaissance are convening a meeting of economics experts on Tuesday, November 18, in Washington, D.C. C-FARE will attend the meeting and welcomes individuals with expertise and/or resources on soil health valuation to contact the C-FARE Business Office at [info@cfare.org](mailto:info@cfare.org). C-FARE will engage relevant Blue Ribbon Expert Panels and AAEA Sections in this regard.
- **Greg Pompelli, Associate Administrator of the Economic Research Service (ERS)**, described the importance of cultivating the next generation of agricultural economics researchers and analysts. He pointed out the importance of C-FARE's summer intern breakfast program. Meeting participants exchanged ideas about how AAEA, NAAEA, ERS, and others can work together to increase mentoring for master's level agricultural economists to close the emerging critical skills gap. Related to ERS research, Associate Administrator Pompelli also highlighted anticipated work related to a new [Center for Behavioral Economics and Healthy Food Choice Research](#) and the [Center for Behavioral and Experimental Agri-Environmental Policy Research](#), as well as tools available via the [National Household Food Acquisition and Purchase Survey \(FoodAPS\)](#). Work on the [2014 Farm Bill](#), [Farm Income](#), [Dairy Policy and Production](#), SNAP/[Household Food Security](#), and [Rural Economies](#) projects were mentioned as some of the many issues atop ERS's priority list this fall.
- During the meeting with **Dr. Jo Handelsman, Associate Director for Science, Dr. Michael Stebbins, Assistant Director for Biological Research, and Dr. Diana Pankevich, AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)**, we discussed policy options related to food waste and food recovery and the role of behavioral economics in elucidating

consumer choices. Experts at the OSTP also expressed an interest in [pollinator economics](#), the [human microbiome and antibiotic resistance](#), the economics of climate change, and aquaculture entrepreneurialism. ‘Broader impacts’ were also discussed in the context of the need to have an applied economist as one of the core team members of multidisciplinary research teams. Finally, C-FARE and AAEA were invited to submit ideas for “[We the Geeks](#),” a program that highlights the future of science, technology, and innovation in the United States. For more information *see above*. For more information on FY 2016 R&D priorities, please view the related [memo from the Office of Management and Budget](#).

- Visit participants also met *[Dr. Parag Chitnis](#), the new Deputy Director for NIFA’s Institute of Food Production and Sustainability (IFPS), and Robbin Shoemaker, NIFA National Program Leader in Economics*. Dr. Chitnis joined NIFA from the National Science Foundation (NSF) Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, where he served as division director. Dr. Chitnis was very interested in the Grand Challenges Project that C-FARE is undertaking in coordination with other organizations representing the profession. He also expressed an interest in receiving a memo from the profession that describes the structural needs that it has in promoting the success and support of early career professionals, integrating economics at the front end of multidisciplinary research, and allowing for grant-structural variability related to the size and number of grants for single investigators or small teams of investigators. He invited the profession to submit through the AFRI request for comments mentioned in annual RFPs.
- The meeting with *[Dr. Sally Rockey](#), Director of Extramural Grant Programs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH)*, focused on getting to know the [NIH grant structure](#) better. The NIH has different designations for grants, including [Research Grants](#) (R series), [Career Development Awards](#) (K series), [Research Training and Fellowships](#) (T & F series), and [Program Project/Center Grants](#) (P series). Since most disease is caused by human behavior, the NIH is interested in intervention and compliance work. Most applied economics work involves population and *epidemiological* studies. Dr. Rockey suggested that C-FARE and AAEA connect with the National Institutes of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, the National Cancer Institute, and the Office of Disease Prevention to discuss funding opportunities and research gaps.

Members of the C-FARE Board of Directors also met the Bureau of Land Management, congressional agricultural committee staff, CoBank, and the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture on October 1.

### **Save the Date for the Briefing/Webinar—The Economics of Food Waste in the Contemporary Marketplace**

*The Economics of Food Waste in the Contemporary Marketplace* will take place on Wednesday, December 17, 2014, at 2 PM EST, live from Washington D.C. at ERS’s Patriot’s Plaza III on the first floor in Classroom 6. To attend in person, please RSVP to [info@cfare.org](mailto:info@cfare.org). Register to attend the webinar/event here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3521008229035689986>. This event is cosponsored by the USDA Economists Group.

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## Funding Information – Request for Non-Land Grant University Designation

Non-land grant universities are encouraged to fill out a request for a '[Non-Land Grant](#)' designation in accordance with Section 7101 of the Agricultural Act of 2014. The following form can be used by institutions to request electronically designation as a Non-Land Grant College of Agriculture (NLGCA). Within 30 days of submitting this form, NIFA will provide the administrative point of contact specified in the form, with a certification or a response indicating why certification is being denied. Land-grant institutions are not eligible to receive this designation. For more information, please view the [NIFA](#) webpage or the [Federal Register Notice](#).

## Job Openings

Be sure to visit the [AAEA Job Board](#)! Our new platform allows employers to post open positions on the site and browse the resumes of qualified candidates. Applicants can apply for these positions online and upload their resumes anonymously, protecting their personal information.



## Social Media Join the Conversation



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