Session 2031: Agricultural Development, Nutrition and Health: Synergies or Tradeoffs?
Organized Symposium
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Mezzanine Level, Harding

Since the 2008 food crisis, foreign aid donors have sharply increased their focus on agriculture and nutrition, with a particular emphasis on health outcomes. Past research suggests that agricultural development drives health improvement not only through income growth, but also by changing relative prices, technologies and opportunity costs and preferences. This panel will assess to what extent new initiatives such as Feed the Future, Thousand Days, Scaling Up Nutrition, Agriculture for Nutrition and Health (A4NH) and others have successfully pursued synergies so that agricultural development improves nutrition and health by more than income growth alone would achieve, and to what extent they have encountered tradeoffs that achieve health improvement at the expense of income growth.

Moderator:
George Norton, Virginia Tech

Panelists:
Laurian Unnevehr, IFPRI
Will Masters, Tufts University
Julie Howard, U.S. Agency for International Development
Greg Traxler, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Session 2032: Human Capital Needs of a Modernizing Agriculture: Challenges and Possible Solutions
Organized Symposium
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Mezzanine Level, Hoover
Despite the growing recognition of the importance of the need to invest in agriculture in developing countries following the 2007 food price increases and spikes, shortage of human capital presents a huge constraint to reforms in the agricultural sector. The session will discuss the problem and the solutions.

Organizer and Presenter:
Uma Lele, Independent Scholar

Panelists:
Madhur Gautam, World Bank
Nienke Beintema, IFPRI
Paul Heisey, USDA-ERS
Javier Ekboir, Bioversity International

**Session 2033: From Research to Implementation: Informing Development and Delivery of Biofortified Staple Crops**

Organized Symposium
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
_Marriott Wardman Park, Mezzanine Level, Wilson A_

Biofortification is the process of breeding and delivering staple food crops with higher micronutrient content. Biofortification could prove to be a cost-effective and sustainable strategy for combating micronutrient deficiency in rural areas of many developing countries, where poor households’ diets are largely comprised of staple foods. Economics research has an important role in ensuring that biofortification can be a viable strategy for combating micronutrient malnutrition by (i) informing the design of efficient, effective and targeted breeding and delivery strategies; (ii) measuring the rate of adoption and diffusion of biofortified varieties, and evaluating the performance of delivery strategies, and (iii) estimating the impact of adoption of biofortified varieties on nutrition, health and other livelihood outcomes. The aim of this symposium is to present the current economics research portfolio (including main research questions, methodologies and selected examples of studies) related to biofortification, to generate discussion on the potential gaps in our knowledge in general, and in our research portfolio in particular and to seek advice from the audience on how best to close these gaps.

**Session 2034: Financial Markets and Banking**

Selected Presentation
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
_Marriott Wardman Park, Mezzanine Level, Wilson B_

This session highlights futures/derivatives and financing/banking issues. Papers in the session cover futures market speculation and its impact on market volatility, derivatives’ market lifecycle, commercial banks participation in FSA loan program, and ag cooperatives’ financing and performance.
Presentations:
Do Speculators in Futures Markets Make Commodity Cash Markets More Volatile?  
*Yingzi Li and T. Randall Fortenbery, Washington State University*

The Lifecycle of Exchange-traded Derivatives and the Prospects for New Agriculture-related Derivatives Markets  
*Grant Cavanaugh, University of Kentucky; Michael Penick, US Commodities Futures Trading Commission*

The Capital Structure of Commercial Banks and its Impact on Participation in the Farm Service Agency’s Guaranteed Loan Program  
*Bruce McWilliams, USDA-FSA*

Debt, Input Misallocation, and Productivity in Agricultural Cooperatives  
*Levi Russell, Brian Briggeman, and Allen Featherstone, Kansas State University*

**Session 2035: Behavioral Determinants of Demand**
Selected Presentation  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
*Marriott Wardman Park, Mezzanine Level, Wilson C*

Papers in this session use behavioral techniques to estimate demand for organic foods, biotechnology, and biofuels.

Presentations:  
How Much of the Error Term is Explained by Psychometric Variables? The Example of Organic Produce Demand  
*Carola Grebitus, Arizona State University; Jerome Dumortier, Indiana University-Purdue University*

Analysis of Consumer Preferences and Willingness-to-Pay for Organic Food Products in Germany  
*Rebecca Illichmann and Awudu Abdulai, University of Kiel*

Evolving Consumer Acceptance of Biotechnology Applications in Canada: Evidence from the Public Opinion Surveys in 2001 (fifth wave) and 2011 (seventh wave)  
*Deepananda Herath, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada*

The Effects of Intertemporal Considerations on Consumer Preferences for Biofuels  
*Hayk Khachatryan, University of Florida; Jeffrey Joireman and Kenneth Casavant, Washington State University*
Session 2036: Dynamic Models of Consumer Demand
Selected Presentation
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Mezzanine Level, McKinley

The papers in this section propose and/or use alternative approaches for the incorporation of dynamics in empirical models of consumption.

Presentations:
On Demand Analysis and Dynamics: A Benefit Function Approach
Jean-Paul Chavas, University of Wisconsin

Impacts of BSE and Avian Influenza on U.S. Meat Demand: A Dynamic Inverse AIDS and Forecasting
Jianhong Mu, Oregon State University; Bruce McCarl and David Bessler, Texas A&M University

Accounting for Addiction, Storability and Heterogeneous Tastes for Soft Drinks: A Structural Dynamic Demand Model
Francesca Colantuoni, University of Massachusetts

Dynamic Food Demand and Habit Forming Behaviors: Bayesian Approach to a Dynamic Tobit Panel Data Model with Unobserved Heterogeneity
Miyoung Oh, Iowa State University

Session 2037: Climate Change and Air Quality
Selected Presentation
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Mezzanine Level, Balcony A

This group of papers explores the effects of climate and air quality on agricultural and health outcomes.

Presentations:
Understanding Temperature and Moisture Interactions in the Economics of Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation on Agriculture
Ariel Ortiz Bobea, University of Maryland

The Health Effects of Coal Electricity Generation in India
Maureen Cropper, University of Maryland; Shama Gamkhar, University of Texas, Austin; Kabir Malik, University of Maryland; Ian Partridge, University of Texas, Austin; Alex Limonov, Resources for the Future

Impact of Climate Change on Child Mortality in Mali
Jeremy Foltz and Jhin Han, University of Wisconsin
Session 2038: Experiments on Technology Adoption and Climate Change
Selected Presentation
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Mezzanine Level, Balcony B

In this session, two papers assess the influence of behavioral factors on farmers’ willingness to adopt new agricultural technologies. The third paper focuses on farmer adaptation to climate change. The final paper presents experimental evidence on willingness to contribute to public goods.

Presentations:
Risk and Ambiguity Preferences and the Adoption of New Agricultural Technologies: Evidence from Field Experiments in Rural India
Patrick Ward, IFPRI

Time Preference and Technology Adoption: A Single-Choice Experiment with U.S. Farmers
Eric Duquette, Nathaniel Higgins, and John Horowitz, USDA-ERS

Glacier Melting and Retreat: Understanding the Perception of Agricultural Households that Face the Challenges of Climate Change
Adriana Bernal, Jorge Maldonado, Rafael Cuervo, and Gonzalo Pinzon, Universidad De Los Andes

Income Heterogeneity in the Dynamic Voluntary Contributions to Public Goods
Juan Ruiz-Tagle, University of Maryland

Session 2039: Dynamics of Livestock Supply Chains
Selected Presentation
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Lobby Level, Park 8206

Several papers explore various market forces that influence the pricing dynamics and production decisions of different stakeholders in livestock supply chains.

Presentations:
Exploring Factors that Influence Perceptions of the use of Genomics, for Pro-environmental Purposes, in Beef Cattle
Anna Kessler, Ellen Goddard, and John Parkins, University of Alberta

The Value of Genetic Information in a Whole-chain Traceability System for Beef
Candi Ge, Brian Adam, and Eric Devuyst, Oklahoma State University

Dynamics of Feeder Cattle Basis and Price Slides
**Session 2040: Domestic Agricultural Policies and Trade**

Selected Presentation  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
*Marriott Wardman Park, Lobby Level, Park 8209*

These four presentations investigate various domestic policies that affect trade. The policies covered include export bans, country of origin labeling and stabilization of domestic food prices.

Presentations:  
**COOL Effects on U.S. Shrimp Trade**  
*Siny Joseph, Kansas State University Salina; Nathalie Lavoie and Julie Caswell, University of Massachusetts Amherst*

**Are China’s Grain Trade Policies Effective in the Stabilization of Domestic Food Prices? An Investigation Based on a Structural Break Regime Switching Model**  
*Jie Lu and Xinkai Zhu, Renmin University of China*

**Impact of Wheat and Rice Export Ban on Indian Market Integration**  
*Katherine Baylis, Maria Christina Jolejole-Foreman, and Mindy Mallory, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

**The Economic Impacts of the Canadian Wheat Board Ruling on U.S.-Canada Malt Barley Markets**  
*Heidi Schweizer, Anton Bekkerman, and Vincent Smith, Montana State University*

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**Session 2041: Nutrition Around the Globe**

Selected Presentation  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm  
*Marriott Wardman Park, Lobby Level, Park 8212*

This session covers focuses on international issues in nutrition. In addition, two presentations will analyze the impact of food environmental factors and food away from home on health.

Presentations:  
**Evaluating the Determinants of Participation of Pregnant Women in the “Preventing Malnutrition in Children Under Two Years of Age Approach” (PM2A) Program in Alta Verapaz, Guatemala**  
*Susan Richter, IFPRI*

**Agriculture and Cognitive Development: Evidence from China’s Agricultural Reform**
Institutions can pay a significant role in the structure of farms and agricultural productivity. The presentations in this session empirically analyze this role in African and North American farms.

Presentations:
Institutional Change on Canadian First Nations: The First Nations Land Management Act
Mary Doidge and Brady Deaton, Jr., University of Guelph

Nature of the Farm Revisited
Matthew Elliott, University of Missouri

Institutional Differences and Agricultural Performance in Sub-Saharan Africa
Mahdi Asgari and Lia Nogueira, University of Kentucky

The Ability of Cotton to Drive Food Crop Productivity Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Interplay of Market and Institutional Structure
Veronique Theriault and David Tschirley, Michigan State University

These papers examine different aspects of the post-harvest issues facing farmers in developing countries. They explore how storage and processing technologies and marketing arrangements shape key aspects of agricultural practices.

Presentations:
The Determinants of Rice Storage: Evidence from Rice Farmers in Bangladesh
Jeffrey Michler and Joseph Balagtas, Purdue University
Do Storage Losses and Technology Affect the Trade-off Between Storage Decision and Sale in Harvest Period? An Insight from Maize Production in Benin
Didier Kadjo, Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, and Corinne Alexander, Purdue University; Abdoulaye Tahirou, IITA

Asymmetric Information and Food Safety: Maize in Kenya
Vivian Hoffmann, University of Maryland; Samuel Mutiga, Cornell University; Jagger Harvey, International Livestock Research Institute; Rebecca Nelson and Michael Milgroom, Cornell University

Direct Farms: Supermarket Supply Chains with Chinese Characteristics
Junfei Bai, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Stephen Boucher and Michael Carter, University of California, Davis; Jikun Huang, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Xinze Huang Cheng, University of California, Davis; Xiangping Jia, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Hope Michelson, Columbia University

Session 2044: Agriculture and Poverty
Selected Presentation
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Lobby Level, Park 8226

Most of the world's poor live in rural areas, and many of them depend on agriculture. These papers examine different ways in which agriculture impacts the economic livelihoods in developing countries.

Presentations:
Ex-Post Impacts of Improved Maize Varieties on Poverty in Rural Ethiopia
Di Zeng, Jeffrey Alwang, and George Norton, Virginia Tech; Bekele Shiferaw and Moti Jaleta, CIMMYT

Hybrid Rice as a Pro-Poor Technology? Evidence from Bangladesh
William McFall, University of Georgia; David Spielman and Nicholas Magnan, IFPRI

Agricultural Market Reforms, Urbanization and Nutritional Transition in Rural China
Katherine Baylis and Linlin Fan, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Lia Nogueira, University of Kentucky

Impact Assessment with Opt-in Treatments: Evidence from a Rural Development Project in Nicaragua
Maria-Alexandra Peralta-Sanchez and Scott Swinton, Michigan State University

Session 2045: Biofuels
Selected Presentation
This session contains papers addressing aspects of biofuels.

Presentations:
A Spatially Explicit Watershed Scale Optimization of Cellulosic Biofuels Production
Jingyu Song and Ben Gramig, Purdue University

Optimal Mix of Feedstock for Biofuels: Implications for Land Use and GHG Emissions
Weiwei Wang, Madhu Khanna, and Puneet Dwivedi, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Development of Corn Stover Biofuel: Impacts on Corn and Soybean Markets and Crop Rotation
Farzad Taheripour, Wallace Tyner, and Julie Fiegel, Purdue University

Going Over the E10 Blend Wall: Forecasting US Demand for E85 Based on Brazil Ethanol Demand
Sebastien Pouliot, Iowa State University

Session 2046: Hydrological Models
Selected Presentation
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Lobby Level, Maryland A

The papers in this session make use of hydrological models to answer questions pertaining to groundwater conservation and pollution.

Presentations:
A Differential Game Approach to Adoption of Conservation Practices
Joseph Parcell and Haluk Gedikoglu, University of Missouri

The Impact of Irrigation Capital Subsidies on Common-pool Groundwater Use and Depletion: Results for Western Kansas
Nicolas Quintana Ashwell and Jeffrey Peterson, Kansas State University

Reducing Phosphorus Impairment with Nutrient Trading
Arun KC and Alan Collins, West Virginia University

Nitrogen Abatement Cost Comparison for Cropping Systems under Alternative Management Choices
Frederick Amon-Armah and Emmanuel Yiridoe, Dalhousie University; Dale Hebb, Agriculture & AgriFood Canada; Rob Jamieson, Dalhousie University
Session 2047: Productivity Aspects of Agriculture in African Countries
Selected Presentation
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Lobby Level, Maryland B

Agricultural production plays an important role in economic development and growth in developing countries. This session examines how agricultural extension programs affect technology adoption, technical efficiency, crop productivity in different developing countries such as Niger, Ethiopia, and Benin. It also examines the impacts of seasonal rainfall patterns on crop production in West Africa.

Presentations:
Impact of Changing Seasonal Rainfall Patterns on Rainy-Season Crop Production in the Guinea Savannah of West Africa
Marc Mueller, University of Bonn; Safietou Sanfo, WASCAL; Wolfram Laube, University of Bonn

Assessing the Impact of Crop Specialization on Farms’ Performance in Vegetables Farming in Benin: A Non-neutral Stochastic Frontier Approach
Alphonse Singbo, Jr., Université Laval; Grigoris Emvalomatis and Alfons Oude Lansink, Wageningen University

Quality Matters and Not Quantity: Evidence on Productivity Impacts of Extension Service Provision in Ethiopia
Catherine Ragasa, IFPRI

Evaluating the Impact of an Agricultural Technology Extension Program in Niger: Technology Adoption and Technical Efficiency
John Sanders and Abdoulaye Ibrahim Djido, Purdue University

Session 2048: Differential Climate Change Policy Effects
Selected Presentation
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Lobby Level, Maryland C

Distributional and spatial effects of U.S. and international carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions, and interactions with trade are discussed using a variety of tools.

Presentations:
Climate Change, Mitigation Policy and Poverty in Developing Countries
Zekarias Hussein, Thomas Hertel, and Alla Golub, Purdue University

Club Convergence and Clustering of U.S. State-Level CO2 Emissions
J. Wesley Burnett, Michael Strager, and Donald Lacombe, West Virginia University
Selected Presentation
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Lobby Level, Virginia A

Methods to evaluate and manage risk are being updated. Improving risk management is the theme underlying these presentations.

Presentations:
Premium Benefits? A Heterogeneous Agent Model of Credit-Linked Index Insurance and Farm Technology Adoption
Katie Farrin and Mario Miranda, The Ohio State University

Calendar Spread Options for Storable Commodities
Juheon Seok, B. Wade Brorsen, and Weiping Li, Oklahoma State University

Spatio-Temporal Modeling of Lightning Fires on Forestland: A Compensation Scheme
Xuan Chen and Barry Goodwin, North Carolina State University

A Risk Rationing Model
Leslie Verteramo and Calum Turvey, Cornell University

Session 2050: Econometric Methods and Development Economics
Econometrics Section Track Session
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Lobby Level, Virginia B

This session will highlight frontier econometric methods with development applications.

Organizer:
Alan Ker, University of Guelph

Presenters:
Abdoul Sam, The Ohio State University
Tauhidur Rahman, University of Arizona
Ying Cao, University of Guelph

Session 2051: Potential Solutions to the Obesity Epidemic
FSN/Senior Track Session
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Lobby Level, Virginia C
Panelists will share their views on identifying the causes and solutions to the obesity epidemic from diverse perspectives. The need for this is particularly pressing as it is clear that current obesity levels are causing substantial health and economic costs. In addition, projections show obesity levels increasing if current habits persist. A holistic understanding of the causes and potential solutions for the obesity should inform for appropriate and effective research.

Organizers:
Conrad Lyford, Texas Tech University
Andrea Carlson, USDA-ERS

Moderator:
John Lee, Mississippi State University

Presenters:
Jean Kinsey, University of Minnesota
Jayachandran Variyam, USDA-ERS
Leah Lipsky, NIH/NICHD

Session 2052: Agri-food Sustainability and the Role of Multi-Stakeholder Engagements
AEM Track Session
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Mezzanine Level, Taft

Wicked problems refer to issues that are highly complex, have innumerable causes, and are difficult to fully understand. They result in outcomes that are either uncertain or unknowable, and often affect multiple stakeholders throughout the agri-system and beyond. Thus, wicked problems cannot be resolved through finding "right" answers, but rather must be managed.

Organizer:
Robert Brent Ross, Michigan State University

Discussant:
Peter Goldsmith, University of Illinois

Presenters:
H. Christopher Peterson, Michigan State University
Jeanne Von Zastrow, Food Marketing Institute
Robert Brent Ross, Michigan State University
Session 2053: Comparing ARMS to Farm Management Association Data: Implications for Data Analysis and Research
AFM/ESIRC Track Session
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Mezzanine Level, Tyler

The USDA’s Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) is one of the most widely used farm-level data sets in agricultural economics. Regional farm management associations are another valuable source of data for agricultural economists for both research and extension purposes. While the association databases lack the national scope and statistical sampling methodology employed by ARMS, they do allow for the investigation of dynamic effects given their panel nature. In this session, a group of panelists will present and discuss comparisons of data from the ARMS survey and various farm management associations, highlighting their similarities and differences and the resulting implications for their use in both research and extension.

Organizer:
Nicholas Paulson, University of Illinois

Discussant:
Mitchell Morehart, USDA-ERS

Presenters:
Nicholas Paulson, University of Illinois
Ani Katchova, University of Kentucky
Brian Briggeman, Kansas State University
Todd Kuethe, USDA-ERS

Session 2054: The Impact of Prices, Structures, and Growth on Food Security and Poverty Reduction
INT/IAAE Track Session
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Mezzanine Level, Truman

Three papers analyze the impact of prices, structures, and growth on food security and poverty reduction. The first paper, by Kei Otsuka, analyzes the future of farm structures in Asia and how this structure is under pressure from economic growth; and what the implications are for Asia’s comparative advantage in agriculture and its trade relationship with the global food market. The second paper, by Johan Swinnen, analyzes how high and volatile prices have affected public attention to food security, the global policy agenda and what this means for global food security. The third paper, by Will Martin, analyzes how productivity growth in agriculture can contribute to poverty reduction, how this compares to poverty reduction from growth in the non-agricultural sector, and the circumstances under which specific types of growth are most effective in reducing poverty.
Session 2055: Graduating Advising Practices for Mutual Success of Students and Mentors
GSS/TLC Track Session
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Mezzanine Level, Taylor

This session covers graduate advising strategies and practices from experienced graduate mentors. The mentors will share their ideas and experiences in training students to reach their education and career goals by recommending a strong and relevant set of courses, taking them through research work step-by-step, aiding them with publications, helping students develop professionally, placing M.S. students in strong PhD programs, and assisting students to succeed in the job market for both academic and non-academic positions. Mentors will also discuss the rewards and benefits of working with graduate students, pointers about selecting good graduate advisors, and fostering a good rapport between advisor and advisee.

Organizer:
Stephen Devadoss, University of Idaho

Moderator:
Joshua Detre, Louisiana State University

Presenters:
Stephen Devadoss, University of Idaho
Steven Buccola, Oregon State University
Spiro Stefanou, Pennsylvania State University

Session 2056: Price Risk and Price Volatility: Implications for the Developing World
ARA Track Session
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Mezzanine Level, Johnson
Over the past few years, the world has experienced a food crisis of unprecedented proportion in recorded history. At the peak of the food crisis in the spring of 2008, and again in 2011, the combined effects of adverse production shocks on agricultural commodities and of drastic increases in fuel prices, among other factors, led to social and political unrest throughout the developing world. In addition to high food prices, unpredictable large swings in prices have caused severe problems both for consumers and producers. This session will examine the implications of food price volatility, as well as unprecedentedly high food prices, on growers and their relationships with buyers in a developing world context.

Organizer:
Marc Bellemare, Duke University

Discussant:
Jaclyn Kropp, University of Florida

Presenters:
Brent Hueth, University of Wisconsin
Laura Paul, Duke University
Marc Bellemare, Duke University

Session 2057: The Forces Without and Within: When Conflicting Goals in the Food Industry Contribute to Obesigenic Environments
Invited Paper Session
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Marriott Wardman Park, Lobby Level, Delaware B

This session focuses on the incentives players in the food industry face and how these incentives create tensions and may lead to perverse outcomes.

Organizer:
Drew Hanks, Cornell University

Moderator:
David Just, Cornell University

Discussant:
Michael Sykuta, University of Missouri

Presenters:
Trent Smith, University of Otago
Diogo Souza Monteiro, University of Kent
Drew Hanks, Cornell University
**Session 2058: Livestock Outlook and Industry Issues**
EXT Track Session
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
*Marriott Wardman Park, Lobby Level, Salon 1*

This session seeks to repeat the past two years' approach of extending the tradition of a livestock outlook focused extension section with an adjustment in the session's format to include a panel discussion on issues typically not focused on in outlook presentations. The session will have an opening outlook presentation followed by panelists short presentations and audience dialogue on issues of direct economic relevance to livestock production.

Organizer:
Glynn Tonsor, Kansas State University

Presenter:
John Anderson, American Farm Bureau Federation

Panelists:
Claire Mezoughem, USDA-Foreign Agricultural Service
Craig Morris, USDA-Agricultural Marketing Service
Shayle Shagum, USDA-Office of the Chief Economist

**Session 2059: Best Practices in Reviewing and Responding to Reviewers: A Panel Discussion**
CAES Organized Symposium
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
*Marriott Wardman Park, Lobby Level, Delaware A*

While graduate programs emphasize research and research communication skills, less attention is focused on undertaking a peer-review and responding to revisions arising from the peer-review process. This panel discussion brings together editors from the Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics and the American Journal of Agricultural Economics, and select reviewers from these journals, to discuss best practices in conducting a peer-review and in responding to a request to revise and resubmit. Panel members will share their thoughts and experiences on the process, with time for question and answer between the audience and panel.

Moderator:
John Cranfield, University of Guelph

Panelists:
Madhu Khanna, University of Illinois
Wuyang Hu, University of Kentucky
The Land Grant University (LGU) System is the professional home of many who contribute to the research and extension mission focused on farm policy analysis. Scholarly and relevant farm policy analysis is demanded by some of the LGU System’s most critical stakeholders and essential to inform the development of sound public policies. This panel session will invite speakers to share their views on the challenges and rewards in the conduct and extension of high-quality farm policy welfare analyses, allowing the LGU System to continue in its proud mission-driven agenda. We encourage participation of experienced and less experienced professionals in the general discussion.

Organizer:
Mary Ahearn, USDA-ERS

Moderator:
Barry Goodwin, North Carolina State University

Panelists:
Daniel Sumner, University of California, Davis
Bruce Babcock, Iowa State University
Joe Outlaw, Texas A&M University
Vince Smith, Montana State University