

AAEA Preconference Workshop
Towards Engagement and Collaboration of 1890, 1862, Federal and Private Sector Institutions:
A Win-Win for the Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness Professions

Saturday, August 4, 2018; 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at the USDA Economic Research Service

Tentative Agenda & Speakers

Welcome & Opening Remarks: 9:00-9:15am (Jayachandran (Jay) Variyam, PhD & Keithly Jones, PhD – USDA-Economic Research Service)

PANEL 1 -- Emerging Research and Outreach Issues – 9:15am: 10:30am- [Moderator, TBA]:

- 1890 research and outreach programs (Albert Essel, PhD – Executive Administrator, Association of Extension Administrators of the 1890 Land-Grant Universities);
- 1862 research and outreach programs (Otto Doering, PhD, Purdue University)
- ERS research and outreach programs (Gopinath (Gopi) Munisamy, PhD, USDA-ERS)
- Private sector representative – (Kellee James, Mercaris)

BREAK: 10:30AM-10:45AM (Coffee/refreshments)

PANEL 2: Funding Opportunities, 10:45am-12:00pm [Moderator: Ron Rainey, PhD; University of Arkansas]

- NIFA grants and deadlines (Siva Sureshwaran, PhD, National Institute of Food & Agriculture)
- Philanthropic organizations (Meredith Morrison, Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation)
- Private companies' support for research and outreach efforts (Laurence Crane, PhD -- National Crop Insurance Services)
- Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (Eloris D. Speight; SDFRs Policy Research Center)

NETWORKING LUNCH: 12pm-1pm

PANEL 3: Building a Diverse Professional Pipeline for Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness, 1:00pm-2:30pm [Moderator: Kenrett Jefferson-Moore, PhD; North Carolina A&T State University]

- Sarahelen Thompson, PhD – Bureau of Economic Analysis
- Deacue Fields, PhD. – Auburn University (University of Arkansas)
- Makola Abdullah, PhD; President – Virginia State University
- Dewayne Goldman, PhD; Monsanto

FACILITATED DISCUSSION & WRAP UP: 2:30-pm- 3pm