

# AAEA SECTION NEWSLETTER

## COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL ECONOMICS NETWORK (CRENET) FALL 2018

### TRACK SESSION PROPOSALS DUE NOVEMBER 21ST

The **Community and Regional Economics Network (CRENET)** section welcomes proposals for track sessions for the [2019 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in Atlanta, GA during July 21-23, 2019.

Our average attendance numbers at the 2018 track sessions was twice as high as 2017 attendance! Thank you to all members who presented and attended at the meetings.

Please submit your proposals electronically by November 21, 2018 to Jeffrey O'Hara, CRENET section chair elect, [jeffrey.ohara@ams.usda.gov](mailto:jeffrey.ohara@ams.usda.gov) following the guidelines and using the form at the end of this newsletter.

**We welcome submissions on a range of topics relevant to our members and encourage collaborations across sections.** Since 2010 we have had 29 track sessions covering the following topics: 6 Rural or economic development (21%), 5 Wealth and poverty (17%), 5 Food systems (17%), 3 Policy (10%), 2 International (7%), and 7 other topics.

During our business meeting we discussed a few ideas including

- A joint session with Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta's Community Development division (in progress).
- Undertaking a neighborhood tour.
- Developing a session about how big data can be used for data visualization.
- Discussing differences between uses of big data and administrative data.

### CONNECT WITH US @crenet\_aaea

We are expanding our tools for communicating with one another by establishing a Twitter account to accompany the listserv. This account will be managed by the Section Chair for the following purposes:

- Draw attention to member's accomplishments
- Promote members who are mentioned in the news
- Promote relevant job openings
- Send out reminders about Section activities and deadlines

We plan to glean content from the CRENET listserv and AAEA announcements. We will have a 3 month pilot and evaluate the use of the account. Twitter is public, and anyone can use this tool to engage our work or our members. We will not use this account to take a public stance on political issues and will remain professional throughout all communications.

Already on Twitter? Follow us and mention us @crenet\_aaea when you tweet or retweet relevant content.

Not on Twitter? Consider joining the conversation and review this guide for beginners: <https://help.twitter.com/en/twitter-guide>

## SECTION AWARD TO HONOR GEORGE GOLDMAN IN PROGRESS

George Goldman (1935-2018) was an early founder of what is now the Community and Regional Economics Network. He made several contributions to the field of applied regional economic analyses and was especially influential in guiding the interpretation and use of input-output studies and multipliers. CRENET is in the process of formalizing the George Goldman Award for Excellence in Regional Economic Development, our first section award.

This section award will honor an outstanding application of regional economic analysis including but not limited to: input-output studies, fiscal impact studies, and other applied quantitative analyses. Pending AAEA Board approval in January, CRENET will advertise the finalized award language and issue a call for donations to a special appreciation club to fund the award. Nominations will be due in early spring and we will establish a three person committee to review submissions. We hope to begin recognizing our member's achievements at the 2019 AAEA Annual Meetings.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING NOTES FROM 2018 AAEA CONFERENCE

Attendees: Becca Jablonski (Past-Chair), Jane Kolodinsky (Chair-Elect), Norbert Wilson (board liaison), Jeffrey O'Hara, Sophia Glenn, Steve Deller, Bruce Weber, Craig Carpenter, Matt Fannin, Sandy Dallerba, Steve Turner, Rebekka Dudensing, Mary Ahearn, Kathleen Liang

Membership Update: 232 AAEA CRENET Members and 1,516 emails on the listserv (duplicates exist)

Regulate postings on the list-serve? Consensus that spamming was infrequent and that a policy would be challenging to enforce. CRENET will not adopt a list-serve posting policy at this time.

AAEA Fellow Nomination Update: CRENET will now partner with departmental chairs during future efforts to nominate its members for AAEA Fellows. There was a consensus that this was a valuable service for the section and agreement that while CRENET leadership can assist with the administrative tasks of developing the application and can endorse it, but applications might carry more prestige if it was by department chairs and an AAEA fellow(s) affiliated with CRENET members.

Fellow nominations rarely get accepted in their first year. As a general rule, it was agreed that it made sense for CRENET to resubmit nominations for five consecutive years before discontinuing its support of the nomination. Thus, there was consensus that CRENET should resubmit the Steve Deller nomination for the third consecutive year. The group also agreed that CRENET should develop a second nomination so that there was another candidate in the queue when the Deller nomination status was resolved, this will occur in 2019. A number of CRENET members were discussed as strong candidates. The CRENET Chair will lead the process of initiating an AAEA Fellowship application in future years and will provide support as needed.

Track Sessions, New Section Award and Twitter Account: See summaries elsewhere in newsletter.

The meeting adjourned with Becca Jablonski rotating off CRENET leadership. Mallory Rahe became past-chair, Jane Kolodinsky became chair, and Jeffrey O'Hara became chair-elect. The Past-Chair will lead the effort to secure nominations for Chair Elect.