

AAEA News

2019 AAEA Election

President-Elect Candidates



[David Just,](#)
[Cornell University](#)



[Dawn Thilmany McFadden,](#)
[Colorado State University](#)

Director Candidates



[Tim Beatty,](#)
[University of California,](#)
[Davis](#)



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[The Ohio State University](#)



[Thomas Marsh,](#)
[Washington State University](#)



[Will Masters,](#)
[Tufts University](#)

In order to participate in the 2019 AAEA Executive Board Election and AAEA Section Elections, you must [join AAEA](#) or [renew your membership](#) by May 5, 2019. Log into your AAEA "[My Account](#)." The Election will close **May 15, 2019**.

Housing and Registration are OPEN

2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

About 1,400 participants are expected to attend the [2019 AAEA Annual Meeting](#), which will take place on July 21–23 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in downtown Atlanta.

Annual Meeting registrants will receive a name badge when they arrive and will also have access to all Concurrent Sessions, Plenary Sessions, Poster Receptions, the Welcome Reception on Sunday night, and the Closing Reception on Tuesday night. Tickets for luncheons and Pre-/Post-conference Workshops are not included with the registration cost, but can be purchased separately during registration. [Registration & Travel for the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting](#).

[Atlanta Marriott Marquis](#)

265 Peachtree Center Ave NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

**Mention AAEA Annual Meeting
(888) 789-3090**

[Reserve a room in the AAEA
Room Block online](#)

Single/Double \$199.00
plus (currently) 16.9% tax and
\$5.00 GA Hotel Fee

Registration Fees

Join AAEA or renew your membership to get the discounted registration rate by visiting <http://www.aaea.org/membership>.

Registration Type	Early (Present– May 22)	Advanced (May 23– July 2)	On-Site (July 3 and after)
Professional <i>Member</i>	\$435	\$510	\$585
Professional <i>Non-member</i>	\$585	\$660	\$735
Senior <i>Member</i>	\$325	\$400	\$475
Senior <i>Non-member</i>	\$445	\$520	\$595
Graduate Student <i>Member</i>	\$105	\$140	\$180
Graduate Student <i>Non-member</i>	\$260	\$295	\$340
Guest Registration*	\$60 per guest		

***Guest Registration:** Attendees are encouraged to bring spouses, friends, and family to the Annual Meeting. All such attendees must register as guests in order to participate in meeting activities, at the cost of \$60 per guest. Children under the age of 16 may attend the meeting for free. Guests include any interested party not professionally in the field of agricultural economics or applied economics, or a related discipline. Registered guests will receive a name badge and are invited to attend the Welcome Reception at no additional charge.

**Online
Registration**

**Printed
Registration**

**Register for the 2019 AAEA Employment Center
2019 AAEA Annual Meeting**

AAEA invites and encourages you to register for the [2019 AAEA Annual Meeting Employment Center](#), taking place July 21–23 in Atlanta, GA. This is a great opportunity for employers to connect with potential candidates.

Employers who register may post open positions on the AAEA [Job Board](#), view resumes of applicants who are participating in the Employment Center, and they may also utilize a table in the Annual Meeting Employment Center to conduct in-person interviews with applicants.

Applicant registration is FREE. **Please note: Applicants must be registered for the Annual Meeting in order to participate in the Employment Center.**

For more information, please visit the online [Employment Center](#). If you have any questions please feel free to contact [Sarah Kenner](#). We hope to see you in Atlanta! [Register Online](#).

Call for submissions***AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2020 ASSA Annual Meeting***

President-Elect Keith Coble is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2020 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, January 3–5, 2020.

The objective of AAEA sessions at the ASSA Annual Meeting is to share new knowledge of interest to economists. AAEA encourages sessions that will draw widely from ASSA attendees, including sessions jointly sponsored with other ASSA member associations.

A subcommittee of the AAEA Board will review all proposals. Preference will be given to proposals that:

1. Cover issues of national and international importance,
2. Expand capabilities and tools for economic research,
3. Promise a high-quality collection of papers suitable for publication.

Papers in approved Invited Paper sessions are eligible to be peer reviewed for publication in the proceeding issue of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. Authors will be contacted by the *AJAE* editors with manuscript submission details.

Proposed formats for the 2-hour sessions may include either three papers with one discussant or else four papers with no discussant. All proposals must include a plan for fostering participant interaction.

Proposals should include the session title and paper titles, as well as the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of the session organizer, moderator, paper presenters, and discussants. Proposal text should begin with a short justification of the session, followed by one paragraph abstracts describing the objective and contributions of each paper. The organizer is responsible for ensuring that all individuals identified in the proposal are willing to participate.

All speakers and discussants must be members of AAEA, although the proposal may request a membership waiver under special circumstances. Participants must register for the ASSA meeting.

Please send proposals by **May 30, 2019**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org.

Call for Applications***Editor of Choices Magazine***

The AAEA Board is seeking applications for a co-editor of [Choices Magazine](#) to help further the strategic goals of the publication as a resource for readers interested in the policy and management of agriculture, the food industry, natural resources, rural communities, and the environment. *Choices Magazine* currently reaches over 2,700 non-member subscribers, but there is room to grow.

Seeking Innovative Approaches to *Choices*

As an online-only publication, *Choices Magazine* is well positioned to evolve along with advances in communication channels and tools. As such, the AAEA Board is interested in considering innovative approaches to the development and distribution of content via the *Choices Magazine*.

Applications

Applications should include a narrative describing innovative approaches to the development and distribution of *Choices* content. Additionally, applicants should provide a statement of support from their host institution and a current CV. AAEA will provide a small honorarium and financial assistance for *Choices*-related travel.

Applications should be sent electronically in a single document to Allison Scheetz, at ascheetz@aaea.org by **Wednesday, June 13, 2019**. Third-party nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

Responsibilities

Choices editors are responsible for the development and coordination of all content published in the e-magazine. The editors provide leadership, coordination, and oversight of all aspects of publishing in conjunction with the *Choices* Editorial Council and AAEA Business Office. Once a new editor is selected, the co-editors will divide the editorial responsibilities as appropriate.

Terms and Membership Requirement

Editor terms will be determined at the time of appointment but will not exceed four years. Terms will be staggered in order to smooth the transition of future editors. According to AAEA policies, all editors must maintain current AAEA membership while serving as an editor.

Anti-Harassment and Code of Conduct Policy

AAEA is committed to the fair, ethical treatment of all of its members and all other individuals participating in AAEA activities or activities connected with, or related to, AAEA activities, while providing an atmosphere that promotes a variety of research, teaching and extension/outreach activities.

AAEA has zero tolerance for, and prohibits any type of, discrimination or harassment, including sexual

harassment, either within the organization, at professional meetings, in the field, or anywhere professional activities are conducted under the aegis of the AAEA.

As a registered Annual Meeting attendee, you are agreeing to read and follow [this policy](#).

Call for Applications**Travel Grants for Early Career Professionals and Graduate Students**

The AAEA Trust seeks applications for Early Career Professional and Graduate Student Travel Grants. These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting in Atlanta on July 21–23. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. AAEA Trust Travel Grants (if awarded) are generally not large enough to offset all travel and lodging costs, nor more than half of international travel costs.

Eligibility Requirements

Qualifying applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to be considered for a travel grant:

- Graduate student or Early Career Professional 2019 member of AAEA.
- Actively engaged in agricultural or applied economics fields, such as agribusiness, agricultural, consumer, food, development, environmental, health, marketing, regional, rural, or resource economics.
- Insufficient institutional funding available to make the trip (including from university, department, grant, employer, etc.)
- Paper/poster accepted for presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted through the [online application form](#). You will be asked to submit the following:

- Your name and email address;
- Institution and (if applicable) department at which enrolled/employed. You may indicate “not-yet-employed” if not a current student and without employment – please highlight degree-awarding institution and date awarded;
- Degree program underway (*Graduate Student Applicants*);
- Anticipated graduation date (*Graduate Student Applicants*);
- Professional rank or position (*Early Career Professional Applicants*);
- Number of years at Institution (*Early Career Professional Applicants*);
- Brief summary of research interests (*1000 words or less*);
- Applicant statement (*500 words or less*): description of the anticipated value gained from attending and participating in the Annual Meeting (including paper/poster presentations, awards and/or pre-/post-conference workshops in which you will be involved);
- Proposed travel budget showing costs, funds available from institutional sources, and amount requested;
- A nomination from a department, division head, or supervisor which includes written acknowledgement of the nomination and certification of your financial need, including certification that funding is unavailable from other sources. Self-employed or not-yet-employed applicants may submit a letter supporting the nomination from a colleague or mentor from their degree-granting institution or include a letter stating financial need.

Applications should be submitted by the individual seeking support; however, only two applications from each employing institution will be considered. In the event that more than two applications are submitted from a specific department or division, it will be up to the department head to decide which will be considered. If an applicant is self-employed or not-yet-employed they may seek a letter of support from a colleague or mentor from their degree-awarding institution. Any letter of support for an Early Career Professional not employed or a

student at a degree-awarding institution will not count against the maximum of two nominations from any department or other entity formally nominating other applicants.

Reflecting the Trust's goal of broadening participation in the Annual Meeting, preference may be given to individuals working under institutional circumstances not normally conducive to AAEA meeting attendance.

The deadline for submission is **May 15, 2019**. To apply, please visit

<https://aaea.execinc.com/edibo/TravelGrants2019App>.

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AAEA Annual Meeting International Travel Grants

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Eligibility Requirements

Qualifying applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to be considered for a travel grant:

- Resident of and residing in a country outside the United States.
- 2019 member of AAEA.
- Actively engaged in agricultural or applied economics fields as agribusiness, agricultural, consumer, food, development, environmental, health, marketing, regional, rural, or resource economics.
- Insufficient institutional funding available to make the trip (including university, department, grant, employer, etc.)
- Paper/poster accepted for presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Application Process

Applications must be submitted through the [online application form](#). You will be asked to submit the following:

- Your name and email address;
- Institution and (if applicable) department at which enrolled/employed. You may indicate “not-yet-employed” if not a current student and without employment – please highlight degree-awarding institution and date awarded;
- Degree program underway (*Graduate Student Applicants*);
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2019 Developing Multidisciplinary Leaders Workshop

The purpose of the workshop is to help post-tenure or equivalent professionals progress in their careers. The goal of the workshop is to develop multidisciplinary leaders from the AAEA membership who are grounded in applied economics but who are interested in working across disciplines to lead effective teams of scholars. Research and teaching are the core areas of the workshop.

The workshop will bring in panels of applied economists and non-economists, who have worked with applied economists, to explore opportunities and challenges of fostering multidisciplinary teams. One significant topic for discussion is applying for large, multidisciplinary research grants from USDA, NSF, NIH and foundations. Learn more on the [Developing Multidisciplinary Leaders Workshop](#) webpage.

The teaching component will center on developing multidisciplinary, team-taught courses and extension programs. The sessions will cover pedagogy and collaborative aspects of teaching and extension across disciplines. This component will also use active learning to help members develop courses and/or programs.

Mid-Career Mentoring Workshop to be held at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University.

Targeted Audience: Primary audience is mid-career professionals – both nearly and newly tenured faculty, and individuals with other positions or similar experience, e.g., government agencies.

Registration for this workshop is \$15. To register for this workshop, complete the [Registration Form](#) and return to the AAEA Business Office. Fax to (414) 276-3349 or email to mannen@aaea.org. If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen at (414) 918-3190.

The Hotel Room Block has been secured at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Boston – Downtown. Due to a city-wide event, rooms are in short supply. The group rate is \$276 per night. To book your stay use this link: https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/B/BOSCODT-AAE-20190612/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG



Call for Papers***Applied Economics Teaching Resources***

AETR is a new online open access publication sponsored by the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association for high-end research and scholarship in the areas of teaching, education and extension in the fields of agricultural economics, agribusiness, applied economics and related disciplines.

<https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources>.

AETR is inviting you to submit a paper in 2019 for one of their general issues or for a special issue on Case Studies in Applied Economics.

Special Issue on “Case Studies in Applied Economics”:

The *AETR* is accepting submissions for this special issue that are in all areas of applied economics, agricultural economics and agribusiness. The special issue will be a highlighted section in the second issue of 2019 of *AETR*. Submissions will be accepted for the special issue until **August 1, 2019**. Guidelines for submission of a case study can be found at: <https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources/aetr-manuscript-submission-guidelines>. When submitting a manuscript, please follow the guidelines provided in the link above and indicate in your cover letter that the manuscript is for the special issue.

General Submissions: We are accepting general submissions to the publication as well. *AETR* is seeking additional contributions of:

1. Teaching and Extension education scholarship and research.
2. Classroom and field educational innovation (e.g. classroom games, online teaching tools, Extension applications, experiential learning activities, and other interactive learning innovations).
3. Teaching and education commentaries (e.g. notes on pedagogy, evaluations of teaching effectiveness, and educational methodology).

All submissions will go through a blind peer-review process. There is no charge for submission or publication.

You can submit a manuscript at:

<https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources>.

Author and submission guidelines are available at:

<https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources/aetr-manuscript-submission-guidelines>.

Please email any questions or inquiries to aetr.editor@gmail.com.

AEM/Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition***2019 AAEA Annual Meeting***

The Agribusiness Economics and Management/Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition allows graduate students to test their communication skills and their ability to apply their knowledge of agricultural economics and agribusiness subjects to practical situations. Students competing in the competition will receive a copy of the case study at least two weeks in advance of the AAEA annual meetings.

Competition Rules: Each team should prepare an oral summary of their solution to the case that will last no more than 15 minutes. Presentations lasting over 15 minutes will be penalized. After the presentation, teams should be prepared to answer questions from the judges on their interpretation of the case.

Teams can be comprised of up to three graduate students. Students may either compete as a team from the same school, or may choose to be mixed with students from other schools. If there is only one student from a

school that wants to participate, the student can compete on his/her own or he/she can be matched with other students. In the case of teams that are matched with individuals from different universities, competitors will be notified of their teammates as soon as possible, but no later than the same day the case is announced.

Competition Prizes: The top three teams will receive plaques and cash prizes.

- **First Place:** \$300
- **Second Place:** \$200
- **Third Place:** \$100

Specific Information for the 2019 Case Study Competition: The number of rounds will be determined by the number of teams entered. The final round will be composed of the top 3 teams. In addition to plaques and cash prizes, the three finalist teams will also be recognized during the AAEA Awards Ceremony.

- **Sunday, July 21, 8:00am – 3:00pm:** First Rounds of Competition
- **Monday, July 22, 1:30pm – 4:00pm:** Final Round (if necessary)
- **Monday, July 22, 6:00pm – 7:15pm:** Awards Ceremony

Students participating in the case study competition will need to be registered for the Annual Meeting AND the Case Study Competition.

1. Students should register for the AAEA Annual Meeting through the 2019 Annual Meeting Registration Form which is available online at <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2019-aaea-annual-meeting/registration--travel>.
2. Each team must also complete the [Case Study registration form](#) identifying their teammates and send it to AAEA no later than **June 15 2019**.

Please direct any questions regarding the 2019 AAEA Case Study Competition to Dr. Michael Gunderson (mgunders@purdue.edu) or GSS Section Chair, Logan Britton (logan.britton@okstate.edu).

Undergraduate Student Section:

2019 AAEA Annual Meeting Activities

On behalf of the [Undergraduate Student Section](#) of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, we cordially invite you and your students to attend and participate in the AAEA Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Our section offers a wide variety of professional development opportunities for undergraduate students of agricultural and applied economics:

- Academic Bowl Competition
- Student Paper Competition
- Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition
- Outstanding Chapter Competition
- Creative Club Competition

In addition to the aforementioned competitions, students can interact with representatives of major graduate programs in our profession to discuss MS and PhD programs. Our reception on Sunday night (July 21, 2019) is a great opportunity for your students to meet and forge lifelong friendships with other students from over 20 domestic and several Canadian universities.

On Monday night, immediately following the final round of the Academic Bowl Competition, we recognize and celebrate student accomplishments at the Awards Ceremony. Additionally on Monday night, in our section's business meeting, students have the

opportunity to run for elected student leadership positions within our section.

To encourage participation, the student registration fees are only \$40 per student. As a further incentive to participate, there is a total of \$1,800 in prize money, various award plaques, and of course bragging rights

to be national champions in a given competition. All of the required registration forms, competition rules, and overview of the Undergraduate Student Section may be found at

<http://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea/aaea-annual-meeting>.

Announcing the 2019 Extension Competition for Graduate Students AAEA Atlanta, GA July 21–23, 2019

The AAEA Extension Competition for Graduate Students provides incentives and opportunity to develop extension and outreach programs from their research for an extension (usually noneconomist) audience. Entries can be based upon the graduate student's research for a thesis, dissertation or other academic work. The competition is sponsored jointly by the Extension and Graduate Student Sections.

Who's Eligible?

- Graduate students currently engaged in topics related to agricultural economics, agribusiness, natural resources, and community resource economics.
- Those who graduated from such programs in 2018 or later.
- Participants must identify and work with a mentor with experience in outreach or extension activities.

Competition Application Information

Applications should be addressed to Kate Fuller at kate.fuller@montana.edu and must include:

1. Student's name, university, department, address and contact information.
2. Title of the extension program to be delivered.
3. A summary of the proposed extension program. This should include target audience, delivery plans, communication methods and activities planned for distributing the information to the public such as fact sheets, press releases, reports, web sites, spreadsheets, presentations and training activities (4 page maximum). If the applicant was part of a team, the role of the applicant within the team must be made clear.
4. A profile of the applicant's background and research (1 page maximum).
5. The mentor's name, address and description of the mentor's role in assisting the student with this project.

Submission Deadline

Applications must be submitted electronically no later than **midnight MST on May 31, 2019**.

Finalists at AAEA

Finalists will be selected to make a 15-minute extension/outreach presentation at the [2019 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in Atlanta, GA on Sunday July 21, 2019, to a panel of judges, who will then ask 5 minutes of questions. The competition will begin at 8AM. Selection of the finalists will be based on the material submitted and the criteria listed below. Finalists will be notified by June 15, 2019. The top three finalists are expected to make presentations during an AAEA Extension Track session.

Criteria for Selecting Finalists

Criteria for judging finalists and winners will include:

1. Identification of a target audience.
 - a. An explanation of the issue/problem/opportunity being addressed.
 - b. An explanation on how this target audience was identified.
2. Development of an extension program for the target audience that includes:
 - a. An outline of the goals of the extension program, and a description of how the results will address the issue/problem/opportunity and benefit the target audience.
 - b. A summary and explanation of the main elements of the research results to be included in the extension program.
 - c. A summary or explanation of the program in an extension report, or extension presentation, or other appropriate extension communication media.
3. An explanation of extension team development and responsibilities in terms of program development and delivery should be addressed, if appropriate.
4. Plans for evaluating the effectiveness of the extension program.

Awards

Cash awards will be given to those judged to be the top three graduate students in this competition. Award funding is provided by the AAEE Extension Section through membership dues and via support provided by sponsors. Awards are:

- First Place: \$1,000 and a plaque
- Second Place: \$300 and a certificate
- Third Place: \$200 and a certificate
- Other finalists receive finalist certificates

The top 3 competitors selected will be recognized at the AAEE Awards ceremony. All finalists will be provided tickets to the Extension Luncheon during the 2019 AAEE Annual Meeting.

Submit Entries to:

Dr. Kate Fuller

Competition Committee Chair

Department of Agricultural Economics

Montana State University

Email: kate.fuller@montana.edu

People Section

Auburn University

- New Appointment: **Joshua M. Duke**, Chair and Professor
- Awards: **Ruiqing Miao**, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Emerging Scholar Award; **Max W. Runge**, Southern Risk Management Education and USDA NIFA, Project of Excellence Award (3rd place); **Ali Dawood**, Auburn University Graduate Council, Outstanding Doctoral Student; **Valentina M. Hartarska**, Society of Social Economics, 2019 Warren Samuels Prize for Outstanding Research
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduate: **Senakpon Kokoye**, PhD, Quantitative risk modeler, Bank of the Ozarks

University of California, Davis

- Awards: **Karen del Mar Ortiz Becerra**, UC Davis, Provost Dissertation Year Fellowship in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for the academic year 2019–20; **Stephen Vosti**, UC Davis, 2019 Chancellor's Award for International Engagement
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Mo Alloush**, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, Hamilton College; **Sam Bird**, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, Accounting, and Management, Luther College; **Amanda Lindsay**, PhD, Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics, Accounting, and Management, Luther College; **Jonathan Malacarne**, PhD, Assistant Professor in the School of Economics, University of Maine; **Laura Paul**, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher in Experimental Economics and Agri-Environmental Policy at The Center for Experimental & Applied

Economics, University of Delaware; **Emy Reimao**, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Florida; **Matthieu Stigler**, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher, Stanford University

University of Connecticut

- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Timothy Murray**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Virginia Military Institute; **Pengfei Liu**, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Rhode Island

University of Idaho

- Appointment changes: **Lorie Higgins**, Professor; **Paul Lewin**, Associate Professor with Tenure; **Christopher S. McIntosh**, Department Head
- Positions taken by recent graduates: **Brett Wilder**, MS, Rabo AgriFinance; **Jeremy Rosenman**, MS, Research Associate
- Award: **Christopher S. McIntosh**, WAEA, Fellow

International Food Policy Research Institute

- Appointments: **Malick Dione**, Research Analyst; **Shoumi Mustafa**, Senior Research Coordinator; **Rock Zagre**, Research Analyst; **Haleluya Tesfaye Gebru**, Research Officer; **Dieynab Diatta**, Research Analyst; **James Stevenson**, Senior Research Fellow; **Samyuktha Kannan**, Research Analyst; **Brendan Rice**, Research Analyst; **Shahidur Rashid**, Director for South Asia Office
- Awards: **Kate Ambler**, **Alan de Brauw**, and **Susan Godlonton**, 2018 AARES–Wiley Blackwell Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics Award for Best Paper for their paper, "Measuring Post-harvest losses at the farm level in Malawi."

University of Kentucky

2019

- Awards: **Mike Reed**, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Lifetime Achievement Award; **Tim Woods and Alex Butler**, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Outstanding Extension Program Award; **Ben Martin**, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Outstanding Masters Thesis Award (Major Professor, Tyler Mark)

Purdue University

- New Appointments: **Gerald Shively**, Associate Dean and Director of International Programs in Agriculture; **Luciano Thome e Castro**, Clinical Associate Professor
- Retirement: **Otto C. Doering III**, 47 years of service

University of Missouri

- Awards: **Scott Brown**, LEAD21, Class of 2018–19; **Laura McCann**, Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant, Tunisia, Fall 2019; **Pat Westhoff**, College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Roger L. Mitchell Fellow

Texas Tech University

- Appointment Change: **Adam Martin**, Associate Professor
- Award: **Ryan Blake Williams**, Texas Tech University, Integrated Scholar Award

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Appointment Changes: **Simanti Banerjee**, Associate Professor with Tenure; **Kathleen Brooks**, Associate Professor with Tenure; **Chris Gustafson**, Associate Professor with Tenure; **Cory Walters**, Associate Professor with Tenure

Virginia Tech

- Awards: **Namhoon Kim**, American Council on Consumer Interests, Robert O. Hermann Outstanding Dissertation Award 2019; **Richard Crowder**, Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, Distinguished Alumni of the Corps Award 2019
- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Weizhe Wang**, PhD, Assistant Professor, SUNY Genesee; Grace Grossen, MS, Caroline County 4–H Program Assistant, 4–H
- Visitors: **Eashani Kandpal**, Economist, Development Research Group, Guest Lecturer, April 2019

The Ohio State University

- Awards: **Brian Roe**, The Ohio State University, Outstanding Service to Students Award at the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), Celebration of Students Banquet; **Tyler Morin**, PhD Candidate, Southern Regional Science Association, Graduate Student Paper, Barry M. Moriarty Student Paper Competition Award, 1st Place,

West Virginia University

- Retirement: **Tim Phipps**, 30 Years of Service

Other News

2019 International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to participate the **2019 International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science (ICAFS 2019)** to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during December 8–11, 2019. For more details please visit <https://icafs.apaset.org/2019/>

Organizers

The conference is organized by Asia-Pacific Association of Science, Engineering and Technology in cooperation with multiple academic affiliations.

Previous

Previous ICAFS were successfully held in Istanbul, Turkey (2018) and Lahore, Pakistan (2017).

Topics

It has been designed to provide an innovative and comprehensive overview of agricultural and food science. A focus will be given on: 1. Agronomy, Agriculture and Plant Biotechnology; 2. Animal Biotechnology, Veterinary and Livestock Science; 3. Aquiculture, Fishery and Marine Biotechnology; 4. Forestry Science and Wood Research; 5. Food Science, Nutrition Science and Food Engineering; 6. Agriculture Sustainable, Resources & Environment; 7. Related Engineering, Economic & Management, etc.

Publication

All accepted abstracts will be published in conference abstract book after registration.

Program and Event

The conference will last for two days. After the conference, there will be an academic visit to local institutions.

Venue

Kuala Lumpur, officially the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, or commonly known as KL, is the national capital and largest city in Malaysia.

We look forward to an exciting meeting that promises great scientific debate and enjoyable interaction in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Please also bring this notice to the attention of any of your colleagues who may be interested in participating in the conference ([Download Flyer](#), [Registration Form](#)).

With best regards,

ICAFS 2019 Secretariat

On behalf of the Organizing Committee of ICAFS 2019

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

<https://icafs.apaset.org/2019/>

2019 Richardson - Applebaum Scholarship Award***For Outstanding Graduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing***

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the **2019 Richardson–Applebaum Scholarship Award**, which is awarded annually for outstanding graduate student research in the area of food distribution and marketing. Broadly defined, this area encompasses all economic functions that occur between the farm gate and final consumer.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all graduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system who have completed the degree in 2018 or by May 31, 2019.

Award

- One travel stipend for each of the following categories: best Ph.D. Dissertation

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