

AAEA News

2021 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Travel Intent Feedback

AAEA is planning for a hybrid 2021 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas at the JW Marriott. This will not look like a normal AAEA Annual Meeting. Some key differences:

1. For example, there may be fewer and/or limited attendance social events at the meeting (for example, seated reunions and receptions).
2. In addition, we will adhere to safety policies onsite such as wearing masks and social distancing, even if more stringent than the city hosting our event.
3. All attendees will sign a waiver that they understand the risk of attending an in-person meeting and will not hold the association responsible, should they contract a communicable disease including but not limited to COVID-19.

Answering the 7 question survey will help us provide the best possible experience. The survey takes about 5 minutes to complete.

The safety of our members and attendees is a top priority and we will keep you informed of any updates regarding the meeting.

[Complete the Survey Now](#)

Survey deadline for completion is April 15, 2021

President-Elect Seeks Volunteers for AAEA Committees

Members interested in shaping the future of the AAEA can play an essential role by serving on an association committee. Committee service also offers an excellent opportunity for developing contacts and increasing professional networking.

Khanna will make appointments to the following 2021-2022 committees by June 2021:

- AAEA Trust
- Awards
- Case Study Invited Paper
- Economics, Statistics & Information Resources
- Employment Services
- Fellows Selection
- Finance
- Galbraith Forum and Award
- Membership
- Mentoring
- Nominating
- Selected Presentations



- T.W. Schultz Lecture

For information about these committees and a list of their current members, please visit <http://www.aaea.org/about-aaea/aaea-committees>.

Any AAEA member interested and willing to serve on a committee should contact Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190 by **May 3, 2021**.

2021 AAEA Travel Grants

2021 Travel Grants are now open for applications. These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2021 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, August 1-3, 2021. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. There are Travel Grants for both International and Domestic travel.

The deadline for the 2021 Travel Grants is **May 20, 2021**, applications will be available soon. Notifications will be sent in June.

- [Domestic Applications](#)
 - [International Applications](#)
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AEPP Working Collection of Articles on COVID-19

These articles will appear in an upcoming special issue on COVID-19. Articles will be added to the collection as they publish online ahead of the special issue publication in early 2021.

View the collection here: [https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/\(ISSN\)2040-5804.special-collection-on-covid-19](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/(ISSN)2040-5804.special-collection-on-covid-19)

Call for Papers

Special Issue, "Agricultural and Applied Economics and Inequity and Discrimination Faced by African Americans in the United States"

Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy

The editors of AEPP invite authors to submit articles for a special issue on inequities and discrimination faced by African Americans in the United States related to topics within agricultural and applied economics. AEPP publishes research related to agriculture; animal, plant, and human health; energy; environment; food and consumer behavior; international development; natural hazards, natural resources; population and migration; and regional and rural development. In this Special Issue, we are particularly interested in the intersection of these topics with inequities and discrimination faced by African Americans. Possible topics for papers in this issue include, but are not limited to:

1. Implications of the Pigford v. Glickman suit and related cases on Black farmer land loss
2. Funding differences in experiment stations and extension systems between 1862 and 1890 institutions and impacts on African American outcomes related to food and agriculture
3. Evaluation of differences in intergenerational mobility of African American students between 1890 and 1862 institutions
4. Implications of agricultural land loss on present-day wealth and wealth-related disparities
5. Racial disparities, property values, and Black and white farmers in rural America

6. Disparities in federal and state funding at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions. Specifically, inequality in the distribution of funding support for research, teaching, and 4-H programs at 1890 institutions
7. Disparities by race in human capital development, income inequality, family/community resiliency, or disaster preparedness and their impacts on population and migration and/or rural and regional development, with a particular focus on the African American experience
8. Disparities by race in food security, with a particular focus on the African American experience
9. Black farmers' access to financial capital
10. Examination of alternative farm policy frameworks that continue systemic racism with government support and emergency payments. Black farmer participation levels in local food systems could be assessed in this context.

If you are interested in contributing to the special issue, please submit your paper to our online submission system by **January 16, 2022**. General instructions for submitting to AEPP can be found here. Please select that you are submitting to the Agricultural and Applied Economics and Inequity and Discrimination Faced by African Americans in the United States special issue when selecting submission type.

Composition of the Issue

1. Invited versus Open Call: The issue will contain a mix of invited papers and papers received in response to this open call.
2. Perspectives versus Original Research Papers: We are interested in publishing both perspectives articles and original research articles in this special issue.
3. Timeline: Journal submission deadline: **January 16, 2022**

Communication

Questions about the special issue including questions related to fit of potential submissions can be directed to Mindy Mallory (mlmallor@purdue.edu).

Additional Information

Certainly, African Americans in the United States are not the only group to face inequities and discrimination related to topics in agricultural and applied economics. Future special issues will be organized around inequities and discrimination faced by other groups.

Call for Papers

Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR)

Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR) is an online, open access, and peer-reviewed professional publication series. The aim is to provide an inclusive outlet for research, teaching and Extension education scholarship encompassing but not limited to research articles, case studies, classroom games, commentaries, experiential learning, and pedagogy. The goal is to support and advance teaching and Extension education within the scholarly areas of agricultural and applied economics, and agribusiness economics and management. AETR seeks to publish articles that are diverse in both scope and authorship. It serves as a platform for addressing and contributing to our understanding of important societal issues, including inequality and discrimination, as well as how shifts in pedagogy (e.g., growing reliance on remote and hybrid learning modalities) may impact accessibility and inclusion.

AETR encourages submissions on a wide variety of topics, including social inequality and discrimination; remote learning; hybrid learning; curriculum development; teaching innovations; classroom games; and case studies. Guidelines for submission can be found at: <https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources/aetr-manuscript-submission-guidelines>. All submissions will go through a blind peer-review process with no charge for submission or publication. You can directly submit a manuscript at: <https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources>.

Please email if you have any questions or inquiries; send to aetr.editor@gmail.com. We look forward to your submission!

Call for Papers

Special Issue, “Fostering Diversity and Inclusion in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics Classrooms and Departments”

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources is calling for manuscripts on teaching methods, curriculum development, and programs to foster diversity and inclusion in agribusiness and agricultural economics classrooms and departments. Across the academy, researchers have documented the adverse effects of racial and economic inequality, gender discrimination, stereotype enforcement, and social polarization on university students in the United States. Less has been documented about these issues within agribusiness management, agricultural economics, and related undergraduate and graduate university programs. The goal of this special issue is to further our understanding of educational inequalities for students of different economic, racial, sexual, and cultural backgrounds. Further, we seek articles that report on classroom, department, college, or multi-institutional programs designed to foster and support students from diverse backgrounds.

The special issue will highlight instructor, department, and college-level programs and policies which have resulted in improvements or exacerbated challenges in enhancing the learning experience and outcomes for underserved and under-represented graduate or undergraduate students. The issue will inform faculty and administrators approaches to creating a safe and caring space for inclusive student learning. Authors may also report on lasting impacts of programmatic shortcomings or innovations on minority students, alumni, faculty, and the profession. We encourage research that implements the collective trauma recovery framework, weaver-leader framework, active and learner-centered pedagogy, traditional and remote classroom environments, and personal or group narratives. We welcome research papers, methods papers, case studies, or commentaries. Authors may employ qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods approaches in researching both shortcomings and successes of programs.

Special Issue Editors: Dr. Mariah Ehmke, University of Wyoming (mariah.ehmke@uwyo.edu), and Dr. Kenrett Jefferson Moore, North Carolina A & T University (jykenret@ncat.edu).

Submissions will be accepted for the special issue through **December 31, 2021**. We encourage submissions sooner to be able to help readers benefit from accepted submission. All articles will go through a double-blind peer review process and be available online via Advanced Access for readers once accepted.

Manuscript submissions can be made on the AETR submission page at: <https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources>. Please read and follow submission guidelines. When submitting the manuscript, make sure to select the “Special Issue” option

upon submission. If you have any questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors. Questions about the review process and submission to AETR can be made to editor at aetr.editor@gmail.com.

**Help Support the Economics Labor Market with Quality Data:
The O*NET Data Collection Program and AAEA members**

The O*NET Data Collection Program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, is seeking the input of expert Economists on our own job market characteristics. As the nation's most comprehensive source of occupational data, O*NET is a public resource for millions of job seekers, employers, veterans, educators, and students at www.onetonline.org.

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association encourages you to volunteer to complete and return the O*NET questionnaires. Please be assured that your decision regarding participation in O*NET will not impact your standing with our organization and is completely voluntary... The AAEA leadership encourages you to participate so that there is accurate and rich information available about our sector.

You are considered an Expert Economist if you meet any of the following criteria:

- Conduct research, prepare reports, or formulate plans to address economic problems related to the production and distribution of goods and services or monetary and fiscal policy. May collect and process economic and statistical data using sampling techniques and econometric methods.
- You are currently active in the occupation (practicing, supervising, teaching and/or training) and based in the U.S.
- You have at least 5 years of experience with the occupation. (Includes those who are now supervising, training, or teaching IF you have at least one year of practice during your career)

How to Participate

If you meet these criteria and are interested in participating, please contact Matt Robinson at RTI International, the O*NET data collection contractor, at mrobinson@onet.rti.org or 919-926-6617.

Please provide the following:

- Full Name
- Company Name and Title
- Daytime Phone Number
- Email Address
- Address with City and State

Process and Participation Incentive:

A random sample of experts responding to this request will be invited to complete a set of questionnaires. Experts who are selected and agree to participate will receive \$40.00 and an oak-framed certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Department of Labor.

2021 AAEA Mentoring Research Workshop

[Post-Conference Workshop \(PC54\)](#)

August 4-5, 2021

Austin JW Marriott

See below schedule for times each day

Registration fee: \$40, You must apply to participate in this workshop

Space is limited

The objective of this workshop is mentor junior faculty (less than 5 years) to transition to agricultural and applied economic departments by providing an orientation to expectations for research, teaching and outreach and develop effective strategies for success. The workshop will focus on constructively criticizing research in progress. Mentoring will include networking, information about the profession, and discussion of current research trends and topic areas.

Mentees will be divided into small groups assigned to one or more mentors. Small group sessions will involve short research presentation by each mentee followed by feedback on their research by the group.

To apply for this workshop, submit a 250 word description of motivations for participating and desires for learning outcomes via email to mannen@aaea.org. If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen at 414-918-3190.

Mentors (subject to change)

- Titus Awokuse, *Michigan State University*
- Stephen Devadoss, *Texas Tech University*
- Deacue Fields, *University of Arkansas*
- Madhu Khanna, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign* (organizer)
- Jayson Lusk, *Purdue University*
- Jill McCluskey, *Washington State University*
- Rudy Nayga, *University of Arkansas* (organizer)
- Junjie Wu, *Oregon State University*
- David Zilberman, *University of California, Berkeley* (organizer)
- Julie Caswell, *University of Massachusetts Amherst*
- Robbin Shoemaker, *Retired NIFA*

INITIAL AGENDA	
Wednesday, August 4	
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration/Check-in and Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Welcome
9:15 am – 10:15 am	General Session 1 – Orientation to an Agricultural and Applied Economics Department: Research, Teaching and Outreach Expectations
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	Small Group Sessions – will involve presentations by mentees about their working papers and feedback from mentors and other participants
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	General Session 2 – How to Develop an Effective Research Program in an Ag and Applied Economics Department: Strategies for Making an Effective Transition, Publication, and Tenure

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Small Group Sessions – will involve presentations by mentees about their working papers and feedback from mentors and other participants
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Networking, Mentors meet with their mentees
6:30 pm	<i>Dinner</i>
Thursday, August 5	
7:00 am – 8:00 am	<i>Breakfast</i>
8:00 am – 9:00 am	General Session 3 – Big Research Questions in Agricultural and Applied Economics by field that can attract Grant Funding
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Small Group Sessions – will involve presentations by mentees about their working papers and feedback from mentors and other participants
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Concluding Session: Wrap-up on Key Takeaways

Call for Applications

The Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics (CWAE) and the Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics (COSBAE) are pleased to announce our new mentoring program, Building the Pipeline. Upper-level undergraduate students from under-represented minorities, as well as female-identifying and non-binary individuals, with a strong interest in graduate education in applied and/or agricultural economics are invited to apply. Applications from 1890 and 1994 land grant institutions are particularly encouraged. For additional eligibility and application information, click [here](#).

International Section's Best Publication Presentation on an International Topic Award

2020: "[Can insurance alter poverty dynamics and reduce the cost of social protection in developing countries?](#)"

written by: Sarah A. Janzen, Michael Carter and Munenubo Ikegami

Honorable mention: "[Global food waste across the income spectrum: Implications for food prices, production and resource us](#)," written by Emiliano Lopez Berrera and Thomas Hertel

FSN and FAMPS Post-conference Workshop

We are planning a post-conference workshop on data linking. Please take this 15-minute survey to help us tailor the program specifically to the needs of its participants, and be entered to win a \$50 gift card. Multiple gift cards are available. Click [here for the survey link](#).

Here are some additional details about the workshop:

Applied economists are at the forefront of evidence-based policymaking, which is more essential than ever given many concurrent challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic, the recession, inequality, and climate change. One of the best ways to tackle these immense policymaking challenges is through the strategic use of quantitative and qualitative data. However, the technical and logistical skills needed to leverage the data revolution may be a barrier for many applied economists, even when contextual, econometric, and disciplinary knowledge is already present. Applied economists now have access to more data than ever before, but often a complete analysis requires the knowledge, use, and integration of multiple datasets and there are few resources available to help train applied economists in using available data.

Your participation in this survey is critical. The results of the survey will be used to tailor the programming of a post-conference workshop aimed at filling this training gap, specifically to the needs of its participants. The post-conference workshop is titled: "Evidence-Based Policymaking for Applied Economists," and is co-sponsored by the Food and Agricultural Marketing and Policy (FAMPS) and the Food Safety and Nutrition (FSN) sections of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA). More information is available at <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2021-aaea-annual-meeting/events/ticketed-events/pre--and-post-conference-workshops>

The Meatless Revolution: A Panel with Industry Experts

When: April 28, 2021 12:00 PM Arizona

Topic: The Meatless Revolution: A Panel with Industry Experts

Description: The controversy surrounding plant-based vs. lab-grown vs. the traditional meat sector has many wondering how the food system will evolve in this new choice landscape. This symposium brings together both sides of the conversation – the alternative and the traditional meat sectors – to discuss the meatless craze that has swept the nation and the broader implications for the food system. For more information, please visit <https://research.wpcarey.asu.edu/fab-lab/event/famps-meatless/>

This will be a guided Q&A session with questions that have been curated directly from our members.

- How is the traditional meat industry responding to the increasing demand for plant-based alternatives? Can you characterize the threat of plant-based/meat alternatives to the traditional sector?
- How are plant-based meat companies currently marketing their products to a diverse set of consumers that range from "meat lovers" to plant-product "experimenters" to those who are already "veggie lovers," vegetarian, or vegan? For the traditional meat sector, has this been effective from your perspective?
- As the popularity of plant-based meat grows, what labeling issues might emerge in this sector? Meat alternatives have been around for a long time, but as demand increases for plant-based alternatives, how might things change?
- Given the advancements in feed technology solutions (e.g., feeding seaweed to cows to reduce methane emissions), what is the traditional meat sector doing to meet the environmental concerns of production?
- What are the lasting impacts of COVID-19 on the meat industry? In what ways do the impacts of COVID-19 differ for the traditional meat sector and meat alternative sector? In what ways do they differ between foodservice and food retail?

We will conclude the Webinar with an audience Q&A. Attendance is limited, so please register in advance. We will make a recording of the Webinar available to all members following the event.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://asu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wYTzbn-nTegc3He4RgDEDQ

If you had already registered for the originally scheduled event, your registration will carry over

Meeting ID: 831 2635 5760

Passcode: 333067

SIP: 83126355760@zoomcrc.com

Passcode: 333067

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

NEW SPF – Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Fund for Women

AAEA is very excited to announce the creation of the new Special Purpose Fund the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Fund for Women. This fellowship supports a mentorship relationship between an early career woman agricultural, resource and environmental economist from low income and lower–middle income countries, and a mentor who is a member of the AAEA. More details are available on our [website](#). Donations to this fund are currently being matched 1:2, so [donate now!](#)

People Section

USDA Economic Research Service

- New Appointments: **Angel Teran–Ramos**, Agricultural Economist, Animal Products & Cost Of Production Branch, Market Trade and Economic Division; **Adriana Valcu–Lisman**, Agricultural Economist, Animal Products & Cost Of Production Branch, Market Trade and Economic Division; **Saleem Shaik**, Supervisory Agricultural Economist, Agricultural & Policy Models Branch, Market Trade and Economic Division; **J. Todd Hubbs**, Agricultural Economist, Crops Branch, Market Trade and Economic Division; **Candice Wilson**, Agricultural Economist, Crops Branch, Market Trade and Economic Division; **Eric Davis**, Research Agricultural Economist, International Trade & Development Branch, Market Trade and Economic Division; **Shida Henneberry**, Supervisory Agricultural Economist, International Trade & Development Branch, Market Trade and Economic Division; **Michael Johnson**, Research Agricultural Economist, International Trade & Development Branch, Market Trade and Economic Division; **Stephen Morgan**, Agricultural Economist, International Trade & Development Branch, Market Trade and Economic Division; **Xuan Pham**, Agricultural Economist, Office of Director in Market Trade and Economic Division; **Debra Rubas**, Deputy Director for Research & Communications, Food Economics Division; **Quinton Baker**, Research Agricultural Economist, Food Markets Branch, Food Economics Division; **Guijing Wang**, Branch Chief, Diet, Safety, & Health Economics Branch, Food Economics Division; **Clark Lundberg**, Research Agricultural Economist, Conservation and Environment Branch, Resource & Rural Economics Division; **Karen Maguire**, Research Agricultural Economist, Conservation and Environment Branch, Resource & Rural Economics Division; **Clayton Michaud**, Research Agricultural Economist, Farm Economy Branch, Resource & Rural Economics Division; **James Burnett**, Research Agricultural Economist, Conservation and Environment Branch, Resource & Rural Economics Division; **Brent Hueth**, Supervisory Ag Economist, Structure, Technology & Productivity Branch, Resource & Rural Economics Division; **David Donaldson**, Supervisory Ag Economist, Conservation and Environment Branch, Resource & Rural Economics Division
- Appointments Changes: **Timothy Park**, Supervisory Ag Economist, Office of the Director, Food Economics Division; **Jennifer Bond**, Supervisory Ag Economist, Deputy Director for Outlook & Staff Analysis, Market Trade and Economic Division

University of Georgia

- Award: **Cesar L. Escalante**, Fulbright Global Scholar Award (American Studies Lecturing Program), 2021–2022

- Leave: **Cesar L. Escalante**, Yokohama National University and Tokai University, Tokyo, Japan, September 2021–July 2022

International Food Policy Research Institute

- New appointment: **Anita Christopher**, Research Analyst; **Laura Leavens**, Research Analyst; **Rahema Obaid**, Research Analyst; **Shoumi Mustafa**, Senior Research Coordinator; **Soyra Gune**, Research Analyst; **Tehseen Qureshi**, Research Analyst
- Honorary Position: **Suresh Babu**, member of the Strategic Studies Group, African Capacity Building Foundation, Harare, Zimbabwe
- Award: **Jemimah Njuki**, 100 Most Influential People in Gender Policy 2021, Apolitical

University of Maryland

- New Appointment: **Mamidipudi R. Sharan**, Assistant Professor

University of Missouri

- Awards: **Jamille Palacios Rivera**, University of Missouri, Huddle Professional Development Award; **Jaime Luke**, University of Missouri, Mizzou 18 Award; **No-Ya Yu**, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Winner of "Three Minute Thesis" Competition
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Jason Entsminger**, PhD, Assistant Research Professor, Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development; **Caleb Robertson**, MS, Instructor of Agriculture, College of the Ozarks

Mississippi State University

- New appointments: **James Corey Miller**, State Economist, Mississippi

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Appointment Change: **Taro Mieno**, Associate Professor with Tenure
- Awards: **Taro Mieno**, University of Nebraska, Agricultural Research Division Junior Faculty for Excellence in Research Award; **Kathleen Brooks**, University of Nebraska, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Distinguished Teaching Award; **Elliott Dennis**, University of Nebraska, Holling Family Early Achievement Faculty Award

Pennsylvania State University

- Retirement: **James S. Shortle**, Penn State, 39 years of service

Texas A&M University

- New Positions: **Rodolfo M. Nayga, Jr.**, Department Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M Agriculture and Life Sciences; **Bart Fischer**, Senior Advisor for Federal Relations, Expanded Role in the Vice Chancellor's Office, Texas A&M AgriLife Research, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Washington State University

- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Yenjae Chang**, Ph.D., Research Fellow, Korea Energy Economics Institute; **Alexander Kappes**, Ph.D., Post-doctoral researcher, Global Health Group, Washington State University; **Ashutosh Kumar**, Ph.D., Post-doctoral researcher, Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); **Jugal Marfatia**, Ph.D., Data Scientist, Facebook; **Chelsea Pardini**, Ph.D., Post-doctoral researcher,

New York University; **Joseph Patten**, Ph.D. Data Scientist, Capital One; **Nicolas Potter**, Ph.D. ERS, USDA; **Joshua Tibbitts**, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, BYU-Idaho

- Honorary Positions: **Jill McCluskey**, Editor, AJAE

Obituary

George W. Morse

1943-2021

George W. Morse, 77, of Cape Elizabeth, ME died March 28, 2021. Born in Rumford, ME on May 5, 1943, the son of Frank and Elaine Morse. George married Elizabeth on June 5, 1965. George graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from University of Maine, a Master's Degree from Purdue University and a PhD from the University of Wisconsin in Applied Economics. George was a professor at The Ohio State University from 1977-1989 residing in Athens, Ohio and then Worthington, Ohio. In 1989, George moved to Minnesota and was a professor at the University of Minnesota until his retirement in 2007. George and Elizabeth retired to Maine on the coast which had always been their dream. In retirement, George never slowed down. He was an active member of his community. He was president of the Thomas Memorial Library Foundation in Cape Elizabeth which he was very passionate about.



George loved his profession and continued to mentor and encourage everyone he had worked with over his long and enjoyable career. Even though he had retired, he really loved hearing from all of his former colleagues over the years and followed their successes with great enjoyment.

George was an avid gardener and took great joy in planning and creating his garden each year. He loved anything outdoors. He loved spending time at their cabin and was an amazing family man.

George and Liz loved to travel and spent their retirement traveling all over the world. Some of his favorite places he traveled to were Australia, New Zealand, Spain, France, Norway, Sweden and many, many more. He loved to visit his friends and family especially his children and grandchildren who are scattered across the country. George was a favorite uncle to all of his many nieces and nephews and loved visiting with them.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Elizabeth; two sons, Ryan Morse, Bradford Morse (Julie), and his daughter, Pamela Gutmore (Josh); three grandchildren, Cade Gutmore, Nate Morse, and Lily Morse; two brothers, Ken Morse (Nikki Millonzi), Peter Morse (Jane); sister, Dianne Morse Leonard (Del); brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Les and Charlotte Bosworth, Sister-in-law, Margaret Miller, many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; Frank and Elaine Morse and his brother, Frank (Chipper) Morse.

Government Relations & Washington Update

April 2021

Biden FY 2022 Budget Proposal Further Delayed

During the last week of March, officials from the Biden Administration reported that the President's discretionary funding request for fiscal year 2022 will be "coming soon". It was expected that it would be released during before the end of March but has been further delayed as the Administration works to finalize the proposal. It is expected that the Administration's submission will only focus on discretionary funding, including proposed funding levels for federal agencies, but not be a full budget request. The release will enable the Biden Administration to highlight its priority areas for spending as Congressional committees begin the annual appropriations process. It is worth noting that the fiscal year 2022 process will not be subject to statutory spending caps, as has been the case in recent years.

A full budget proposal will be issued sometime in the spring, with some sources predicting the details to be provided in May. This approach is typical in the first year of an administration after a Presidential election.

Congress Details Return of Earmarks

On February 26th, Rosa DeLauro, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee [announced](#) the return of Congressional earmarks starting in fiscal year 2022. While Democratic leaders have been expressing support for bringing back earmarks, there was some question about whether Republicans would follow suit. However, on March 17th the House Republican Conference voted to approve the policy, paving the way for bipartisan participation in the new earmarking process.

Under the reformed policy, Congressional directed funding will be termed "Community Project Funding". In response to previous criticisms of earmarks, the committee has outlined several changes to the process. In order to improve transparency and accountability, all requests must be submitted online with lists of funded projects available to the public the same day as subcommittee consideration of an appropriations bill. Members can request up to 10 projects, although there is no guarantee how many will be funded. Members must certify that they have no financial interest in the project and demonstrate strong community support for the initiative.

Projects can only go to State or local governmental grantees and eligible non-profits. For-profit entities cannot receive Community Project Funding. Overall spending for Community Project Funding will be limited to no more than 1 percent of total discretionary spending. More details on the Community Project Funding rules can be found [here](#).

AAEA Supports NCFAR Briefing on ERS and NASS

The National Coalition for Food and Agriculture Research (NCFAR), of which AAEA is a member, recently hosted a series of Congressional briefings highlighting USDA's Research, Education and Economics Mission Area. The first two webinars focused on the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) and the Agricultural Research Service (ARS). The final webinar in this series focused on the USDA's [Economic Research Service \(ERS\)](#) and the [National Agricultural Statistics Service \(NASS\)](#). Speakers for the final webinar included Spiro Stefanou, ERS Administrator; Hubert Hamer, NASS Administrator; and Barb Glenn, NASDA CEO. Lowell Randel, AAEA's Washington Representative, assisted in the development of the webinar and moderated the Q&A session at the end of the event. More information about the NCFAR food & ag research seminar series can be found at [Lunch~N~Learn](#).

APLU Releases Report on Infrastructure Needs

On March 4th, the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) released a [report](#) on the current state of agricultural research infrastructure. The study identifies a total of \$11.5 billion in needed repairs and renovations at the buildings and supporting facilities at schools of agriculture authorized to receive U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) research funding. The study notes that 69 percent of the buildings across 97 land-grant universities are more than 25 years old and require urgent upgrades to remain safe and useful. Without action, the declining state of these facilities threatens to hinder critical research on food safety and security, natural resources, climate change, and other key matters.

The report concludes by asserting that catching up and keeping up the U.S. food and agricultural research infrastructure at colleges and schools of agriculture around the country will require federal investment and planning. The release of the report is very timely, as the Biden Administration and Congress consider additional investments and programs to support the nation's infrastructure.

AAEA at ASSA

Call for Submissions

AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2022 ASSA Annual Meeting

President-Elect Madhu Khanna is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2022 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, January 7-9, 2022.

The objective of AAEA sessions at the ASSA Annual Meeting is to share new knowledge of interest to economists. The 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 proceedings issue of the *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policies*. Authors will be contacted by the *AEPP* 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 e-mail 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 26, 2021**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org.

AAEA Sessions at ASSA 2021 Available on YouTube

Sunday, January 3

[The COVID-19 Pandemic: Insights from Agricultural Economists](#) (A1)

Chair: Craig Gundersen, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

[View the recording of this session on YouTube](#)

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Farm Foundation Agricultural Economics Fellowship Call for Applications

New for 2021, Farm Foundation is pleased to offer the opportunity for an outstanding early-career agricultural economist to join our team for one year as our first Agricultural Economics Fellow.

About the Fellowship

The Agricultural Economics Fellowship is a new program designed to nurture emerging leaders, and will provide a post-Ph.D. agricultural economist with a unique yearlong opportunity to be mentored and mentor, provide thought leadership through publications and speaking appearances, expand their network, manage high-visibility projects and elevate their stature and reputation in the food and agricultural sectors.

Expectations and Opportunities for the Agricultural Economics Fellow

- Participate and engage in Farm Foundation programs or events (e.g., attend or participate in relevant conferences)
- Produce several short written pieces (such as blog posts)
- Write at least one issue paper on sustainable agricultural production, which may cover topics including but not limited to animal or crop production, regenerative agriculture, climate and/or carbon-related issues such as knowledge gaps related to carbon sequestration and GHG mitigation options
- Attend the Farm Foundation Round Table meetings in June 2021 (virtual) and January 2022 (tentatively planned for Delray Beach, Florida)

- Network and be mentored by staff in USDA's Office of the Chief Economist, with at least six meetings anticipated
- Mentor and meet with participants in the Farm Foundation and USDA Economic Research Service [Ag Scholars](#) program on a recurring basis
- Mentor and meet with other participants in Farm Foundation's suite of next generation programs as time and opportunities allow

Program Term and Stipend

The Agricultural Economics Fellowship is a 12-month, part-time engagement from May 2021 through April 2022. The selected Ag Econ Fellow will earn a \$35,000 stipend, payable based upon meeting agreed-upon deliverables, as well as a \$5,000 allowance for travel, supplies and technology support. All work, with the exception of potential travel, can be completed remotely; relocation is not required.

Who Should Apply

Qualified applicants must have earned a Ph.D. in agricultural economics or a related field and be practicing in the field, either as a faculty member or in another public or private role. We are especially interested in applicants with research interest or experience in sustainable agricultural production and trade.

Application Process

Applications are due **April 9, 2021** and can be submitted at the link below. Applicants can self-nominate or be nominated by a colleague or mentor. Applications must include:

- Name of nominator (if applicable)
- Applicant name, institution, title/rank, e-mail and phone
- Name, title and e-mail for one academic reference
- CV and cover letter submitted as attachments, detailing the applicant's commitment and availability to participate in the program, research interest and experience in sustainable ag production and trade, and a proposal for how the applicant might shape the program (e.g., topics or approach for blog posts, ideas for workshops or other program activities)

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