

AAEA News

Call for Participation:

AEM/Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition

The AEM/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 [2017 AAEA Annual Meeting](#).

AEM/GSS Case Study 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 more than 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 their 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.

AEM/GSS Case Study 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 2017 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 three teams. In addition to plaques and cash prizes, the three finalist teams will also be recognized during the AAEA Awards Ceremony.

- Sunday, July 30, 8:00am – 3:00pm: First Rounds of Competition
- Monday, July 31, 1:30pm – 4:00pm: Final Round (if necessary)
- Monday, July 31, 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 2017 Annual Meeting Registration Form which is available online at <http://www.aaea.org/meetings/2017-aaea-annual-meeting>
2. Each team must also complete the Case Study registration form identifying

teammates and send it to AAEA no later than **June 12, 2017**.

Please direct any questions regarding the 2017 AAEA Case Study Competition to Dr. Lia Nogueira-Rodriguez (lia.nogueira@unl.edu) or GSS Section Chair, Aaron Ates (aaron.ates@okstate.edu).

Grant Writing by Early Career Professionals

“Money Talks” Hear first-hand what donors think is most important in proposal preparation

Pre-conference Workshop

Saturday, July 29, 2017

7:30 am – 2:00 pm

Registration opens at 7:00 am

Cost: \$66

Grants available for first 20 participants through funding from the AAEA Trust

This workshop aims to strengthen the core grant writing skills of early career professionals, offering the opportunity to learn more about the perspectives of major funding organizations by engaging directly with donor representatives. The event will also facilitate networking among young early career professionals.

Panelists:

- Tom Baerwald, *National Science Foundation*
- Caron Gala, *Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics*
- Mariana Kim, *Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*
- James Oehmke, *U.S. Agency for International Development*
- Robbin Shoemaker, *National Institute of Food and Agriculture*

Intended Audience: AAEA Early Career Professional members, including students and recent graduates (within four years of PhD completion).

This workshop is co-sponsored by the International, Senior and Africa Sections of AAEA and C-FARE, with generous support from the AAEA trust. Grants available for first 20 participants through funding from the AAEA Trust.

Workshop Stipends

Thanks to the AAEA Trust we are able to provide a number of graduate students and young professionals with \$200 travel stipends!

To apply, submit one paragraph (no more than 200 words) explaining why you should be considered for the stipend to Carola Grebitus: carola.grebitus@asu.edu; Subject: “EXECON 2017 Post-Conference Workshop.” Deadline for submissions is May 30, 2017. Please note: in order to be eligible for a stipend you must be registered for and attend the full workshop. The stipend will be sent after the workshop.

2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago: Hotel & Registration



AAEA invites you to take part in our [2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago](#), July 30 – August 1, 2017. Our meeting will take place at the [Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile](#), located in the heart of the Windy City. Surrounded by the best theatres, shopping, dining and entertainment around, this is an ideal location. This is an event you are not going to want to miss. Make sure to [register now](#) as rates will increase.

Registration Rates:

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

AAEA Room Rates:

- Single: \$195.00
- Double: \$195.00

Guest Rooms Include: Internet at \$1.00 per day, access to 9,000 sq. ft. fitness center, trendy Chicago hotel rooms featuring clean lines with chic, comfortable bedding and furnishings, spacious yet stylish hotel rooms & suites feature HD flat screen TVs and ergonomic furnishings, and experience spectacular downtown city and lake views from your Magnificent Mile accommodation.

AAEA encourages attendees to make hotel room reservations early to avoid sold out rooms. Book your room at the Chicago Marriott Magnificent Mile through [online reservations](#) or by calling (877) 303-0104 and mentioning the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting.

2017 Travel Grants: The grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago, on July 30 – August 1. The amount of the travel grant awarded

Registration is now OPEN

Registration Type	Early (Before & on June 7)	Advanced (June 8– July 5)	On-Site (July 6 and after)
Professional Member	\$415	\$490	\$565
Professional Non-member	\$565	\$640	\$715
Senior Member	\$305	\$380	\$455
Senior Non-member	\$425	\$500	\$575
Graduate Student Member	\$105	\$140	\$180
Graduate Student Non-member	\$240	\$275	\$320
Guest Registration*	\$55 per guest	\$55 per guest	\$55 per guest

*Guests include any interested party not professionally in the fields of agricultural or applied economics, or a related discipline. Guest fees include the welcome reception, plenary sessions, and all concurrent sessions (Guests under the age of 16 are free, and don't need to register).

Cancellations of meeting registrations are subject to a \$50 processing fee. After July 6, no refunds will be given for meeting registrations or special event tickets. To cancel your Annual Meeting registration and/or special event tickets, contact the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190 or info@aaea.org.

will depend on the number of applications received. There are Travel Grants for both International and Domestic attendees. Click below to learn more.

- [2017 Calls for Applications: Travel Grants Domestic](#)
- [2017 Calls for Applications: Travel Grants International](#)

2017 AAEA Fellow:

Mario Miranda



Mario Miranda is Professor of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics at The Ohio State University. Miranda's professional record exhibits a rare balance of path-breaking academic research, high-quality applied research, and

innovative classroom teaching. Miranda's outstanding reputation and leadership role in the area of quantitative policy and agricultural risk analysis are well established among academic, professional, and government circles.

Miranda's research has focused on the modeling of stochastic dynamical systems in economics with application to international economic development, agricultural finance, agricultural risk management and insurance, agricultural and environmental policy, food security, commodity pricing, and industrial organization. His research has produced one book, which has been adopted by seven of the top ten ranked doctoral programs in Economics in the world, over 60 peer-reviewed articles, two of which are among the three most frequently cited articles in the field of "agricultural insurance", and several computational modeling and risk management software packages. He has also won numerous university research and teaching awards

and has advised eighteen PhD students to completion, two of whom won the Applied and Agricultural Economics Association Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award and one who received honorable mention.

Professor Miranda served seven years as Director of Graduate Programs in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics at The Ohio State University, internationally ranked among the top programs in its fields. Miranda has served as an Associate Editor of the Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, the American Journal of Agricultural Economics, and Computational Economics. He has also served as a consultant to the World Bank, U.S. Agency for International Development, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Chicago Board of Trade, numerous private corporations, and several branches of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, including the Economic Research Service, Risk Management Agency, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Chief Economist. He has acquired extensive international experience, having worked on major research projects or taught graduate-level courses in Bolivia, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ghana, Honduras, Italy, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua, Peru, South Africa, and Tanzania. Miranda holds a dual PhD in Economics and Industrial Engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.



2017 AAEA Early Career Professionals Workshop Information

Who: This Workshop is for Early Career Professionals currently in a position in the academic or government fields. Topics include: teaching, service: learning when to say "NO", grant writing and project management, work-life balance, research and publishing, extension and outreach, successful communication, strategies and working with the media, navigating re-appointment, promotion and tenure, and advice on careers outside of academia.

When:

May 31, 2017, from 7:00 am – 5:30 pm

June 1, 2017, from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Registration: \$85

Deadline is **May 5, 2017** (*Post marked by May 5, 2017*)

- Registration to the two-day workshop
- Continental Breakfast on Wednesday and Thursday
- Lunch on Wednesday and Thursday
- Wednesday evening reception

Download the [registration form](#), fill out, and send to the AAEA Business office with payment by mail, fax (414) 276-3349 or email to info@aaea.org

- AAEA Business Office
555 E. Wells Street Ste. 1100
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Where: [Vail Marriott Mountain Resort](#)

715 W. Lionshead Circle
Vail, CO 81657
(970) 476-4444

- Hotel Group Rate: \$129 (Guest Room must be reserved by **May 1, 2017**)

The day begins at 7:00 am each day with breakfast. It is recommended you [book your room at the Marriott](#) so you can experience the full workshop. Please visit the [2017 AAEA Early Career Workshop](#) page for more information.

Schedule

Register

Make Reservations

Register for the 2017 Employment Center

Registration is now open for the 2017 Employment Center taking place July 30 – August 1, during the [2017 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in Chicago. The Employment Center offers a great opportunity for highly qualified candidates to connect with a number of employers during the Annual Meeting. The Employment Center features a simplified registration and posting process that is integrated into the [AAEA Job Board](#). Employer registration is \$400 and includes unlimited job postings. Applicant registration is **FREE**, but participants must be registered for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting.

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 Chicago!

AAEA at ASSA 2018

Call for Submissions:

2018 ASSA Annual Meeting

President-Elect Scott Swinton is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the [2018 Allied Social Sciences Association \(ASSA\) Annual Meeting](#) in Philadelphia, January, 5–7, 2018.

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 *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. Authors will be contacted by the *AJAE* editors with manuscript submission details.

Proposed formats for the two-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 1, 2017**, in Word document or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org.



People Section

Arizona State University

- New Appointment: **Lauren Chenarides**, Assistant Professor
- Retirement: **Eric Thor**, 25 Years of Service

University of California, Davis

- Award: **Daniel Sumner**, presented the Purdue University's 43rd Annual James C. Snyder Memorial Lecture
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Brittney Goodrich**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Auburn University; **Ted Gilliland**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Mount Holyoke College; **Kajal Gulati**, PhD, Title – Research Associate, Labor Division, IMPAQ International

Colorado State University

- Appointment Change: **Allison Bauman**, Post Doc, CSU DARE
- Awards: **Alessandro Bonanno**, European Association of Agricultural Economists, Outstanding ERAE Journal Article 2015; **Dawn Thilmany**, Colorado State University, Oliver Pennock Distinguished Service Award 2017

Economic Research Service (USDA)

- Resignation: **Stephen MacDonald**

IFPRI

- New Appointment: **Samuel Morley**, Senior Research Fellow
- Award: **Pramod Joshi**, Indian Society of Agricultural Engineers (ISAE), Honorary Fellow award

Kansas State University

- New Appointment: **Jason Bergtold**, Graduate Program Director
- Resignation: **Sean Fox**

University of Maryland

- Award: **Lori Lynch**, Fulbright U.S. Scholar, Grant
- Visitor: **Olha Khymych**, PhD, Charles University Environment Center (Prague), Visiting Scholar, March–May 2017

Mississippi State University

- New Appointment: **Josh Maples**, Assistant Professor
- Award: **Larry Falconer**, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Lifetime Achievement Award

University of Missouri

- Awards: **Joe Parcell**, University of Missouri, CAFNR, Golden Apple Teaching Award; **Wyatt Thompson**, USDA Economists Group, Bruce Gardner Award; **Benjamin Brown**, USDA, Agricultural Outlook Forum Student Diversity Program; **Ryan Milhollin**, University of Missouri Extension, J.W. Burch State Specialist Award

- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Dong Won**, PhD, Research Fellow, Korea Environment Institute, Sejong, Republic of Korea.
- Retirement: **Mike Kaylen**, 31.5 Years of Service

The Ohio State University

- Awards: **Stanley Thompson**, U.S. Department of State, Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant; **Mario Miranda**, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, 2017 Fellow

Purdue University

- Awards: **Michael Gunderson**, North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture, John Deere Award; **Thomas Hertel and team**, Purdue University, Big Idea Challenge Winner

Texas A&M University

- New Appointment: **Anastasia Shcherbakova**, Assistant Professor–Energy Market Analysis and Decision Making
- Awards: **Ed Rister**, Texas A&M Foundation, Partner in Philanthropy Award; **Stan Bevers**, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Superior Service Award for Career Achievement; **Tiffany Lashmet**, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Superior Service Award for Team Achievement; **Bruce McCarl**, Texas A&M University, Presidential Impact Fellow
- Retirement: **John Siebert**, 21 Years of Service

Texas Tech University

- Appointment Change: **Ryan Williams**, Associate Professor with Tenure
- Awards: **Eduardo Segarra**, SAEA, Lifetime Achievement Award, 2017; **Darren Hudson**, Texas Tech University, Integrated Scholar, 2017

Virginia Tech

- New Appointments: **Clinton Neill**, Assistant Professor; **Ford Ramsey**, Assistant Professor
- Retirements: **Daniel Taylor**, 35 years of service; **Steve Blank**, 5 years of service
- Visitors: **Derek Farnsworth**, Assistant Professor, University of Florida, Guest Lecturer, March 2016; **Michael Robe**, Associate Professor, American University, Guest Lecturer March 2016

Other News

2017 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 2017 Richardson-Applebaum Scholarship Award, which is awarded annually for outstanding 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 2016 or by May 2017.

Award

- Cash stipends of (1) \$1,250 for the best PhD Dissertation, (2) \$750 for the best MS Thesis, and (3) \$750 for the best MS Case Study
- Complementary student membership to FDRS
- Complementary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2017 FDRS Annual Conference scheduled for October 20-24, 2017 in Honolulu, HI. The recipients' domestic travel expenses will also be paid by the society
- The PhD recipient is invited to present his/her research at the conference

Application

To apply submit the following electronically to alba.collart@msstate.edu by **May 15, 2017**:

- Cover letter
- A copy of the dissertation/thesis/case study
- A letter of recommendation from the academic advisor
- A brief synopsis of: academic training, any food industry experience and/or research experience, and career interests, goals, and objectives
- Applicant's contact information (name, mailing address, phone number, and email)

More Information

Please visit the FDRS website at: www.fdrsinc.org or contact FDRS's Vice President for Education: Dr. Alba Collart at alba.collart@msstate.edu

2017 Food Distribution Research Society Scholarship Award***For Outstanding Undergraduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing***

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the 2017 Undergraduate Student Research Paper Competition 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.

Research Paper Competition 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

This competition is open to all undergraduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system.

Award

- Cash stipend of \$500 for the best Undergraduate Student Research Paper
- Complimentary student membership to FDRS
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2017 FDRS Annual Conference scheduled for October 20-24, 2017 in Honolulu, HI. The recipients' domestic travel expenses will also be paid by the society

Application Steps

1. Submit the attached Statement of Intent form electronically to alba.collart@msstate.edu. This step is optional but strongly encouraged, as it will help us plan the review process
2. Write the research paper following the formatting guidelines provided below

3. Submit the following electronically to alba.collart@msstate.edu by **May 15, 2017**:

- Cover letter
- A copy of the complete research paper in Microsoft Word (*.doc, *.docx) or other compatible format
- A letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor
- A brief synopsis of: academic training, any food industry experience and/or research experience, and career interests, goals, and objectives
- Applicant's contact information (name, mailing address, phone number, and email)

More Information

Please visit the FDRS website at: www.fdrsinc.org

or contact FDRS's Vice President for Education: Dr. Alba Collart at alba.collart@msstate.edu.

IAAE:

Inter-Conference Symposium

Submission of full papers: Full papers written in English should be submitted via the ConfTool system NO LATER than **June 1, 2017**. The papers should be no longer than 10 pages total including Tables and Figures (References do not count in the 10 page limit). Papers should be double spaced, use 12 point Times New Roman Font and have one-inch margins all around. The papers should provide a background section, a clear explanation of the core research question(s), data and methods used, results, conclusions, and key references. Authors are asked to adhere to all stated requirements.

The corresponding author of each submitted paper commits to review at most three papers from other authors. In addition to obtaining a suitable evaluation, final paper acceptance is contingent upon the timely submission of the reviews for these papers.

Notifications of selected papers will be sent by July 1, 2017. At least one author of an accepted paper must register and pay the conference fee no later than August 15, 2017 for the paper to be included in the program. All other participants must be registered no later than September 1, 2017.

POSTERS: Some papers might be assigned to a Poster Presentation depending on



recommendations made by the reviewers. During the Visual Presentation sessions, participants will circulate to hear your presentation and discuss your research. You should aim to present for approximately five minutes and then be prepared to answer questions.

ORGANIZED PANELS: We invite the submission of Organized Panels, with a due date of May 30, 2017. These proposals should be submitted by email to info@iaae2017talca.org. The Scientific Committee will be responsible for the evaluation and final decision regarding the proposals.

The purpose of the organized panels, which will be held as plenary or part of the parallel sessions, is to bring together 3–4 panelists that are working on a common topic, which may be related to the theme of the Symposium. The topic can focus on policy issues, research methods, emerging research results, and teaching or outreach. The sessions may have different formats but the typical arrangement is short presentations on a common theme. Regardless of the format proposed, all panels need to allocate an important share of the available time for interactions among the panelists

and between the panelists and the audience (at least 30 minutes from a total of 90).

The proposals need to include: session title; session rationale; names and contact information for the organizer and other participants; and a

description of the format including plans for discussion. The proposal should be no longer than two pages.

To learn more go online to:

<http://www.iaae2017talca.org/>

Discrete Choice Experiments and Data Analysis - Summer School July 24-28, 2017

The International Summer School on [“Discrete Choice Experiments and Data Analysis: Theory and Applications from Introductory to Advanced Models with Case Studies”](#) will cover the theoretical and empirical foundations behind diverse choice experiment designs and random utility models. The practical component of the course will be based on recent software developments in model estimation and experimental design (Nlogit, Ngene, and R). The course is open to academics, graduate students at different levels (MSc, MPhil, PG-diploma, and PhD), consultants, and other practitioners. Instructors include Riccardo Scarpa (Durham University and University of Verona), John Rose and Matthew Beck (University of Sydney), Rodolfo M. Nayga Jr. (University of Arkansas), and Petr Mariel (University of Basque Country UPV/EHU).

The International Summer School will take place July 24–28, 2017 in the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan. The deadline for discounted applications is April 30, 2017.

For more information, please visit: <https://choicesummerschool.wixsite.com/2017>

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Job Opportunities:

- [Assistant Professor in the Economics of Grain Production and Transportation](#)
NC State University
Posted: 04/04/2017
- [Assistant Professor of Fisheries and Natural Resource Economics](#)
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Posted: 04/03/2017
- [Adjunct in Food Policy – Goldman School of Public Policy](#)
Goldman School of Public Policy – University of California, Berkeley
Posted: 03/29/2017

These current positions and more can be found on the [AAEA Job Board](#). Sign up for listserv emails regarding new positions [HERE](#).

Working with the Media:

What research and topics are you working on? Want to be an expert source for journalists working on a story? We want to hear from you. Contact Jay Saunders via email, jsaunders@aaea.org.