

President's Message



August 2019

AAEA, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your President this year. If you attended my Presidential Address, you heard me speak to the relevance of the profession. Thank you to the many individuals who came forward and offered to work on making us a more relevant organization going forward. We will continue to have more discussions about how to achieve this goal. I encourage members to consider how to better train our students to engage with non-economists and policy makers. Lastly, I challenge us to consider how to expand engagement with our graduates working in industry.

I also want to apologize for some errors in the awards program. We are working to do better next year. When members earn awards, we want to insure they receive proper recognition. Congratulations to all the [2019 award winners](#). I do want to mention the great opportunity we had to engage with the Center for Disease Control while in Atlanta. Health economics is a growing and exciting part of our profession, and I understand that a proposal to form a health economics section is in development to be submitted to the AAEA Board. Finally, I participated in a tremendous post-conference mentoring workshop led by Madhu Khanna. It was fun for me and greatly beneficial for our younger members. Watch for details of another workshop coming in the next year.

The AAEA Board has begun a revision of the AAEA strategic plan for 2020 and beyond. We have decided to add a fourth focus area – financial viability – to our three current foci:

- Culture of Engagement
- Mentoring Programs
- Communicating through Media Relations & Government Relations

Expect to hear more from the Board soon regarding developing details under these four areas. Also, expect to receive an email soon regarding a new CWAE/COSBAE survey entered around the diversity and inclusivity climate within our profession. This is an important endeavor. Please participate so that we can gain accurate information that can guide us moving forward. I also want to note that CWAE is looking at teaching evaluations and best practices for evaluating teaching in a way that avoids biases.

AAEA continues to monitor and engage on the funding and support for agricultural and applied economics within the USDA Economic Research Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

- A number of members of our profession are profoundly personally and professionally affected by these changes.

- We've received assurances that no information, research opportunities, or data products will be lost in this shuffle. But it will take significant effort to ensure this does not happen.
- We are ready to assist anyway that we can as these agencies transition. Please watch for job announcements and help find a way to restaff as possible. This will include both entry and positions that are more senior. Caron Gala and the government relations committee continue to collect information and represent us on these issues.

The 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting will be in Kansas City next year. We are already at work putting together a strong program with some new activities and events. You can also make AAEA 2020 better by proposing great track sessions and pre and post conference workshops.

Keith Coble

AAEA President

AAEA News

Call for Nominations

2020 Fellows Award Nomination

The AAEA Fellows Selection Committee is inviting nominations for the 2020 AAEA Fellows Awards. The deadline for submission of nominations and supporting biographical documentation is **Wednesday, October 2, 2019**. Selection is based mainly on a continuous contribution to the advancement of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the Vision Statement of the AAEA. Achievements may be in research, teaching, extension, administration, or business. The nominee must be a living current member of AAEA and have been a member for at least five years.

Please follow these guidelines to submit Fellows nominations (non-complying materials will be returned). The nomination package should focus on documentation of the case for the nominee's contributions rising to a level that warrants recognition as a Fellow. "Continuous contribution" means exceptional service over a period of years. Such exceptional service may be demonstrated by: research discoveries published in major professional journals; leadership in the development of extension programs extensively utilized by other professionals; the development of undergraduate or graduate programs of learning that have become nationally recognized professionally and by students who have, in turn, demonstrated success as a result of these teaching programs; or outstanding performance in government, business, or NGOs. As a general principle, continuous service means more than a single act that might be rewarded by an outstanding journal article, extension, or teaching award. The documentation for the nominee provided should make clear the impact of the individual nominated in the areas of achievement to which the nominee has contributed. This evidence could include, but is not limited to, reference to publications, awards, honors, reports, testimonials to notable tasks undertaken and outcomes achieved, or other contributions to the profession.

Members of the Fellows Selection Committee and AAEA Executive Committee (President-Elect, President, or Past President) may not nominate or provide support statements for nominees. Nomination packages that include support statements from a member of the Fellows Selection Committee and/or the AAEA Executive Committee will be sent back to the nominator for revisions.

Testimonial letters or vitae are not required. The total nomination package should be limited to a maximum of eight typed pages using 12-point font and with margins of at least one inch on all four sides. All material must be double-spaced. Please include the name, institution, and contact information of all of the nominators within the eight page package. Nominations should be submitted as a single PDF file to Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org. Please contact Kristen if you have any questions.

The 2020 Fellows Recognition Ceremony will be held as part of the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO. Information on previous AAEA Fellows and the procedures used to select Fellows is available on the [AAEA Fellows page](#).

Call for Nominations

AAEA President-Elect and Directors

The AAEA Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations from AAEA membership for AAEA President-Elect and two AAEA Directors, all for three year terms beginning July 2020.

Please submit the names and affiliations of nominees to kmcguire@aaea.org. Nominations must be received by October 3, 2019.

Meet Richard Just

2019 Chartered Appreciation Club

- **Q: What is your greatest accomplishment in your career?**

A: What I regard as my greatest accomplishments are two-fold: (1) mentoring incredible Ph.D. students that have become very fruitful colleagues and have me ranked in the top 1 percent of all economists by strength of students according to RePEc, which I count as more of a privilege than an accomplishment; (2) pioneering methodological developments with a variety of collaborators that have generalized neoclassical paradigms to show risk response in agricultural supply, measure producers' revealed risk preferences, represent the cost of risk reduction, effects of factor inputs on risk, effects of risk on producer welfare, capture both repeated and random behavioral anomalies in economic models to measure welfare effects of policies, externalities, and contamination, measure the distribution of policy effects on welfare among many markets and market groups, as well as developing many other approaches to analyze discrete-continuous technology choices, debt servicing capacity, the role of exchange rates, the separation of production and futures market decisions, and the distinction of optimization errors versus measurement errors—a collection of works that earned more research awards from the AAEA than anyone in its first 100 years according to the 2010 anniversary issue of the AJAE.

- **Q: What advice would you give to an early career professional?**

A: Always be ready to interact and learn from others, identify your best ideas of how to make contributions to your profession and society, and pursue them tenaciously, paying no heed to discouragements along the way, and spending the extra time and effort necessary to perfect and polish your work.

- **Q: What do you hope this club will accomplish?**

A: My hope is synonymous with the general purpose of the AAEA Trust—to support the work of agricultural and applied economists by funding programs and initiatives designed to advance the profession. I recognize that the best specific funding possibilities will change over time, and trust the AAEA Executive Board and AAEA Trust Committee to make the wisest decisions as the AAEA rolls forward.

- **Q: Tell us about an AAEA memory**

A: My greatest memories grew from having my son David become my academic grandson (David Zilberman chaired his dissertation after I chaired David Zilberman's dissertation) as I watched him become a very successful member of the AAEA and professor at Cornell. I cherish the subsequent opportunities we had to publish a handful of journal papers together, including our last one that won the Outstanding Journal Article Award from the AJAE.

- **Q: Do you have a personal statement?**

A: A high point of my career was leading the AAEA as President in a major transition to a broader global focus and broader subject matter to revitalize membership as represented by replacing 'American' with 'Applied' in the name, and as symbolized in the globe and graph of the current AAEA logo that I designed on my PC. This vision has been realized in the ensuing decade. A critical component of that transition and one of the greatest achievements of my presidency was bringing about a dramatic improvement in the AAEA's financial situation for the following decade (that included a 5-year renewal) by working with Ian Sheldon and Spiro Stefano to renegotiate the AAEA's publication contracts, which among other things permitted a reduction in dues for the first time ever and the introduction of what is now one of the AAEA's premier journals—*Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*.

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 extended until **September 9, 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 also 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.

AAEA Trust Call for Proposals

The AAEA Trust supports the work of agricultural and applied economists by funding programs, initiatives, activities or other creative endeavors designed to advance the profession. Proposals are chosen to receive funding based on their ability to accomplish at least one of the following goals:

- support graduate student and early career professional development
- enhance the AAEA Annual Meeting,
- broaden participation in AAEA,
- reach out to new groups,
- broaden the horizons of the current membership

Funds donated to the unrestricted and student and early career professional development categories of the AAEA Trust will be used to fund proposals approved by the AAEA Trust Committee and Executive Board. Proposals from AAEA Committees and Sections are encouraged. Please note that the Trust does not fund individual research projects, nor does it retroactively fund activities that have already taken place. Please contact Trust Committee Chair David Zilberman at zilber11@berkeley.edu if you would like to discuss your proposal ideas before submission.

Proposal submissions should include:

1. A cover sheet with name of applicant; applicant's mailing address, email, and phone number; title of the project; abstract of the project; timing, duration, and location of the project; and amount of funding requested.
2. A project description, not to exceed five double-spaced pages, including the purpose, scope, implementation procedures, the individuals responsible for management of the project, date/timing of the project, and location of the project.
3. An itemized budget, indicating costs to be borne by the Trust and funding provided by other sources, if any. The AAEA Business Office may be a resource for budget information.

Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file by **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, to ensure consideration for funding for the next year. Proposals will be reviewed by the AAEA Trust Committee, which will make recommendations to the Executive Board for action at the January 2020 Board Meeting.

Proposals should be submitted to Kristen McGuire, AAEA Executive Director, via e-mail at kmcguire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen or David.

Call for Applications**Anthony Grano Fellowship Applications**

The AAEA Trust is now accepting applications for the Anthony Grano Scholarship Award. Two scholarships of \$1,250 will be awarded to academically successful, highly motivated students in agricultural economics or a closely related discipline with an interest in agricultural policy and the policy formation process. The scholarship will support recipients to travel to Washington, D.C. to meet with senior staff from USDA, Congressional offices, and agricultural trade associations and commodity organizations.

Eligible applicants will be graduate students in either agricultural economics or economics with an agricultural emphasis in any U.S. university.

The application deadline is **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter that expresses interest and includes applicant contact information
2. Essay on a current agricultural policy issue (2–5 pages)
3. Recent CV
4. A copy of university transcripts
5. Letter of recommendation from department head. Department Head must be willing to match the funds if their nominee is selected

Applications should be submitted in a single space, 12 Font Size, 1” margins, and PDF format to Kristen McGuire, AAEA Executive Director, at kmcguire@aaea.org. Failure to provide any of the required components of the application package will result in its rejection.

The Anthony Grano Scholarship is supported by the Anthony Grano Special Purpose Fund of the AAEA Trust. The Fund has been established to provide an opportunity for outstanding agricultural economics students to observe and learn the role of economics in developing agricultural policy. Dr. Grano had a long and productive career with USDA Economic Research Service and was passionate about resource policy analysis. He believed strongly in the policy process and, more importantly, the role of economics in guiding the process. One of his major contributions was the nurturing of young professionals as they began their careers in policy analysis. He emphasized, and demonstrated by his actions, the role of objectivity and the need for integrity in the policy process.

Uma Lele AERA India/AAEA Mentorship Program**Call for Applications**

The AERA along with one representative from AAEA will play a facilitating role in the selection of Indian students/young professionals to participate in the mentorship program. The offer and themes for each year will be published in one of the issues of Agricultural Economics Research Review (AERR) and recommendation of the Association shall be sent to AAEA for Award of the grant. The following criteria were agreed for screening and recommendation of the candidate(s).

- a.) The program shall be open to doctoral and post-doctoral candidates and the maximum age of the candidate should not be more than 35 years

- b.) Masters/PhD degree in agricultural economics/economics with evident contribution to agricultural economics research
- c.) The candidate should give an undertaking to publish at least one research article in a journal of national/international repute as an outcome of the mentorship work
- d.) The candidate will attend the AAEA Annual Meeting
- e.) The candidate will work with an AAEA Member mentor

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates and nature of the research project and collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Recent CV
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant's participation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org by **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship Call for Applications

The Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship provides an opportunity for early career women scholars working on food, agricultural, or resource issues to collaborate with an established expert at another university, institution, or firm.

At least one (1) Fellowship of up to \$2,500 will be awarded for use during the 2020 calendar year. The funding is designed to cover the costs of travel and expenses for the awardee to work directly with the mentor on a specific project. Preference will be given to new mentoring relationships as opposed to continuing an existing one.

The application deadline is **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates of collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Current CV for nominee
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that you will work on with your mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire, at kmcguire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

The Sylvia Lane Mentorship Fund was established by the Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics (CWAE) for the AAEA Trust. The purpose of the fund is to sponsor activities that encourage the academic and professional development of women conducting economic analyses of food, agricultural, or natural resource issues.

Sylvia Lane had a distinguished record of research and teaching in the areas of consumer credit, health care, rural health service delivery, food stamps, and other areas concerning low-income consumers. She was named a fellow of the AAEA in 1984, one of the first women to receive this honor. She served as a consultant to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization and was a member of the President's Committee on Consumer Interests. She was a Professor Emerita of agricultural and resource economics at the University of California, Berkeley.

Call for Applications

McCorkle Scholarship Applications

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2020 Chester O. McCorkle Jr. Student Scholarship. This scholarship will support applied research by a graduate student on economic issues relating to agriculture. At least one (1) scholarship of up to \$2,000 will be awarded. Funds can be used for research related expenses, data collection, tuition and program related expenses such as fees, books, supplies and equipment, provided the items are required of all students in the program.

Applications are due **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**.

Applicants should submit:

1. Description of the proposed research (maximum of 5 pages)
2. Itemized budget
3. Letter of support from their major advisor; and
4. Graduate transcript.

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file to the Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award Call For Applications

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust is now accepting applications for the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award. The Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award supports a mentorship relationship with a view to promote high quality research of a policy/problem solving nature in countries with food insecurity and environmental pressures. It is meant to promote collaboration between an early career scholar who is a citizen of and resides in a developing country and a distinguished mentor.

The award is intended to cover the costs of travel and expenses for a scholar and mentor to work together on a specific research project in a high priority area for the scholar's country. The maximum fellowship grant will be \$5,000. Up to \$4,500 can be allocated for travel expenses for the scholar to visit the mentor's workplace and/or to meet with the mentor at a professional meeting. Up to \$1,500 can be allocated for mentor travel and other expenses during the fellowship period. Research topics should fall within the mission of the AAEA (www.aaea.org/about-aaea).

Scholars should be professional economists who are citizens of and reside in a developing country. A complete list of qualifying countries is available under the headings "Low-income economies" and "Lower-middle-income economies" at: http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income. Scholars should either have completed their terminal degree or will complete it within the year. Students studying in countries that are not considered "low-income economies" and "lower-middle-income economies" may apply, but they must be completing their degree and planning to permanently reside in a "low-income" and "lower-middle-income" country by the end of 2018. Mentors can reside in any part of the world, but each must be an AAEA member.

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates and nature of the research project and collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Recent CV
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant's participation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org by **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

This fellowship is supported by donations to the Uma Lele Special Purpose Fund of the AAEA Trust. The ultimate goal of the Uma Lele Special Purpose Fund is to create vibrant, long-lasting networks of scholars working on current and newly emerging challenges to economic development.

<http://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/uma-lele-mentor-fellowship-fund>

Dr. Uma Lele is a recognized international leader, thinker, and policy analyst with extensive research, operational and evaluation experience in the World Bank, the CGIAR and other international organizations and US universities. Her areas of work include food, agriculture, health, environment, global public goods, science and technology, and external assistance and partnerships. Dr. Lele is a

fellow of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association and India's National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and she has been recognized as an Outstanding Alumna by Cornell University.

Call for Applications: 2019 AAEA/AARES Heading South Award

The Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) and the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) through the AAEA Trust will jointly offer this travel award to attend the 2020 AARES Conference in Perth, Western Australia. It is available to members of AARES or AAEA normally resident in North America. Applicants for the award can be a member of either AARES or AAEA but must be a member of AARES to participate in the conference.

The objective of the award is to provide the winner with an opportunity for professional and personal development and international professional and cultural exchange. The award will have a value of \$3,000 USD to be used to assist the winner's participation in the **2020 AARES Annual Conference to be held in Perth, Western Australia from February 11–14, 2020.**

Selection Process

The 2020 Heading South Selection Committee will be chaired by the AAEA President, Keith Coble. Other members will include the President of AARES, John Rolfe, Phil Pardey, President of the AARES North America Branch, and another member of AAEA.

Applications should include:

- a paper for presentation at the AARES Annual Conference in Perth, for which the applicant is the sole or first author and which represents their original and unpublished work,
- a one-page biographical statement, and
- a one-page statement in support of their application, indicating what they would hope to accomplish through the award, why they would be deserving of the award, and confirming that they would be unable to attend the conference without this financial support.

Submission Deadlines and Details

Electronic submissions (in PDF form) for this award must be emailed to Kristen McGuire by **Thursday, September 12, 2019** (for travel in February 2020).

Wallace Edward Tyner
1945-2019



Wallace Edward Tyner (Wally) was born in the East Texas town of Orange on March 21, 1945. He grew up the oldest of four brothers (Jerry, Richard, and Rob) in Athens, TX where his family owned and operated a small grocery store. After receiving his B.S. degree in chemistry from Texas Christian University, Wally joined the Peace Corps and worked as a poultry volunteer in rural India. This work led him to pursue graduate studies in economics at the University of Maryland (M.A., 1972; Ph.D., 1977). Following a post-doc at Cornell, Wally joined the faculty of Agricultural Economics at Purdue.

During his tenure at Purdue, he made substantial contributions to the fields of renewable energy (particularly biofuels), resource economics and climate policy, institution building for trade and development in Morocco, and thirteen years as Department Head. Wally's belief in interdisciplinary collaboration led him to work across disciplines at the university. He most recently served as the James and Lois Ackerman Professor of Agricultural Economics. He authored over 350 professional publications.

Wally was an excellent mentor to faculty, staff, and students. He advised a record number of Master and PhD students. For this work, he received the outstanding graduate student teaching and mentoring award from the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) and was inducted into the Book of Great Teachers at Purdue. Wally was also frequently sought out by policy makers, business leaders, and journalists for his insights and balanced assessments, and he was passionate about communicating his research results to these groups. He conducted over 100 interviews each year with major media outlets from around the world and was quoted in the Economist, New York Times, NPR, and Wall Street Journal.

Wally's leadership and scholarship were widely recognized by his university, his profession, and nationally. He was awarded fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, International Association of Agricultural Economists, and AAEA. His research and engagement earned him the Morrill Award, Purdue's highest award for impacts on society. In 2007, Senator Richard Lugar gave Wally the "Energy Patriot" award for contributions to energy policy analysis. He was also recognized by Governor O'Bannon with the State's highest civilian honor, the "Sagamore of the Wabash." Wally was proud to serve with the Moroccan delegation while negotiating the Morocco-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

It was his stint in the Peace Corps that led him to meet his wife, soulmate, and partner, Jean. Wally and Jean were married in 1970 and had two sons, Davis and Jeff. Wally loved and was loved dearly by his family. Jean, Davis, and Jeff will cherish a lifetime of happy memories of their husband and father. These include three years spent living in Morocco, numerous excursions from Morocco to destinations in Europe, joyful family meals, holidays, and reunions, and late-night intellectual conversations. Wally gained two more children through his sons' marriages – Davis to Katherine Smith and Jeff to Amy

Wang. Over the past nine years, Wally became a grandfather to RJ, Adelle, Edward, and Austin, and he was embracing his new role as Gdad extraordinaire. Each summer Wally was instrumental in orchestrating a destination family gathering, which was a highlight of the year for everyone.

Wally's sudden passing, from an aggressive form of lymphoma, has been shocking to all who knew him. He will be remembered lovingly by his family and many friends, colleagues, and trainees as a leader, mentor, and as a man of humor, kindness, conviction, and intellect. For those who wish to make a donation in Wally's memory, please consider a fund that has been established for a scholarship in his name, to be used in support of Purdue Ag Econ students: giving.purdue.edu/inmemoryofwallacetyner or make donations payable to Purdue Foundation and mail to Purdue Foundation, 403 W. Wood Street, West Lafayette, IN 47907, and/or a donation to the Lafayette Urban Ministry: <https://www.lumserve.org/donate/>. A memorial service will be held September 29th in the Purdue Memorial Union. You may sign the guest book and leave condolences at www.soller-baker.com

Other News

Call for Participation:

2019 FDRS Student Food Marketing Challenge

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Food Distribution Research Society will be held at the Seattle Marriott Waterfront – Seattle, Washington, from October 18 – October 22, 2019. The theme of the conference this year is “From Local to Global: Innovative Strategies for Changing Food Distribution Networks.”

The Student Food Marketing Challenge Competition will be held on **Saturday, October 19, 2019**. The competition provides students with the opportunity to play the role of consultants for an industry client, as they apply their knowledge of food distribution, marketing, management, economics, and merchandising to a real world problem. Details about the client and case challenge will be disclosed to teams two weeks in advance of the competition. Representatives from the company will give an overview of the challenge and conduct team interviews on the day of the competition. The first round of presentations will occur on Saturday afternoon (October 19), in which teams will compete to give a bid presentation to the company's executive team during the final round on Saturday evening.

Teams can consist of 3 to 5 undergraduate and masters-level students, however the majority of the team members must be undergraduate students. Registration fees are \$350 and teams should register for the competition by **September 16, 2019** ([link](#)). Registration includes attendance to all FDRS case events for the students in the team.

For more information, please contact the VP of Student Programs Elizabeth Canales, at elizabeth.canales@msstate.edu or visit <https://www.fdrsinc.org>.

NCCC-134 Committee on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management

Call for Paper Proposals

The NCCC-134 Committee on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management will host its 2020 Conference on **April 20–21, 2020 at the Holiday Inn St. Louis Downtown Conv Ctr, St. Louis, Missouri.**

General Topics

Proposed papers should emphasize applied research. We encourage papers on commodity price forecasting, farm and agribusiness risk management, futures and options markets, as well as price analysis problems or issues. Please submit work that will be completed by April 2020 on these and the following topics in commodity markets:

- ⇒Supply, demand, and price behavior
- ⇒Improved forecasting methods
- ⇒Improved risk management procedures
- ⇒Futures and options markets

Proposal Format

Submit a **two–page** (double spaced) prospectus which contains the following.

1. Statement of the problem
2. Research objectives
3. Data and empirical procedures
4. Likely results and practical implications

Proposals **SHOULD NOT IDENTIFY AUTHORS** to protect their anonymity in the review process. Proposals should be Adobe Acrobat files (pdf) and the file names should not contain author names. An example proposal is posted at our website (<http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/nccc134/submissions.html>).

Submission Procedure

Authors should submit their proposals through online submission system by following the link <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/NCCC2020>. Submissions must be made by **October 31, 2019**.

1. If you have not submitted through this system in the past, you will need to create a user account by clicking the “Registration” tab in the online system.
2. After you log in to the system, click “+ Create new submission” in the Author Console.
3. Enter the title of your proposal.
4. The section “AUTHORS” should list your e–mail address, Name, Organization, and Country.
5. To add more authors, please enter the e–mail address of your co–author and click “+ Add.” Fill in the fields to provide the name, organization, and country of your co–author and click “+ Add.” Repeat this process to add more co–authors.
6. To upload your proposal click “Upload from Computer” and select the file.
7. Click “Submit.”

Submission Decisions

Screening committee will notify all submitting authors of their decision in December 2019. Successful authors must complete and submit their research presentation by **April 10, 2020**. Completed manuscripts are due on June 1, 2020 for digital publication.

See the NCCC-134 website at <http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/nccc134/> for more information on registration, conference venue, and hotel accommodations.

Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowships

Up to two years – \$47,500 per academic year.

The grants, which will commence during the 2020/21 academic year, are open to researchers in all academic disciplines and support programs of work in Israel for up to 20 months (two academic years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022). For more information and applications.

Applicants may seek additional funding from the host institution (proof of such funding is not required at the time of application).

The host institution must provide grantees with Postdoctoral status including access to campus resources (proof of such letter is not required at the time of application).

Each candidate is responsible for arranging their institutional affiliations in Israel independently, including development of the program of work for the proposed visit through contacts with possible host institutions.

Please contact Noa Turgeman at USIEF (NoaT@fulbright.org.il) with any questions for assistance with identifying suitable host institutions or contacts. If you anticipate delays in obtaining the letter of invitation by the September 16 deadline, please contact CIES (middleeastnorthafrica@iie.org) and Noa Turgeman (NoaT@fulbright.org.il).

USIEF is deeply grateful to the Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education for the special budgetary allocation that has made it possible to expand this program.

Additional general information on the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program may be found on the website of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES). Interested candidates can find country information on Israel through the websites of the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Tourism. Apply by September 16, 2019.

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