

AAEA News

Upcoming Organized Symposia

- August 17 at 2:00 pm (CDT) – [Economic and Environmental Implications of Biofuels](#)
- August 18 at 8:00 am (CDT) – [Climate Change and Agriculture's Response](#)
- August 20 at 1:00 pm (CDT) – [Job Market Candidate Showcase](#)
- September 2 at 12:00 pm (CDT) – [Hemponomics: What Does the Dismal Science Have to Say About the Emerging Trends in the US Hemp Market?](#)
- September 10 at 10:00 am (CDT) – [Specialty Crops under Siege](#)
- September 18 at 10:00 am (CDT) – [Measuring the Retail Food Environment and Analyzing Its Effects on Consumers](#)
- September 30 at 1:00 pm (CDT) – [How can regional and rural development economists be more effective about informing public policy? A panel discussion](#)

2020 AAEA Awards & Fellows Recognition Ceremony

The AAEA Annual Awards and Fellows Ceremony recognizes professional excellence in agricultural and applied economics. Students, early career professionals, and experienced members are selected on the basis of their achievements in research, teaching and extension activities. It also recognizes AAEA Fellows, AAEA's most prestigious honor. Congratulations to all of the 2020 award winners and Fellows!

2020 Fellows Class



Awudu Abdulai,
University of Kiel



Shenggen Fan,
*International
Food Policy
Research Institute*



David Just,
Cornell University



Will Masters,
Tufts University



Scott Swinton,
*Michigan State
University*

2020 AAEA Annual Award Winners

[Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award](#)

- John Hoddinott, *Cornell University*

[Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards](#)

1. Individual: Less than Ten Years' Experience
2. Individual: Ten or More Years' Experience
3. Group

1. **Becca Jablonski**, *Colorado State University*
2. **Maria Marshall**, *Purdue University*
3. **Matthew Stockton, Daran Rudnick, Chuck Burr, and Robert Tinger**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

[Distinguished Teaching Awards](#)

1. Less than Ten Years' Experience
2. Undergraduate Teaching: Ten or More Years' Experience
3. Graduate Teaching: Ten or More Years' Experience

1. **Amanda Countryman**, *Colorado State University*
2. **Larry DeBoer**, *Purdue University*
3. **Lilyan Fulginiti**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

[Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award](#)

- **Alexandra Hill**, *University of California, Davis*
"Determinants of Productivity, Quality, and Labor Supply: An Analysis of U.S. Agricultural Workers"
- **Jonathan Proctor**, *University of California, Berkeley*
"The Value of Light: Crop Response to Optical Scattering and Generalizable Earth Observation"
- **Maulik Jagnani**, *Yale University*
"Essays on Human Capital, Environment, and Development"

[Outstanding Master's Thesis Awards](#)

- **Andrew Swanson**, *Montana State University*
"The Costs of Cooperation: The Effects of Section 199 on Basis for Farm Cooperatives in the Midwest"
- **Ethan Sabala**, *Texas Tech University*
"Essays in Trade Policy Analysis: Chinese Tariffs on US Agricultural Markets"
- **Gabriella Sorg**, *University of Minnesota*
"Dairy Confined Animal Feeding Permits on Public Notice as a Leading Indicator of Milk Supply"

Honorable Mentions:

- **Emma Gjerdseth**, *University of California, Davis*
"Do Deforestation Monitoring Programs Work? Evidence from the Environmental Property Registry and Satellite Data in Brazil"

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susana Constenla Villoslada, <i>Cornell University</i> "Development Resilience: A Comparison of Popular Measurement Methods"
Publication of Enduring Quality Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wiktor Adamowicz, <i>University of Alberta</i>; Peter Boxall, <i>University of Alberta</i>; Michael Williams, <i>Intelligent Marketing Systems</i>; Jordan Louviere, <i>University of South Australia</i> "Stated Preference Approaches for Measuring Passive Use Values: Choice Experiments and Contingent Valuation"
Quality of Communication Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farzad Taheripour, <i>Purdue University</i>; Thomas Hertel, <i>Purdue University</i>; Navin Ramankutty, <i>University of British Columbia</i> "Market-mediated responses confound policies to limit deforestation from oil palm expansion in Malaysia and Indonesia"
Quality of Research Discovery Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Perry, <i>Kansas State University</i>; Federico Ciliberto, <i>University of Virginia</i>; GianCarlo Moschini, <i>Iowa State University</i> "Valuing Product Innovation: Genetically Engineered Varieties in US Corn and Soybeans" • <i>Honorable Mention:</i> Nelson Villoria, <i>Kansas State University</i> "Technology Spillovers and Land Use Change: Empirical Evidence from Global Agriculture"
Outstanding <i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i> Article Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeffrey D. Michler, <i>University of Arizona</i>; Emilia Tjernström, <i>University of Wisconsin</i>; Simone Verkaart, <i>Wageningen University</i>; Kai Mausch "Money Matters: The Role of Yields and Profits in Agricultural Technology Adoption"
<i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i> Outstanding Reviewers Award (NEW)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sabrin Beg, <i>University of Delaware</i> • Conner Mullally, <i>University of Florida</i> • Eric Njuki, <i>USDA-ERS</i> • Klaas van't Veld, <i>University of Wyoming</i>
Outstanding <i>Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy</i> Article Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Millimet, <i>Southern Methodist University</i>; Ian McDonough, <i>University of Nevada, Las Vegas</i> "Criminal Incarceration, Statutory Bans on Food Assistance, and Food Security in Extremely Vulnerable Households: Findings from a Partnership with the North Texas Food Bank" 351–369
Outstanding <i>Choices</i> Article	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James A. Sterns, <i>Oregon State University</i> "Is the Emerging U.S. Hemp Industry Yet Another Boom–Bust Market for U.S. Farmers?" • <i>Honorable Mentions:</i> Yuri Clements Daglia Calil, <i>Texas A&M University</i>; Luis Ribera, <i>Texas A&M University</i>
Outstanding <i>Choices</i> Article (continued)	

	"Brazil's Agricultural Production and Its Potential as Global Food Supplier"
Presidential Recognition Award for Special Service to the Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robbin Shoemaker, <i>USDA-NIFA</i>
NEW AAEA Mentoring Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cesar Escalante, <i>University of Georgia</i>
2020 AAEA Trust Sponsored Award Winners	
Anthony Grano Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katherine Wilts, <i>University of Minnesota</i>; Betty Thomas, <i>Mississippi State University</i>
Chester O. McCorkle Jr. Student Scholarship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethan Sabala, <i>Texas Tech University</i>
Luther G. Tweeten Scholarship	<i>No award given this year</i>
Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varun Miglani, <i>Deemed University</i>
Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexandra Hill, <i>Colorado State University</i>
AARES-AAEA Young Professional Exchange Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leah Palm-Forster, <i>University of Delaware</i>
Early Career Professional and Graduate Student Travel Grants	<i>No awards given this year</i>

2020 AAEA Mentoring Research Workshop

Rescheduled dates: October 7-9, 2020

Chicago, IL with a Registration Fee: \$40

All previously submitted applications will be held for the October date. We will also accept additional applications.

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 to 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.

All events will take place
at:

[University Club of
Chicago](#)

76 East Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603

The Hotel Room Block has been secured at:

The Palmer House a Hilton Hotel

17 East Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603

Reserve rooms online for Hilton Palmer House at:

<https://book.passkey.com/go/aaea20>

Or call reservations at (877) 865-5321 and refer to group code: AAEA

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 Keith Coble at coble@agecon.msstate.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, e-mail, 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 **Thursday, October 15, 2020**, 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 2021 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 Keith.

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, DC 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 **Thursday, October 15, 2020**.

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.

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 **Thursday, October 15, 2020**. 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 2021 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 **Thursday, October 15, 2020**.

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.

Call for Applications

McCorkle Scholarship Applications

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2021 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 **Thursday, October 15, 2020**.

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 2021. 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 **Thursday, October 15, 2020**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Call for Applications

Editorship of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*

Editorship appointments for the American Journal of Agricultural Economics are staggered such that two new appointments are made every two years. The AAEA Board now seeks a diverse group of applicants for two editors to be appointed for a four-year term, beginning in January 2022. Each editor handles approximately one-fourth of the submitted manuscripts and makes independent editorial decisions on these submissions. The degree to which candidate's expertise complements that of the continuing editors, Amy Ando and Marc Bellemare, will be considered in the selection process.

In addition, editors share the administrative responsibilities of managing the AJAE. Each editor should plan to dedicate 25 to 40 percent of his/her time to AJAE editorial duties. AAEA will provide financial assistance to defray some portion of the editors' time and most expenses.

Transition Timing

The AAEA Board will make final selections by early 2021. The new editors should be prepared to begin the transition process at the 2021 AAEA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, August 1-3, 2021 and expect to be fully engaged in editorial duties by January 1, 2022. Interested candidates can consult the journal website for information on the journal at: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14678276>.

Please note that all editors need to maintain their AAEA membership throughout their service to the journal.

Applications

Applications should include:

- a brief statement expressing interest which should include applicant's areas of expertise and editorial philosophy for the AJAE,
- curriculum vitae (including descriptions of previous editorial work),
- statements of administrative support from the candidate's department chair, dean or other appropriate administrative officer.

Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Kristen McGuire, Executive Director, at kmcguire@aaea.org by November 30, 2020. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

Obituary

Fred Justus

1930-2020

Fred Justus, husband of Evelyn W. Justus for almost 68 years and Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Economics at the University of Kentucky, passed away peacefully at his home on July 24, 2020. He was born in St. Louis, MO, on June 30, 1930 to Fred and Emma Justus.

As a young boy, the family moved to a farm near Mascoutah, IL where Fred grew up. Fred graduated and received all of his degrees from the University of IL, and then served two years in the US Army at Ft. Lee, VA. Prior to coming to KY in 1967, he was Professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of MO. His duties as a professor at UK involved teaching, research and extension in Farm Business Management and Rural Real Estate Appraisal. He served as Coordinator of the KY Farm Business Management Program. The Southern Agricultural Economic Association presented him with a Lifetime Achievement Award. He was a long-time member of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers and a past College VP. He also served 20 years as Sec-Treasurer of the KY chapter of ASFMRA and served one year as its President. Fred was also recognized with a Sierra Club award for his work and dedication toward saving the Red River Gorge.

Fred was a devoted Boy Scout Leader for 50 years, serving as a Scoutmaster, Council Commissioner, and Council Boy Scout Leader Training Chairman. Mr. J, as he was known by his scouts, influenced and mentored many young men over the years and was known as a "one of a kind leader". He was a long-time member of the Executive Board of the Bluegrass Council, BSA. He was presented the Lamb Award by the Lutheran Church and BSA for distinguished service to youths. As a long time Lutheran, Fred was a member and attended services at St. John's Lutheran and Gethsemane Lutheran Churches. He served in various roles with both congregations, and had a strong faith that sustained him throughout his life. Fred lived a wonderful and full life.

He was a great husband to Evelyn, loving parent to all of his children, their spouses, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Fred and Evelyn filled their lives with traveling, including all 50 states and Canada in their travel trailer. He especially loved Alaska (and had hoped to make one last trip), and Iceland on a recent trip. His other hobbies and vices included fishing, hiking, gardening, following Evelyn's directions, smoking his pipe, and his nightly bourbon happy hour. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Doris, and a brother, George.

Survivors in addition to his wife are his "4 good kids": David (Susan) of Bowling Green, KY, Linda (Don) Harkins of Overland Park, KS, Cathy Cook of Lexington, and Steve Justus (Jill) of Lexington. He has 11 grandchildren: Jason (Evelyn), Nathan (Tiffany) Ben (Aubrey) Harkins; Greg (Cassie) Justus; Quentin, Chelsea, Olivia Cook; Steven (Dolapo), Celena Justus; Kristi (Brian) Bledsoe; Heather (Mike) Hugo. Eight great-grandchildren: Russell, Sophia, Evan, Jackson, Dominique, Xander, Ayden, Clara. Nephews Michael (Sandy) and Allen (Jody) Justus of Mascoutah, IL, sisters-in-law Frieda Justus and Lu Dickhaut also survive.

People Section

Auburn University

- New appointments: **Adam Rabinowitz**, Assistant Professor; **Wenyang Li**, Assistant Professor; **Wendiam Sawadgo**, Assistant Professor
- Appointment Change: **Ruiqing Miao**, Associate Professor with tenure
- Retirement: **Henry Kinnucan**, 38 years of service

University of California, Davis

- Awards: **Alexandra Hill**, AAEA, Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award; **Emma Gjerdsseth**, AAEA, Outstanding Master's Thesis Award– Honorable Mention
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Jesus Arellano Gonzalez**, Ph.D., Research Economist, Banco de Mexico; **Tomoe Bourdier**, Ph.D., Economics Research Fellow, French Agricultural Research Center for International Development (CIRAD); **Pierce Donovan**, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor, Colgate University; **Kevin Nakolan**, Ph.D., Operations Research Analyst, Energy Information Administration (EIA); **Matthew Gammans**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University; **Kajal Gulati**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University; **Andrew Hobbs**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, University of San Francisco; **Mengxin Ji**, Ph.D., Research Scientist, Facebook; **Xuemei Li**, Ph.D., Data Scientist II, Udemy; **Kevin Nakolan**, Ph.D., Operations Research Analyst, U.S. Department of Energy; **Daniel Putman**, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow, Innovations for Poverty Action; **Tor Tolhurst**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University
- Leave: **Jens Hilscher**, Humboldt University, Berlin, 10/1/2020 to 6/30/2021
- Retirement: **Julie McNamara**, Communications Director, Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics, 25 years of service

University of Idaho

- Positions taken by recent graduates: **Koroles Awad**, MS Applied Economics, PhD student Washington State University; **Samjhana Koirala**, MS Applied Economics, PhD student University of Connecticut; **Roshan Puri**, MS Applied Economics, PhD student, Virginia Tech; **Guang Tian**, MS Applied Economics, PhD student, University of Wisconsin – Maddison; **Henry Wilson**, MS Applied Economics, Analyst, Economics Modeling Specialists, International

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- New Appointments: **Catalina Herrera Almanza**, Assistant Professor; **Shadi Atallah**, Associate Professor; **Joseph Janzen**, Assistant Professor; **Sarah Janzen**, Assistant Professor; **Jared Hutchins**, Assistant Professor
- Appointment Changes: **Hope Michelson**, Associate Professor; **Paul McNamara**, Professor

International Food Policy Research Institute

- New appointment: **Basma Yassa**, Senior Research Assistant; **Cornelia van Zyl**, Senior Technical and Policy Advisor; **Mengying Wang**, Research Analyst; **Sherwin Gabriel**, Scientist; **Subhransu Pattnaik**, Research Analyst; **Amy William**, Research Assistant
- Honorary position: **Johan Swinnen**, member of the Champions 12.3 Leadership Group to Reduce Food Loss and Waste (SDG Target 12.3); **Anjani Kumar**, member in "Committee on Agricultural Issues for

India's G-20 Presidency in 2022 and BRICS-2021", Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India

University of Kentucky

- New Appointments: **Shuoli Zhao**, Assistant Professor; **Nicholas Pates**, Assistant Professor
- Appointment Changes: **Yoko Kusunose**, Associate Professor; **Jordan Shockley**, Associate Professor

University of Maryland

- New Appointment: **Rebecca Epanchin-Niell**, Visiting Associate Professor
- Award: **Lars Olson**, winner of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources' Dean Gordon Cairns Award for Distinguished Creative Work and Teaching in Agriculture
- Honorary Position: **Anna Alberini**, inducted as Fellow into EAERE (European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists)

Michigan State University

- New Appointment: **Matthew Gammans**, Assistant Professor
- Appointment Changes: **Simone Valle de Souza**, Assistant Professor; **Justin George Kappiaruparampil**, Assistant Professor
- Retirements: **Jim Hilker**, 38 years; **Lindon Robison**, 43 years; **Joseph Herriges**, 6 years
- Awards: **David Ortega**, Michigan State University, John K. Hudzik Emerging Leader in Advancing International Studies and Programs award; **Scott Swinton**, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, 2020 Fellow

Mississippi State University

- New Appointments: **George William Davis**, Assistant Professor and **Ayoung Kim**, Assistant Professor
- Appointment Change: **Alba J. Collart**, Associate Extension Professor

University of Missouri

- New Appointments: **Abby Meffert**, Senior Research Associate, FAPRI; **Marc Rosenbohm**, Senior Research Associate, FAPRI
- Award: **Ray Massey**, University of Missouri, C. Brice Ratchford Memorial Fellowship
- Positions taken by Recent Graduates: **Hao Cheng**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Wenlan Business School, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, China; **Austin D. Sanders**, MS, Economist—Rural Economy Branch, USDA Economic Research Service, Kansas City; **Byung Min Soon**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Chungnam National University, South Korea

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Appointment Changes: **Jay Parsons**, Full Professor with Tenure; **Lia Nogueira**, Associate Professor with Tenure
- Awards: **Kathleen Brooks**, 2020 WAEA Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching, Less than 10 years; **Lilyan Fulginiti**, 2020 AAEA Distinguished Teaching Award with Ten or More Years' Graduate Teaching; **Matthew Stockton**, Daran Rudnick, Chuck Burr, Robert Tigner, AAEA Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award: Group
- Resignation: **Gregory McKee**

The Ohio State University

- Position taken by recent graduate: **Meng-Fen Yen**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, National Sun Yat-sen University, Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- Return from leave: **Mario Miranda**

Other News

Food Distribution Research Society Annual Conference 2020 Call for Research Reports, Updates and Outreach Writing

Deadline extended to August 31, 2020

The Food Distribution Research Society invites submissions of Research Reports, Research Updates, and Outreach Writing for the 2020 Annual Conference. Work related to any food distribution area from the farm gate through retail to the consumer may be submitted.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual meeting will be conducted virtually via Zoom. Concurrent sessions will be held on Tuesday October 13th, 2020. We will meet in Dallas, TX in 2021.

Research Reports are scholarly papers focusing on the results of research efforts. Reports will be evaluated and accepted based on one-page abstracts that describe the research and its relevance to food distribution issues. *Presentations of research reports are limited to 12 minutes each, with 3 minutes for Q&A.*

Research Updates are synopses of research or educational work either (1) recently completed, (2) in progress, or (3) to be undertaken within the next year. To give an update, submit a maximum one-page description of the update. *Presentations of updates will be limited to 8 minutes each, with 3 minutes for Q&A.*

Outreach Writing is a relatively new category for the conference. We seek to recognize the types of technical communication of food industry issues that are key to the Extension/Industry Outreach work done by FDRS founders and that are central to many members' work today. Some refer to these articles as "industry outlook" or they may comprise content that may be contributed to publications such as *Choices*, i.e., content that communicate food supply chain and marketing issues to a non-academic audience. Submissions will consist of the actual article and the submission form. *Authors will have 8 minutes to present a summary of the article's key points and how it was used in outreach/Extension efforts.*

ALL SUBMISSIONS MUST USE THE SUBMISSION FORM.

Email submissions to Lurleen Walters, at FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com, by **August 31, 2020**.

Authors will be notified of acceptance by September 7, 2020. Presenters must be registered for the conference. Given the virtual format this year, registration fees will be considerably lower. As information is available, it will be posted under "Conferences" at the FDRS website <http://www.fdrsinc.org>.

Please address any questions & correspondence regarding research submissions to Research VP Lurleen Walters at the email: FDRSVPresearch@gmail.com

Harvard Fellowship Call

Harvard is now accepting applications for the Radcliffe Fellowship for the period of September 2022–May 2022, and to seek your aid in sharing our [online application](#) with the members of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association.

Radcliffe fellows are exceptional scientists, writers, scholars, public intellectuals, and artists whose work is making a difference in their professional fields and in the larger world.

Based in Radcliffe Yard—a sanctuary in the heart of Harvard University—fellows join a uniquely interdisciplinary and creative community. A fellowship at Radcliffe is an opportunity to step away from usual routines and dive deeply into a project that needs time and attention. With access to Harvard University's unparalleled resources, Radcliffe fellows develop new tools and methods, challenge artistic and scholarly conventions, and illuminate our past and our present.

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Special Section: Natural Sciences Education in a COVID-19 World

In mid-March, all of us in K–12 and higher education had to retool our courses under the intense emergency circumstances of a global pandemic due to COVID–19. As we look ahead to the 2020/21 academic year, we begin to imagine how to successfully adapt courses for online delivery, while continuing to offer learning experiences for our students that are as high quality as possible. Similar challenges are also facing those of us working in extension. Building on the success of the 2020 *NSE* special issue, the 2021 special issue of “*Natural Sciences Education in a COVID–19 World*” will explore our collective experiences with adapting to COVID–19. We encourage contributions on the following topics:

- Ideas, approaches and case studies on how to address the need to move courses online (relevant to both K–12 and higher education).
- Strategies to deal with various administrative challenges in higher education.
- Issues facing extension specialists in reaching out to farmers.

The overall goal is to share information that will allow institutions to build resilient programs that continue to meet learning outcomes necessary to prepare future generations of land managers and scientists.

Deadlines:

Letter of intent to write a paper should be sent to Bob Mahler (bmahler@uidaho.edu) by September 15, 2020. Submission deadline is November 15, 2020.

For more information, please visit

<https://access.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/21688281/specialsectioncall>.

2020 Scholarship Awards for Richardson-Applebaum Outstanding Graduate Research on Food Distribution

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the **Richardson-Applebaum Outstanding Graduate Research on 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 between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
- Please note: 1) applicants are limited to applying for each category only once and subsequent submissions will not be considered, 2) only one submission will be accepted per university per category each year, and 3) applications must be submitted by February 1, 2021, there will be no deadline extensions, by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system: <https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

Award

- One travel stipend to attend the 2021 Annual Conference for each of the following categories: best Ph.D. Dissertation (\$1,500), best M.S. Thesis (\$1,500), and best M.S. Case Study (\$1,500).
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership.
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2021 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX.
- The Ph.D. recipient is invited to deliver a 10-minute research presentation during the FDRS Applebaum-Richardson Award Luncheon.

Application steps

Students should save the following, in order, as one PDF file. When labeling the PDF file, please include your first and last name, category (e.g., Best Ph.D.), and name of your university. The final application must be submitted by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system:

<https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

- [Statement of Intent form](#)
- Cover letter that includes a brief synopsis of academic training, any food industry experience, and/or research experience and career interests and goals
- Letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor
- A copy of the dissertation/thesis/case study

For more information:

Please visit the FDRS website at www.fdrsinc.org

or contact FDRS's Vice President of Education: Dr. Kathy Kelley at KathyKelley@psu.edu

2021 Scholarship Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the 2021 Scholarship Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research on 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 undergraduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system.
- Please note: 1) applicants are limited to applying for each category only once and subsequent submissions will not be considered, 2) only one submission will be accepted per university per category each year, and 3) applications must be submitted by February 1, 2021, there will be no deadline extensions, by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system: <https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

Award

- A travel stipend of \$1,000 to attend the 2021 Annual Conference for the best Undergraduate Student Research Paper
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2021 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX.

Application steps

Students should save the following, in order, as one PDF file. When labeling the PDF file, please include your first and last name, outstanding undergraduate category, and name of your university. The final application must be submitted by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system:

<https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

- [Statement of Intent form](#)
- Cover letter that includes a brief synopsis of academic training, any food industry experience, and/or research experience and career interests and goals.
- Letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor.
- The complete research paper. Write the research paper following the formatting guidelines provided on page 2 and 3.

For more information:

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2020 FDRS Virtual Conference

The Food Distribution Research Society annual conference is going virtual!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDRS will host a virtual conference. **Save the date for Tuesday, October 13; tentatively 11:00 am – 4:30 pm EST.**

This conference will consist of two keynote speakers; recognition for award recipients; and invited, selected and research update presentations.

The fee for the conference is \$50 for members and soon to be members, and \$25 for students. By paying this fee, you will have access to the online conference, recorded keynotes, presentations, and a 1-year complementary FDRS membership.

We also invite teams to participate at the Student Food Marketing Challenge; the registration fee is \$50/team. By paying this fee, students will participate at the Food Marketing Challenge and have access to the online conference, which includes recorded keynotes and presentations. Recall cash prizes are offered to the first, second, and third place.

More information on the virtual conference in the coming weeks.

Free Commentary: Economic Impacts of COVID-19 on Food and Agricultural Markets

This paper examines the many economic factors and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a focus on the agriculture sector. In efforts to slow down the spread of COVID-19, many states and countries shut down several economic areas such as tourism and entertainment venues, restaurants, personal services, and some manufacturing facilities. This has led many areas into a recession. The authors of this paper examine the effects this recession has on these topics: macroeconomics; trade; supply chain; consumer behavior; food service/grocery; meat processing; forestry and wood products; local food systems; food waste; food insecurity; major commodity crops; agricultural finance; agricultural labor; rural health care; and research and outreach priorities.

Co-chairs: Jayson Lusk, Purdue University and John D. Anderson, University of Arkansas

QTA2020-3, 44 pp., June 2020, Available free online.

<https://www.cast-science.org/publication/economic-impacts-of-covid-19-on-food-and-agricultural-markets/>

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Announcing the Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar

The seminar will be held on Wednesdays at 11:00 am Central U.S. time. If you would like to register, join the OARES listserv [here](#), and make sure to sign up with your institutional address. The OARES website includes a schedule of forthcoming talks as well.

The Climate Solutions Community

Paths to Texas Zero GHG Emissions: Electricity, Transportation and Industry

The Engineering, Science and Technology Council of Houston (ECH), and Climate Solutions for Texas, a local initiative of The Climate Solutions Community of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, invite you to a Climate Solutions Symposium. **This event is postponed to August 22, 2020.**

9:00–9:10 am	Tom Rehm, Chair Climate Solutions for Texas Humble TX	Opening comments
9:10–9:30 am	Sylvia Dee, Climate Science Professor Rice University	Greenhouse gases warm us Human fingerprint of global warming Evidence of climate change Projections: What is coming
9:30–10:00 am	Jeremy Friesen, NET Power	A gas-fired power plant with zero emissions
10:00–10:30 am	Gene Preston, PhD Electrical Engineer Austin TX	Electrification of transportation Max renewables using gas to fill in the gaps Max renewables using nuclear and storage
10:30–11:00 am	Pavel Tsvetkov, Nuclear Engineering Professor, Texas A&M University	Nuclear energy: Zero emissions and safe
11:00–11:15 am	Larry Kremer, PhD Physical Chemist, Citizens Climate Lobby	The paramount importance of a price on carbon
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11:25 am–noon		Panel Q/A from Audience

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The cost is \$10 unless you are a student. Students may attend free by entering the student code of ECH202044.

**2020 The 4th International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science (4th ICAFS2020)
ICAFS2020, October 28-30, 2020, Istanbul Turkey**

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

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to participate in The 4th International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science (4th ICAFS 2020) to be held in Istanbul, Turkey during October 28–30, 2020. For more details, please visit <https://icafs.apaset.org/>

Organizers: The conference is organized by Asia–Pacific Association of Science Engineering and Technology; Bahri Dağdaş International Agricultural Research Institute, in cooperation with multiple academic affiliations.

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

Program & Event: The full conference days will last for two days. After the conference, there will be an academic visit to local institutions.

Previous: Previous ICAFS were held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (2019), Istanbul, Turkey (2018) and Lahore, Pakistan (2017).

Venue: Istanbul, historically known as Constantinople and Byzantium, is the most populous city in Turkey and the country's economic, cultural, and historic center.

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

Abstract Submission Deadline: August 25, 2020

With best regards,
ICAFS2020 Secretariat, on behalf of the
Organizing Committee of ICAFS
Istanbul, Turkey
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