

## AAEA News

### 2020 AAEA Business Meeting

You are invited to the official Business Meeting (Virtual) happening:

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

12:00 pm (Central)

*Zoom Meeting*

Register for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYtcmqzgpHdLOR0ENAAOvnbYQJeGF7EAq>

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

The agenda may be found on the [Business Meeting webpage](#).

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### Hearing the Diverse Voices of AAEA webinar

We welcome you to attend the first Hearing the Diverse Voices of AAEA webinar. Join us for this storytelling experience as our selected panelists share their unique stories about their professional journeys and what it took to get to where they are today. Our purpose with this webinar is to provide mentees a chance to connect with potential mentors and highlight the importance of being prepared for opportunities and seizing opportunities to learn.

**When:** Friday, December 11, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (Central Time)

**Format:** Zoom

**Agenda:** Each panelist will be given approximately 8 minutes to share their story with additional time for Q&A

**Facilitator:** Kathleen Liang, *North Carolina A&T State University*

**Panelists:**

- Madhu Khanna, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
- Titus Awokuse, *Michigan State University*
- Jeffrey O'Hara, *USDA – Agricultural Marketing Service*
- Yoko Kusunose, *University of Kentucky*
- David Zilberman, *University of California, Berkeley*

Register for this meeting: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjAkC-uupjorG9zolzk4H0Y5xcF\\_lcVWwc0v](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjAkC-uupjorG9zolzk4H0Y5xcF_lcVWwc0v)

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### Invited Paper Sessions

#### 2021 Call for Proposals – **Deadline is TODAY, December 3**

AAEA welcomes proposals for Invited Paper sessions for the 2021 AAEA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. Papers in these Invited Paper sessions may be published in the *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy (AEPP)* in March 2022, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using the online submission system by **Thursday, December 3, 2020**. The [abstract system](#) is now open.

The most successful invited papers frame new areas of research, provide a systematic review of an existing area, or offer a novel perspective.

Proposed session formats must include either two papers with two discussants or three papers with one discussant. Four paper sessions will not be considered.

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- The proposed session supports the objective of the Association to further the development and dissemination of systematic knowledge of agricultural and applied economics;
- The importance of the session is well-justified;
- The proposed papers are timely and the topics are likely to generate meaningful discussion during the presentation, as well as interest in a published version;
- It is likely that the session format will be conducive to a clear, focused, and informative presentation of the topics proposed;
- The session theme and paper topics are not repetitive of themes and/or topics previously addressed in Invited Paper sessions;
- The set of sessions will appeal to a broad spectrum of the membership.

Proposals should include session title and rationale, two-page abstracts and titles for each proposed presentation, and names and contact information of authors, discussants, and moderators.

The invited papers should be completed by **Thursday, April 8, 2021**. These completed versions will be reviewed by the invited paper sessions committee, and feedback to improve the papers will be provided to the author(s). Final versions of the invited papers must be submitted to AAEA by **Thursday, May 20, 2021**. If the authors wish the invited paper to be reviewed for publication in the *AEPP*, it should also be submitted to the *AEPP* Editors via Editorial Express by **Wednesday, August 25, 2021**.

If you have any questions about submitting an Invited Paper session proposal, please contact Mary Annen at [mannen@aaea.org](mailto:mannen@aaea.org) or at (414) 918-3190.

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## Case Studies

### 2021 Call for Proposals – Deadline is TODAY, December 3

AAEA welcomes proposals for Case Studies for the 2021 AAEA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. Cases in this Invited Paper session may be published in the *Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR)* in January 2022, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using AAEA's online submission system by **Thursday, December 3, 2020**. The [abstract system](#) is now open.

Proposals are requested for case studies that show how the application of economic principles to decision making in the public and/or private sectors leads to better decisions. Any topic area that illustrates the application of economic principles is acceptable. Topic areas focusing on emerging issues such as: renewable ingredients, energy economics, food safety, and company environmental policies (e.g., green scorecard) are encouraged.

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Deals with a problem that has a high level of importance/interest/relevancy to members of AAEA
- Clear and concise teaching objective(s) and target audience(s) (e.g. undergraduate students, graduate students, extension audiences)
- Case summary that presents solutions and explanations of how the learning objectives are realized

- Leads to a better understanding of how the application of economic principles improves decision making
- A general description of the teaching plan for presenting the case to include expected student use of reference materials

Proposals should include case title, names, contact information of the authors, and a case outline that covers the company or situation profiled, as well as a detailed outline for the case study. The outline should be 3–5 pages in length and a maximum of 2,000 words. The proposal must also contain an outline and ideas for a teaching note, although the teaching note will not be published with the case. Of the cases submitted, three winning case submissions will be accepted for presentation at the AAEA meetings by **March 11, 2021**.

Selected case studies (with teaching note when applicable) should be completed by **Thursday, April 8, 2021**. These completed versions will be reviewed by the invited case study committee, and feedback to improve the cases will be provided to the author(s). Final versions of the cases must be submitted to AAEA by **Thursday, May 20, 2021**. If the authors wish the case study to be reviewed for publication in the *AETR*, it should also be submitted to the *AETR* Editor by **Thursday, May 20, 2021**. Accepted papers will carry a footnote that indicates they were subject to an expedited review process.

Examples of appropriate cases can be found in the agricultural and applied economics literature including the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (issues 94 (2) and 93 (2)), *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review* and the *Journal of the Food Distribution Research Society*. There are many ways to write a case. One set of guidelines for decision cases can be found at: <https://www.ifama.org/Case-Study-Essentials>.

If you have any questions about submitting a Case Study Proposal, please contact Hattie Salzman at [hsalzman@aaea.org](mailto:hsalzman@aaea.org) or at (414) 918–3190.

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### **Track Sessions sponsored by AAEA Sections**

#### **2021 Call for Proposals – Deadline is TODAY, December 3**

The AAEA Executive Board invites Track Session proposals for the 2021 AAEA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. Initial proposals need to be submitted by **Thursday, December 3, 2020**, to Samantha Bilgrien at [sbilgrien@aaea.org](mailto:sbilgrien@aaea.org). Final, detailed submissions associated with each session are due by **March 24, 2021**. The AAEA Business Office will work with each Section that submits proposals on their final submission.

Tracks are a set of multiple sessions submitted by AAEA Sections, scheduled throughout the meeting and devoted to a common interest area or topic. The AAEA President determines the number of sessions allocated to each section. All Section leaders have been notified of their 2021 allocations.

Section leaders are responsible for managing and submitting Track Session proposals. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a Track Session, please contact the chair of the Section for more information about the session topics that they are seeking. Proposals submitted to the AAEA Business Office by an individual will be referred back to the Section for approval and official submission.

Specific Track Sessions can also be considered as Invited Paper sessions. These sessions need to be submitted through the abstract submission system as an Invited Paper session (see the call for Invited Paper Sessions for more information), and included with the initial Track Session proposals due in December, with an indication

that it has also been submitted as an Invited Paper Session. If the proposed Invited Paper session is not accepted, it will still be included as a traditional Track Session.

Please contact Samantha Bilgrien at [sbilgrien@aaea.org](mailto:sbilgrien@aaea.org) or (414) 918-3190 if you have any other questions about submitting or participating in a Track Session.

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### **Call for Proposals:**

#### **2021 Pre- and Post-conference Workshops – Deadline is TODAY, December 3**

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops at the 2021 AAEA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. The deadline for proposals is **Thursday, December 3**. Selections will be finalized at the AAEA Executive Board meeting in early January and organizers will be notified soon thereafter by the AAEA President.

Submissions are judged on the merits of the proposal and the space and time available at the Annual Meeting. Organizers will work with the AAEA Business Office to develop a budget for final approval at the January Board meeting.

Proposals should be submitted using the Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal form available on the AAEA website, <https://www.aaea.org/meetings>, Title of proposed session and the proposed date and time that the workshop would take place (potential dates include **Saturday, July 31, and Wednesday, August 4**)

1. Objectives of the workshop, as well as the timeliness of the subject and why the content of the workshop is relevant to AAEA members/meeting attendees
2. Potential speakers, presenters, or panel members, and the total time required for these presentations.
3. Intended audience and expected attendance at the workshop
4. Contact information for organizers in charge of overall development and coordination (complete addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses)
5. Complete budget information, which includes: financial support expected speaker travel expenses, stipends, and honoraria, catering needs, administrative fees, and other income and costs. Detailed information will be needed, including any catering requests (e.g. boxed lunches, buffet, coffee breaks, etc.), so that a registration fee for the workshop can be determined
6. Any requests for membership and/or registration fee waivers that may be required in order to properly conduct the workshop
7. Any special software or electronic needs, including if the attendees will be required to bring a laptop

Incomplete proposals cannot be considered. Please include as much information as needed when submitting; there is no minimum or maximum length for the proposal.

Submit proposals using the Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal form available on the [AAEA website](https://www.aaea.org/meetings), <https://www.aaea.org/meetings> by **Thursday, December 3**.

If you have any questions about submitting a proposal, please contact Mary Annen at [mannen@aaea.org](mailto:mannen@aaea.org) or at (414) 918-3190.

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## Selected Presentation Papers and Posters

### 2021 Call for Proposals

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the 2021 AAEA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. Selected Presentations are a submission category that represents both Selected Papers and Selected Posters. All submissions are reviewed and accepted together, and only after acceptance are the submissions designated as a paper or poster. At the time of submission, individuals will have the option for their submission to be considered as a poster only. There is no paper only option.

Submissions for Selected Presentations must include a two–page, single–spaced abstract that provides a clear explanation of what will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Presenting author and co–authors should include in this abstract a discussion of the relevance of the topic, research methodology, and potential for generating discussion during the meeting. Please *do not include your name or contact information in the abstract file.*

#### *Tips for selecting a Subject Code for your abstract*

When submitting your paper to the abstract system you will need to select a subject code. The subject code you select is the category your paper will be grouped in when being reviewed based on a common topic. If accepted, sessions are comprised of abstracts with the same subject codes. To assist you with selecting a subject code the Selected Presentations Committee created [keywords for each of the subject codes](#). We recommend you refer to the **keywords for subject codes** to help you determine the subject code for your submission.

Abstracts must be received by **Wednesday, January 20, 2021 11:59 PM CST**, and should be submitted using AAEA’s online [Abstract Management System](#). Material previously presented at other meetings cannot be accepted, and the submitting author will be asked to verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere. When entering the title of your abstract, please be sure to submit it as you would like it to appear in the program – with proper capitalization and punctuation.

### Review Process

All submissions will be subjected to a common, double–blind review process. After the review process has been completed, topic leaders will construct coherent Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions based on a common topic. All remaining accepted presentations will be assigned as a poster. Presentation proposal acceptance notifications will be sent via email to presenters in March. Emails may be received in spam folders. Should you not find an email by mid–April, please feel free to contact the AAEA Business Office at [info@aaea.org](mailto:info@aaea.org) or at (414) 918–3190.

### Posters

Poster presenters should be available during their assigned interval during the meeting for questions and discussion. The event program and mobile app will list the poster titles, authors, locations, and presentation time. *Poster presenters must submit a PDF version of their poster to the AAEA submission site by May 20, 2021 11:59 PM CST. A cover page must be included* before uploading. Please prepare a Cover Page using [this template](#) and append it to your pdf file before uploading. Please keep submissions under 4 MB. AAEA will upload these posters to the AgEcon Search. Posters that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program.

### Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions

Up to 8 papers are included in a 90-minute Lightning Session, and up to 4 papers are included in a 90-minute Selected Paper Session. Therefore, each paper presentation in a Lightning Session is allotted 9 minutes, with 7 minutes to present and 2 minutes for discussion. Likewise, each presentation in a Selected Paper Session is allotted 20 minutes, with 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.

*Presenters of Selected Papers must submit a full version of their paper to the AAEA submission site by May 20, 2021 11:59 PM CST. A cover page must be included before uploading.* Please prepare a Cover Page using [this template](#) and append it to your pdf file before uploading. Please keep submissions under 4 MB. AAEA will upload these papers to the AgEcon Search. Papers that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. The full version of the paper has no length limitations, but less than 25 pages is preferred. Double-spaced, 8.5 by 11-inch, single-sided format is requested. Please follow the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics style guidelines*, with the exception of the single table/figure per page convention.

[Abstract Management Site](#)

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### Organized Symposia

#### 2021 Call for Proposals

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the 2021 AAEA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. Proposals are due by **Wednesday, January 20, 2021**, and should be submitted using AAEA's online submission system. The [abstract system](#) is now open.

Organized Symposium sessions highlight ideas or works-in-progress on a topic involving cooperative or competing efforts by two or more panelists. Symposia may involve panel discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, or other formats. Formal paper presentations are discouraged, nonetheless if such presentations are proposed, the organizer should explain how they will fit into a tightly coherent theme. In all cases, at least half of the session time should be reserved for discussion among the panelists and between the panelists and the audience.

Symposia may offer discussions of policy issues, research methods, emerging research results, teaching or outreach topics, issues in professional organization, or other matters. Proposals should include: session title, session rationale, names and contact information for the organizer and other participants, and a description of the symposium format that includes plans for discussion.

At least one proposer for the organized symposium must be a member of AAEA, and all presenters, speakers, and/or discussants at the Annual Meeting must be members of AAEA and registered for the Annual Meeting by **Thursday, May 20, 2021**.

If you have any questions about submitting an Organized Symposia session proposal, please contact Mary Annen at [mannen@aaea.org](mailto:mannen@aaea.org) or at (414) 918-3190.

### Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award

The Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award recognizes outstanding impact on agricultural, food, environmental, development and other related policy, based on sound foundations in economic theory, in the tradition of [Bruce Gardner](#). Policy issues are interpreted in their broadest sense. They

may relate to either a national or international situation. The purpose of the award is to encourage sound economic analysis of a broad set of public policy issues that provides timely and relevant information for more effective public policy and program discussions. The award is intended to focus attention on important efforts in research, education or public service, which facilitate the policy process and improve public performance and understanding. A maximum of one award is given annually. The award will carry a cash prize of \$1,500 and plaque of recognition financed by the Bruce Gardner Memorial Special Purpose Fund of the [AAEA Trust](#). The Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award Subcommittee is encouraged to generate nominations to assure that all outstanding policy contributions are considered.

### Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2021**. Nominations may be submitted by individuals, groups, or institutions. An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2021 AAEA member. Winners will be selected on the basis of supporting materials showing major contributions within the previous five years. Re-nominations are invited provided the supporting materials are updated.

To nominate, fill out the Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award Nomination Form linked below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the award nomination materials in the order listed below. Please save the PDF file as a nominee's "Last Name, First Name" (ex: Smith, John).

### Nomination Materials

#### Nomination Letter

- Maximum of three single-spaced pages
- Must include each nominee's name, affiliation, and email address, and the nominator's name, affiliation, and email address
- Explains the nominee's or nominees' contributions in a general sense

#### Documentary evidence supporting the nominee's or nominees' contributions to the understanding of public policy and related impact on the development of public policy

- Electronic format is preferred
- If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies of documentary evidence shall be submitted to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Nomination Form Link: <https://form.jotform.com/42544715269157>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at [hsalzman@aaea.org](mailto:hsalzman@aaea.org) or (414) 231-8117.

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### Distinguished Teaching Awards

The Distinguished Teaching Awards recognize and encourage meritorious performance in undergraduate and graduate teaching in agricultural or applied economics as defined by the [AAEA vision statement](#). These award winners will demonstrate outstanding ability and strong performance in fulfilling the teaching mission of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the AAEA Vision Statement. We encourage submissions from women, underrepresented minorities and members from a broad set of academic, government, industry and NGO organizations.

Each year, one award for each of the following categories is given:

- Less than ten years' undergraduate and/or graduate teaching experience
- Ten or more years' undergraduate teaching
- Ten or more years' graduate teaching

### Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2021**.

- Nominators and Nominees must be 2021 members of AAEA.
- Re-nominations are encouraged, provided materials are updated and resubmitted. If a nominee has previously won a Distinguished Teaching Award, the selection is based on activities subsequent to the previous award.
- Nominees must be actively engaged in teaching at a professional level during the 2020–2021 school year.
- To nominate, fill out the online Distinguished Teaching Award Nomination Form below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

### Nomination Materials

#### Nomination Letter

- Maximum of 3 single-spaced pages
- It will be the centerpiece for evaluation and should contain a concise statement summarizing reasons why the nominee is worthy of the award. The letter of nomination should have itemized descriptions (each separated by subsection) of how the nominee meets/excels the five criteria as listed in the evaluation section (see "Evaluation").

#### Biography of the nominee emphasizing current and past teaching achievements

- Maximum of 2 single-spaced pages

#### Statement of teaching philosophy by the nominee

- Maximum of 1 single-spaced page

#### (Optional) Appendix devoted to evaluation of teaching quality

- Maximum of 5 single-spaced pages

#### (Optional) Supporting materials

- Limited to three items (publications, videos, computer programs, etc.) of the nominee's best examples of quality work
- Electronic format is preferred
- If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies should be sent to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

### Evaluation

The following five major areas are considered in evaluating nominations:

1. Quality of teaching
2. Academic advising, counseling, extracurricular activities, and career support with students
3. Campus participation in instructional, course, and curricular improvement efforts
4. Evidence of a commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity and inclusion within and through teaching efforts, including but not limited to (i) creating and revising coursework, experiential learning opportunities, curriculum and programmatic initiatives, (ii) student mentoring initiatives, and (iii) leadership in engaging campus stakeholders and peers within the applied economics discipline.
5. Professional development leading to improvement in teaching for benefit of self and peers



6. Department/college/university teaching awards and other teaching related recognitions at national/international level

It is required that nomination packets explicitly address all 6 review areas. Nomination Form Link: <https://form.jotform.com/42544551714150>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at [hsalzman@aaea.org](mailto:hsalzman@aaea.org) or (414) 231-8117.

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### **Outstanding Master's Thesis Awards**

The Outstanding Master's Thesis Award is given in recognition of development of professional excellence by individuals writing master's theses in any field consistent with the [AAEA mission statement](#). A maximum of three awards are given. A cash supplement of \$500 accompanies each award.

### **Nomination Guidelines**

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2021**.

- The nominator must be a 2021 AAEA member.
- One nomination can be submitted for every 15 Master's theses of a department presented to a graduate school faculty in the calendar year preceding the year of recognition. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee. In determining eligible theses, departments should limit nomination consideration to theses in fields consistent with the AAEA mission statement.
- A published thesis may be entered for the Outstanding Master's Thesis Award as well as other AAEA Annual Awards, but is only eligible to win one award that year.

To nominate, fill out the online Outstanding Master's Thesis Award Nomination Form linked below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

### **Award Nomination Materials**

- Nomination Letter
  - Maximum of three single spaced pages
  - A concise statement summarizing reasons the nominee/thesis is worthy of the award
- Copy of the thesis (or comparable document)
  - Electronic format is preferred
  - If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, nine copies of the publication should be sent to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Nomination Form Link: <https://form.jotform.com/62314382882155>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at [hsalzman@aaea.org](mailto:hsalzman@aaea.org) or (414) 231-8117.

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### **Publication of Enduring Quality Award**

The Publication of Enduring Quality Award is granted to encourage excellence in publications in fields consistent with the [AAEA Vision Statement](#). A maximum of one award is given each year for a publication with

publication date falling at least ten years prior to the year of recognition (2010 or before). Entries are judged on the basis of their enduring quality as evidenced by impact to the discipline (eg citations, subsequent contributions). Competition is focused on one specific publication by the author(s), one of whom was a member of the Association at the time of publication, and not on the cumulative work of the author(s).

We encourage submissions from women, underrepresented minorities and members from a broad set of academic, government, industry and NGO organizations.

### **Nomination Guidelines**

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2021**. Entries may be submitted by departments or other administrative units, by colleagues, or by the authors themselves.

To nominate, fill out the online Publication of Enduring Quality Award Nomination Form linked below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

### **Nomination Materials**

Nomination Letter

- Maximum of three single-spaced pages
- Document explaining the publication's contributions to the profession

Copy of the publication

- Electronic format is preferred
- If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies of the publication should be sent to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Nomination Form Link: <https://form.jotform.com/62314153388152>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at [hsalzman@aaea.org](mailto:hsalzman@aaea.org) or (414) 231-8117.

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### **Quality of Communication Award**

The Quality of Communication Award is granted to encourage excellence in publications in fields consistent with the [AAEA vision statement](#). A maximum of two awards are given each year. Entries must demonstrate superior communication of concepts or knowledge in any subject matter of professional specialization (i.e., teaching, research, policy analysis or extension) in agricultural and applied economics as defined by the vision statement. We encourage submissions from women, underrepresented minorities and members from a broad set of academic, government, industry and NGO organizations.

### **Nomination Guidelines**

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2021**.

- An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2021 AAEA member. No requirements regarding number of authors or professional experience are imposed.
- Publications must have been published in 2020.

- A given article is eligible for only one award in either the Quality of Research Discovery or Quality of Communication category. Nominations should be submitted for only one category, which is clearly identified.

To nominate, fill out the online Quality of Communication Award Nomination Form linked below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

#### **Award Nomination Materials**

- Nomination Letter
  - Maximum of two single-spaced pages documenting the publication's contributions to the profession.
- Copy of the publication
  - Electronic form preferred.
  - If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies of the publication should be mailed to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

#### **Evaluation**

Seven major areas are considered in evaluating nominations as follows:

- Importance of topic
- Timeliness of topic
- Value of communication to its intended audience
- Expands the reach or visibility of ag and applied economics to a broader set of stakeholders
- Significance of contribution to the literature or other media
- Organization and presentation of material
- Economic content of communication

Form Link: <https://form.jotform.com/62314021876148>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at [hsalzman@aaea.org](mailto:hsalzman@aaea.org) or (414) 231-8117.

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#### **Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards**

The Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards recognize achievement of excellence in extension economics education programs. Awards may recognize not only individual programs, but also significant contributions of an individual economist to a larger, group program. We encourage submissions from women, underrepresented minorities and members from a broad set of academic, government, industry and NGO organizations.

Each year, one award for each of the following categories is given:

- Individual with fewer than 10 years' experience
- Individual with 10 or more years' experience
- Group\*

\*The Group Award recognizes the overall effectiveness, impact and contributions of a single program.  
Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on February 8, 2021. The nominator and the nominee(s), or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must both be 2021 AAEA members. The nominee(s) must have been active in extension education and/or outreach programs within one year of the nomination and the content of extension/outreach effort must be principally in an agricultural or applied economics field as defined by the [AAEA Vision Statement](#). Re-nominations are invited if supporting materials are brought up to date and resubmitted.

To nominate, fill out the Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award Nomination Form at the bottom of the page. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below. The form will also have an option to upload up to three media-type supporting materials.

### Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
  - Maximum of three single spaced pages
  - Summarize the reasons why the nominee is worthy of the award
  - Focus on hard evidence that the nominee meets the criteria
- A short curriculum vitae of the nominee for individual awards
  - Maximum of four single spaced pages
- Up to three items (publications, videos, computer programs, etc.) of supporting materials
  - Electronic format is preferred
  - If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies of documentary evidence shall be submitted to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

### Evaluation

Each nominee will be evaluated on the quality of work indicated by the nomination letter and supporting materials relative to the following criteria:

1. Ability to clearly define an important problem and target audience. Special consideration will be given to programs and professionals that expand the reach of the profession by identifying and targeting underserved, nontraditional and/or new audiences
2. Proficiency in conceptualizing and applying educational approaches, which utilize appropriate qualitative and quantitative analysis, primarily economics, but with other relevant disciplines included if appropriate
3. Effective communication, as measured by appropriateness of teaching materials to intended audience, quality of communication media, and innovation in communication methods
4. Evidence of accomplishment and impact through improved understanding, decision-making, or behavioral change in the target audience

Nomination Form Link: <https://form.jotform.com/42543988036160>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at [hsalzman@aaea.org](mailto:hsalzman@aaea.org) or (414) 231-8117.

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### **Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award**

The Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award is given in recognition of development of professional excellence by persons writing doctoral dissertations in any field consistent with the [AAEA vision statement](#). A maximum of three awards are given each year, and a \$1000 cash prize accompanies each award.

#### **Nomination Guidelines**

Nominations are due on February 8, 2021.

- The nominator must be a 2021 AAEA member.
- One nomination may be submitted for every 12 doctoral dissertations of a department that was presented to a graduate school faculty in the calendar year preceding the year of recognition. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee. Departments should limit nomination consideration to dissertations in fields consistent with the vision statement.
- A published dissertation may be entered for the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award as well as other AAEA Annual Awards, but is only eligible to win one award that year.

To nominate, fill out the online Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award Nomination Form linked below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

#### **Award Nomination Materials**

##### Nomination Letter

- Maximum of three single spaced pages
- Concise statement summarizing the reasons why the nominee is worthy of the award

##### Copy of the dissertation

- Electronic format is preferred
- If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, nine copies of the publication should be sent to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Nomination Form Link: <https://form.jotform.com/62315215474148>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at [hsalzman@aaea.org](mailto:hsalzman@aaea.org) or (414) 231-8117.

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### **Quality of Research Discovery Award**

The Quality of Research Discovery Award is granted to encourage excellent publications in fields consistent with the [AAEA Vision Statement](#). A maximum of two awards are given each year. Entries must demonstrate excellence and creativity in research methodology and/or expand the frontiers of applied economics. We encourage submissions from women, underrepresented minorities and members from a broad set of academic, government, industry and NGO organizations.

#### **Nomination Guidelines**

Nominations are due on February 8, 2021.

An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2021 AAEA member. No requirements regarding number of authors or professional experience are imposed. Entries must have been published in 2020.

A given article is eligible for only one award in either the Quality of Research Discovery or Quality of Communication category. Nominations should be submitted for only one category, which is clearly identified. To nominate, fill out the online Quality of Research Discovery Award Nomination Form linked below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

### Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
  - Maximum of one page single-spaced, 12 point font
  - Document the publication's contributions to the profession
- Copy of the publication
  - Electronic form preferred
  - If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies of the publication should be mailed to The AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Nomination Form Link: <https://form.jotform.com/62314127872151>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at [hsalzman@aaea.org](mailto:hsalzman@aaea.org) or (414) 918-3190.

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### AAEA Mentoring Award

Deliberate, purposive, mentoring takes time and effort. Through the process of collaborating with a mentee, a mentor shows a mentee the 'ropes' of the profession, helps to identify and cultivate the mentee's strengths, and opens up networks and professional opportunities. To mentor is to commit time and effort. The benefits of mentoring—colleagues from diverse backgrounds staying in the profession and fully expressing their potential—are enjoyed by the entire profession.

The purpose of the Mentoring Award is to recognize individuals in our association who have systematically shown consistent, outstanding efforts in fostering junior, female and/or minority colleagues. We encourage submissions from women, underrepresented minorities and members from a broad set of academic, government, industry and NGO organizations.

The AAEA community particularly values:

- Efforts to recruit and retain talented individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Co-authorship and/or other collaboration that provides major learning opportunities for junior, female, and/or minority colleagues
- Active advocacy for the professional advancement of these colleagues

### Nomination Guidelines

- Nominations are due on **February 8, 2021**.
- Nominees must be a 2021 member of AAEA.

### Nomination materials

- Nomination letter
  - Maximum of 3 single-spaced pages

- The nomination letter must be written by a 2020 member of AAEA.
- This letter will be the centerpiece for evaluation and should give examples (with the names of mentees) of how the nominee has systematically collaborated with, advocated for, and/or created growth opportunities for junior, female, and/or minority colleagues.
- The letter must include the nominee's name, affiliation, and email address, as well as the nominator's name, affiliation, and email address.
- The file name of the letter should include the phrase 'nomination\_letter.'
- Current CV of the nominee
  - No more than 15 pages, 12 point font, Single line space, 1" margin on both sides.
  - Highlight mentoring activities, achievement, and accomplishment of mentorship based on the award criterion.
- Between 3 and 5 supporting letters, written by those mentored by the nominee
  - Each supporting letter should be a maximum of 2 single-spaced page.
  - Between 3 and 5 supporting letters, written by those mentored by the nominee.
  - The nomination letter and letters of support must focus on three things.
    - clearly described activities to promote/support others
    - clearly described impacts and influences
    - significant and unique contributions to mentoring within and outside own institutions
  - Letters should be written by those mentored by the nominee, and illustrate the nominee's mentoring efforts and how these changed the professional trajectory of the letter writer.

Please send nomination materials to Jessica Weister at [jweister@aaea.org](mailto:jweister@aaea.org)

### Evaluation

The nominating letter, supporting letter, and CVs will be evaluated for evidence of i) clearly described activities to promote/support others ii) clearly described impacts and influences iii) significant and unique contributions to mentoring within and outside own institutions.

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### **AARES-AAEA Young Professionals Exchange Award 2021 - HEADING NORTH AWARD**

Applications are now invited for the 2021 Heading North award.

The Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) and the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) through the AAEA Trust will jointly offer this travel award to members of AARES or AAEA normally resident in Australia or New Zealand.

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 US \$3,000.00 to be used to assist the winner to participate in the [2021 Annual Meeting](#) of AAEA to be held in Austin, TX – August 1–3, 2021. Applicants for the award must be a member of either AARES or AAEA.

### Selection Process

The 2021 Heading North selection committee will be chaired by the President-Elect of AARES (Professor Gavan Dwyer).

Applications should include:

- a paper for presentation at the AAEA 2021 Annual Meeting in Austin, 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

Monday, **March 1, 2021** (for travel in August 2021)

Electronic submissions (in PDF form) for this award must be emailed to David Cundy at [office@aaes.org.au](mailto:office@aaes.org.au) by the due date.

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### 2021 AAEA Mentoring Research Workshop

***Rescheduled dates: May 26-28, 2021***

**Chicago, IL with a Registration Fee: \$40**

All previously submitted applications will be held for the new May dates. 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](mailto: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

***Reservation link***

<https://book.passkey.com/go/AAEAMRW2021>

Room Rate: \$179, Or call reservations at (877) 865-5321

and refer to group code: AAEA

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### AEPP Working Collection of Articles on COVID-19

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

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

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**Call for Papers****Special Issue on 'Replications in Agricultural Economics' in *AEPP***

An important quality characteristic of scientific research is that it is falsifiable and replicable. If findings from scientific articles are not replicable or are not attempted to be falsified, this renders conclusions less reliable. This is especially relevant in the field of agricultural economics research, where scientific results are frequently used to design or modify policies. Replication studies offer the potential to gain new insights from answering previously answered research questions by (1) applying the same or similar methods to other data sets or (2) applying alternative or more appropriate (new) methods to existing data sets or modeling frameworks. This contributes to the assessment of the robustness of earlier research findings

We invite submissions to a special issue on 'Replications in Agricultural Economics' in the journal *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy (AEPP)*. With this special issue, we aim to initiate a new research stream in agricultural economics and foster the use of replication as structural element of our discipline.

The primary purpose of a replication is to confirm the validity of a study previously published in a leading journal in the field of agricultural economics. We consider replications of all types of articles, e.g., econometric analysis, experimental work, as well as, optimization and simulation models. Considered replication studies shall preferably consist of two parts:

In the first part, key findings from the original study shall be reproduced. This should be based on a data set, experiment, or model that is identical to the original study. If the original results cannot be exactly reproduced, then the replicating researcher is required to contact the original author to reconcile any differences. All communication (emails etc.) on this exchange should be submitted to the journal.

In the second part, further robustness checks on the above-generated findings shall be provided. This can include, for example, alternative variable specifications, new (more recent, from another context etc.) data, an alternative experimental set-up, alternative estimation procedures, other optimization or simulation models, or other specifications of these models. Authors need to clarify how the presented analysis constitutes a replication of previous research.

If the experimental instructions, data sets or models that were used in the replicated study are unavailable, researchers should use experimental instructions, data sets or models that are as similar as possible to those in the replicated study (as substitute for the first part) and then apply a broad range of robustness checks in the second part.

Both confirming and disconfirming replications will be published. The main criterion for assessment of the replication is a high standard of the methodological approach and clarity. Replication articles are full-length articles. Multiple replications of an original article by different replicating authors can be published.

A two-tier selection procedure will be used for this special issue: First, researchers who are interested in contributing to the special issue shall submit a short (ca. 2 pages) concept note describing the envisioned content and approach by January 15, 2021. The guest editors will provide feedback on the submitted concept notes to support researchers, as well as, to enable an efficient submission process.

Full papers need to be submitted by **January 15, 2022**. After an editorial pre-screening, the submitted papers will be sent to the original author(s) asking for feedback AND sent to at least one guest editor and one

anonymous reviewer (which can be the author of another replication study for the special issue) for reviews. The guest editors will accept the paper for publication in the special issue if the analyses are conducted with methodological rigor, the analysis and the results are presented in a clear (and reproducible) way, and the paper is in line with the originally submitted concept note and the guest editors' feedback on the concept note. If the decision is to publish, the original author(s) are invited to submit a new reply in response to the final revised version which will be published as well if it is written in a clear and factual way. Detailed instructions for preparing and submitting concept notes are given on the following page. Instructions for the full papers will be sent along with the feedback on the concept notes.

Guest editors are Robert Finger, ETH Zürich, Switzerland; Carola Grebitus, Arizona State University, USA; and Arne Henningsen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

*If the COVID-19 pandemic continues for a longer period of time and, thus, prevents researchers from conducting or replicating lab experiments or surveys, an extension of the submission deadline will be considered.*

### **Webinar to introduce the Call for a Special Issue on 'Replications in Agricultural Economics'**

Dear Colleagues,

We would like to invite you to a Webinar to introduce the Call for a Special Issue on 'Replications in Agricultural Economics' in the journal Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy.

Day: December 03, 2020

Time: 8.30am MST

10.30am ET

15.30 GMT/UTC

16.30 CET

The webinar will be hosted by the editors of the special issue and aims to support authors in preparing submissions by (i) presenting the vision of the special issue, (ii) clarifying the submission procedures, and (iii) answering questions. All three guest editors will participate.

A replication is any study whose primary purpose is to (1) determine the robustness of previous research findings and (2) identify why studies reach different conclusions on the same subject matter. Further information on the special issue can be found here:

<http://blog.aaea.org/2020/09/call-for-papers-for-special-issue-on.html>

To register click here: [https://ethz.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ZsHurqhnTyeFrfvFL7HG8g](https://ethz.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZsHurqhnTyeFrfvFL7HG8g)

Please don't hesitate to contact us, if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

Robert Finger, ETH Zürich, Switzerland ([rofinger@ethz.ch](mailto:rofinger@ethz.ch))

Carola Grebitus, Arizona State University, USA ([carola.grebitus@asu.edu](mailto:carola.grebitus@asu.edu))

Arne Henningsen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark ([arne@ifro.ku.dk](mailto:arne@ifro.ku.dk))

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**Call for Papers****Special Issue, “Agricultural and Applied Economics and Inequity and Discrimination Faced by African Americans in the United States”***Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy*

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

1. Implications of the Pigford v. Glickman suit and related cases on Black farmer land loss
2. Funding differences in experiment stations and extension systems between 1862 and 1890 institutions and impacts on African American outcomes related to food and agriculture
3. Evaluation of differences in intergenerational mobility of African American students between 1890 and 1862 institutions
4. Implications of agricultural land loss on present-day wealth and wealth-related disparities
5. Racial disparities, property values, and Black and white farmers in rural America
6. Disparities in federal and state funding at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions. Specifically, inequality in the distribution of funding support for research, teaching, and 4-H programs at 1890 institutions
7. Disparities by race in human capital development, income inequality, family/community resiliency, or disaster preparedness and their impacts on population and migration and/or rural and regional development, with a particular focus on the African American experience
8. Disparities by race in food security, with a particular focus on the African American experience
9. Black farmers' access to financial capital
10. Examination of alternative farm policy frameworks that continue systemic racism with government support and emergency payments. Black farmer participation levels in local food systems could be assessed in this context.

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

**Composition of the Issue**

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

**Communication**

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

### Additional Information

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

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### **(WEBINAR)The Meatless Revolution: Panel with Industry Experts**

AAEA Webinar (Co-sponsored by FAMPS and AEM)

Please note the date and time have not been determined. Notifications and a calendar invitation will be sent out when a date has been determined.

### Overview

The meat sector is a well-established market, with a typical American consuming over 200 pounds of meat (either beef, chicken, and/or pork) per year. However, the growing demand for alternative proteins (e.g., plant-based, lab-grown) has captured the attention of investors, the media, and consumers. Plant-based “meats” are not only targeted toward vegans and vegetarians, but also consumers who do not subscribe to a specific diet, as plant-based meat companies attempt to mimic the look, feel, and taste of conventional meat-based products. Major food retail chains and fast food restaurants, such as Carl’s Jr., Q’doba, and Burger King, are bucking the trend and have all introduced plant-based alternatives as a substitute to menu favorites. Additionally, new technologies to produce lab-grown meat, such as those derived from chicken feathers, are on the frontier. Infusions of investments by venture capital and large companies are being made, despite the fact that, historically, many investments made in growing food startup companies have ended up being divested at a loss.

Nevertheless, the controversy surrounding plant-based vs. lab-grown vs. the traditional meat sector has many wondering how the food system will evolve in this new choice landscape. This symposium brings together both sides of the conversation – the alternative and the traditional meat sectors – to discuss the meatless craze that has swept the nation and the broader implications for the food system.

### Expected Outcomes

The goal of the panel is to engage in topical discussions on relevant challenges and opportunities that the traditional and non-traditional protein sectors face, and discuss ways in which partnering with researchers would offer synergies with industry objectives. Participants will leave with information on data resources that may be useful for policy relevant analysis.

### Who Should Attend

We encourage all members of AAEA as well as non-members to attend, including but not limited to agricultural economics, public policy experts, industry stakeholders, educators, chefs, and health care experts.

### Webinar Format

The Webinar is entirely Q&A based. Prior to the panel, we will solicit questions to ask the panelists and pick, among them, four to six questions to guide the discussion. **Please go to [THIS SURVEY](#)** to vote on which questions you would like to ask the panelists.

Example questions include:

- How close are the alternative protein options to mimicking the nutrient profile of alternative meat options when compared to regular meat?

- What marketing campaigns exist to inform or persuade pro-meat consumers to purchase plant-based alternatives?
- How does cost factor into shoppers' purchasing decisions, specifically concerning the higher price tag of alternatives?
- What expectations do you have regarding the demand for meat alternatives and how might this factor into product pricing?
- How long do you foresee it taking the lab-grown and plant-based industry to not only mimic the taste of meat on the market, but exceed what consumers are currently used to?
- Who are the major players and what are the products they offer, either currently or in the near future?
- With all of the additives required to achieve plant-based meat, could you describe the process with respect to FDA standards and labeling requirements?
- In what ways, if any, are environmental policies shaping the acceleration of plant-based alternatives? How might you expect this to change over the next five to ten years, e.g., under different administrations?

#### Industry Speakers

- Paul Shapiro
- Monty Staggs
- Dean Klahr
- Michael Nepveux

## AAEA at ASSA 2021

### **2021 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting will be VIRTUAL**

Given recent events, continued uncertainties, current meeting/travel restrictions related to the potential spread of COVID-19, and the rising number of cases, we regret to announce that the Association's leadership has made the difficult decision not to hold the [2021 ASSA Annual Meeting](#) in person. The safety risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic has made it impossible to plan, prepare for, and hold an in-person event as expected.

While not holding an in-person meeting will diminish the reunions, receptions, and other networking opportunities that occur in a face-to-face setting, the AEA is excited to announce that preparations are underway for a **VIRTUAL 2021 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting**. Session and paper submissions have been strong and we are currently curating a program that will be both interesting and stimulating – especially in the times through which we are living. The virtual meeting will be held on January 3 – 5, 2021 as planned and will include the usual offering of over 500 scientific sessions. Registration will open in September and the registration fee will be set to cover the costs of holding the virtual meeting. Stay tuned for more details at <https://www.aeaweb.org/conference/>.

This has been a unprecedented year and the AEA leadership believes that, despite the departure from normal circumstances, we will continue to have an engaging and successful 2021 AEA/ASSA Meeting. We look forward to seeing you in person in 2022 when we will be together again in Boston.

If you have any questions, please email [ASSA@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:ASSA@vanderbilt.edu).

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**AAEA Sessions****Sunday, January 3**

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

12:15 PM – 2:15 PM (EST)

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

[Contracting in Agriculture](#) (A1)

3:45 PM – 5:45 PM (EST)

Chair: Clark Lundberg, San Diego State University

**T.W. Schultz Memorial Lecture** – *Reconsidering the Economics of Identity: Position, Power, and Property*

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm (EST)

William Darity Jr., Ph.D., Duke University

**Monday, January 4**

[Big Data and Near-Real-Time Monitoring of Food Emergencies](#) (A1)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (EST)

Chair: Rob Vos, International Food Policy Research Institute

[Food Quality Inspection, Certification, and Disclosure](#) (A1)

3:45 PM – 5:45 PM (EST)

Chair: John Bovay, Virginia Tech

**Tuesday, January 5**

[The Impact of COVID-19 on Rural Economies](#) (A1)

12:15 PM – 2:15 PM (EST)

Chair: Heather Stephens, West Virginia University

## People Section

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**University of Georgia**

- Awards: **Greg Colson**, UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, D.W. Brooks Award for Excellence in Teaching

**University of Guelph**

- Retirement: **Glenn C. Fox**, 35 years of service

**Kansas State University**

- Awards: **Aleksan Shanoyan**, USDA Excellence in College and University Teaching Awards for Food and Agricultural Sciences Regional Award, 2020; **Glynn Tonsor**, K-State Research and Extension and Kansas ACE, Communicator of the Year, 2020; **Andy Barkley**, K-State Office of International Programs, International Educator of the Year, 2020

**International Food Policy Research Institute**

- New appointment: **Jemimah Njuki**, Director for Africa; **Petros Mkandawire**, Research Analyst; **Aubrey Jolox**, Research Analyst; **Abdourahmane Sy**, Research Analyst
- Appointment Changes: **David Spielman**, Senior Research Fellow/Program Leader-Rwanda; **Gracie Rosenbach**, Country Program Manager – Rwanda

***University of Missouri***

- New Appointments: **Keri Jacobs**, Associate Professor, GICL Distinguished Fellow and MFA Chair in Agribusiness; **Ben Brown**, Senior Research Associate, FAPRI
- Awards: **Sarah A. Low**, University of Missouri, 2020 Provost's Award for Creative Extension Programming by New Faculty; **Mike Sykuta**, CAFNR, 2020 Outstanding Senior Teacher Award; **Austin Sanders**, CAFNR, 2020 Distinguished Thesis Award; **Michelle Segovia**, University of Missouri System, Strategic Research & Creative Works Funding Award
- Position taken by Recent Graduate: **Eleni Galata Bicknell**, PhD, Post Doctoral Fellow, Missouri Science and Technology (MOST) Policy Initiative

***Purdue University***

- Awards: **Brady Brewer**, Purdue Office of Engagement, Scholarship of Engagement Fellow 2020–21; **Juan Sesmero**, Purdue University, Seed for Success Award 2020

***Texas Tech University***

- Retirement: **Eduardo Segarra**, 33 Years of Service at Texas Tech University

***West Virginia University***

- Retirement: **Cheryl Brown**, 19 years of service

***University of Wyoming***

- Appointment Changes: **Matt Andersen**, Professor; **John Ritten**, Professor; **Chian Jones Ritten**, Associate Professor
- New Appointment: **Anders Van Sandt**, Assistant Professor

## Obituaries

**Barry Lee Flinchbaugh**  
**1942-2020**

Dr. Barry Lee Flinchbaugh, 78, of Manhattan, KS, passed away, Monday, November 2, 2020. Memorial contributions may be directed to Barry Flinchbaugh Memorial Fund Kansas State University. Arrangements have been entrusted to Carlson's Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home and Cremation. He was 78 years old.

The charismatic Flinchbaugh was well known as one of the United States' leading experts on agricultural policy and agricultural economics. For more than four decades, he was a top adviser to politicians of both major political parties, including secretaries of agriculture, chairs of the U.S. House and Senate Agriculture committees, and numerous senators and state governors.

Flinchbaugh was involved to some degree in every U.S. farm bill written since 1968, and served on many national boards, advisory groups and task forces, providing input on domestic food and agricultural policy.

He served as the chairman of the Commission on 21st Century Production Agriculture, which was authorized in the 1996 Federal Activities Inventory Reform, or FAIR, Act, also known as the Freedom to Farm Act.



"Barry Flinchbaugh will be deeply missed by many generations of the K-State family," said K-State President Richard Myers. "His expertise and vast contributions to the university, the state and agricultural economics will have a lasting impact on the world for years to come through those whom he taught and counseled. His experiences have touched the lives of many and his wonderfully feisty, thoughtful, helpful and kind personality will be his legacy forever."

"Agriculture has and always will be the backbone of Kansas' economy," said Gov. Laura Kelly said. "Dr. Flinchbaugh helped shape agriculture policy for more than a half-century. While we will miss him and his enormous contributions to our state, he leaves behind a legacy as a Kansan who improved the livelihoods of Kansas farmers, ranchers, producers — and agriculture workers across the nation."

U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, Kansas, who worked closely with Flinchbaugh on farm bill legislation, wrote his condolences on Twitter.

"Franki and I are deeply saddened by the news of Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh's passing earlier today," Roberts said. "Dr. Flinchbaugh was nothing short of a legend in his field. His expertise made him one of the most coveted and trusted advisers for agricultural policy for decades."

"Dr. Flinchbaugh's legacy as an educator and advocate will live on through his work at K-State and his lifetime of dedication to agriculture. I will not only miss his guidance, but I will also miss his friendship, wit and humor."

Flinchbaugh grew up in York, Pennsylvania, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Penn State University. He earned a doctoral degree in agricultural economics from Purdue University before joining the K-State faculty in 1971.

At the time of his death, he was professor emeritus in K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics, teaching a 400-level course in agricultural policy each fall. He also served several years as chair of the Landon Lecture Patrons, who support the university's prestigious Landon Lecture Series.

A dynamic speaker, it was reported that Flinchbaugh would receive as many as 100 speaking invitations per year. He authored more than 100 publications and co-authored a textbook on agricultural policy.

Flinchbaugh's no-nonsense style was both loved and cursed; he was known to lay out the facts of an issue whether it was politically correct or not. In a biographical sketch detailing his speaking qualifications, a farmer in Colby once said about Flinchbaugh: "I do not agree with a damn thing you said, but the next time you are in town making a speech, I will be here."

K-State honored Flinchbaugh with its prestigious Outstanding Teacher Award three times during his career. It is estimated that he taught agricultural policy to more than 4,000 undergraduate students. He connected the university to hundreds of thousands of people by giving presentations to farmers, agricultural business groups and more through its extension mission.

"Our students, faculty and staff are deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh, and



our thoughts are with the Flinchbaugh family during this challenging time," said Ernie Minton, dean of the K-State College of Agriculture and director of K-State Research and Extension. "Barry was known as the absolute authority on agricultural policy for decades. Few faculty members have had the opportunity to impact so many students and at the same time affect national agricultural policy as Dr. Flinchbaugh.

"We are going to miss his presence on campus, his expertise, his direct talk, his friendship and his affable personality and wit," Minton said. "We will never forget the mischievous smile underneath his white beard and the bump of his walking cane on the floor following the delivery of a good one-liner."

Upon his retirement in 2004 as the state leader of agricultural economics, a news release from K-State Research and Extension quotes Flinchbaugh as saying he wants college students and experienced farmers alike to have fun while they're learning.

"But I also want them to be uncomfortable... to think outside the box. Occasionally you'll make somebody mad. That's one of the risks. But they'll remember what you said."

Flinchbaugh said one of his proudest professional moments came in 1971-1974 when he worked on a farm tax issue. During that time, he gave 300 presentations and visited all 105 counties in Kansas at least once.

"Barry Flinchbaugh was a man who loved his family, students, university and country," said Mark Gardiner, Gardiner Angus Ranch, Ashland. "He cared about all people, from the president of the United States to young people trying to learn. We all were better educated after learning from Barry, yet we were better people from experiencing his zest for life."

Flinchbaugh is survived in the family's Manhattan home by his wife, Cathy. Flinchbaugh's family will conduct a private family burial and plans to host a public celebration of his life sometime after the pandemic. Contributions in honor of Flinchbaugh may be made to the Flinchbaugh Scholarship Fund, the Flinchbaugh Agricultural Policy Chair, or a charity of their choice in his name.

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### **Alan Schroeder**

***1949 -2020***

Dr. Alan Schroeder, 71, agricultural economist and lawyer (retired), died peacefully October 21 in Denver, Colorado with his wife Samantha by his side.

Alan was born in Fargo, North Dakota on October 6, 1949, the middle child of Robert and Sylvia Schroeder. He grew up on the family farm eight miles east of Fargo in the very northern reaches of Minnesota. He attended North Dakota State University ('71), University of Wisconsin (MS '74, JD '77, and PhD in natural resource economics '82, studying under AAEA Fellow Dan Bromley).

He joined the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Wyoming in 1986 (the middle of a financial crisis in agriculture) where he spent his 27 year career teaching classes in natural resource economics, negotiation, and ag law, and served the state through his Cooperative Extension work, especially in conflict resolution. With his economics and law degrees, Alan was an important driver and creator of the state's agricultural mediation program, and he trained hundreds of mediators. His material still serves as the foundation for the program's curriculum.

Alan thought of education as teachers and students who are travel companions, who briefly come together on a venture before going their separate ways. Campus students remember that each of Alan's classroom journeys were based on real life stories – be they cases, articles or role plays – so that they entered into the world, and acted as professionals to analyze the problems and to make sound recommendations, just as they would do upon graduation. In his role as a teacher, he aspired, as he once wrote, “to share rather than preach, enriching rather than simplifying, and being *in* the world rather than above or outside it.” Serious students considered his courses in law and negotiation among the best and most useful in their college experience.

Colleagues remember an intrepid reader, a theatre-enthusiast, an unsurpassed listener, a careful editor, a deep thinker with a philosophical bend, and someone with a superb commitment to asking questions. His questions forced faculty and students to think beyond the decision at hand, to ponder the broader issues that were at work when actions needed to be taken. In one-on-one interactions with Alan, there was rarely small talk. Conversations centered on issues facing the department, the state, or agriculture. He generally interpreted what he heard, and then recast it in a larger follow-up question that stimulated more conversation. His notable authenticity caused him to be quickly accepted and revered by audiences. Colleagues also remember a man of notable faith, deeply engaged in understanding his relationship with God.

In accepting a teaching award in 2009, Alan wrote, “Our journey goes quickly—we feed each other through the substance of our stories and theoretic insights and find answers and ways to a ‘yes’ from an initial ‘no’. In the end, the students’ flames burn brightly, lit and enriched by our shared efforts and resources, long after the class concludes.”

Gifts in Alan's name can be made to support either of Alan's own bequests: a scholarship at the University of Wyoming to support undergraduates interested in pursuing agricultural law, or Covenant House, an organization in New York City that provides for homeless children.

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**Barry Bobst**  
**1935-2020**

Barry Wright Bobst, age 84, Harrodsburg, husband of Mary Lynn Elias, passed away on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at Ephraim McDowell RMC in Danville. Born September 7, 1935 in Albion, NE, he was the son of the late Garry and Leona (Wright) Bobst. He received his master's degree in Agricultural Economics at the University of Nebraska, was a Professor of Agriculture at the University of Kentucky, was a 2nd Lt. in the US Army Reserve and enjoyed reading during his free time.

Survivors other than his wife include: two sons Gary Lloyd Bobst and Kenneth Douglas Bobst both of Harrodsburg, KY.

No services are planned at this time.

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**Russell Brannon**  
**1931-2020**

Russell Herbert Brannon, 89 of Gainesville passed away Tuesday October 6, 2020.

Those wishing to send online condolences to the family may do so at [littledavenport.com](http://littledavenport.com)

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## Other News

### **AARES 2021**

The AARES 2021 conference will take place February 8–12, 2021.

Due to the COVID–19 Pandemic AARES has decided to hold the 2021 conference virtually, via online platform. It is envisaged that majority of online sessions will be ‘live’ so that presenters and participants can interact more directly. Recordings of sessions will be available for later viewing. Conference presentations will be held from 9 to 12th February.

The pre–conference workshops are planned to take place via live–streamed online sessions on February 8, 2021.

To ask a question of the Local Organizing Committee, please go to the [Contact page](#). To learn more about the AARES 2021 conference go to: <https://aares2021.org/>

### **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 be 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](#) – The final application must be submitted by the student’s department head/chair using the online submission system by **February 1, 2021**
- 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](http://www.fdrsinc.org)

or contact FDRS’s Vice President of Education: Dr. Kathy Kelley at [KathyKelley@psu.edu](mailto: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:

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- 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.

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Or contact FDRS's Vice President of Education: Dr. Kathy Kelley at [KathyKelley@psu.edu](mailto:KathyKelley@psu.edu)

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