2020 AAEA Annual Meeting

Travel Grants

2020 Travel Grant submissions are open. These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2020 AAEA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, on July 26–28. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. There are Travel Grants for both International and Domestic travel.

The deadline for the 2020 Travel Grants is May 15, 2020. Notifications will be sent in June.

Domestic Travel Grants

International Travel Grants

AAEA Strategic Plan

The AAEA Board has developed an updated Strategic Plan for the association. This plan will be a framework that will help guide the Board’s decision-making over the next 5–10 years. A draft of the Strategic Plan is available online using this link.

The AAEA Board welcomes any comments and suggestions for edits to this plan from AAEA members. Following this comment period and final Board review, this plan will be implemented within the next couple of months.

Please send any comments and edits to the Strategic Plan to AAEA Executive Director, Kristen McGuire at kmcquire@aaea.org by Friday, February 28.

We appreciate your comments and feedback!
2020 AAEA Mentoring Research Workshop

*Save the Date*

Chicago, IL

*Reception May 6 at 6:00 pm*

May 7–8, 2020

Registration fee: $40

The objective of this workshop is to help junior faculty (less than 10 years post–doctorate, although focused more on less than 5 years) improve their research agendas and to connect them with mentors in the profession. 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.

To apply for this workshop, submit a 250 word description of motivations for participating and desires for learning outcomes via email to mannen@aaea.org. If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen at 414–918–3190. The deadline for applications is March 17, 2020. For additional information and initial agenda, visit the webpage: [https://www.aaea.org/membership/mentorship–programs/2020–aaea–mentoring–research–workshop](https://www.aaea.org/membership/mentorship–programs/2020–aaea–mentoring–research–workshop)

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

The group rate is $179 per night. The deadline for our room block is April 15, 2020.

Call for Submissions: AAEA Invited Paper Sessions

*2021 ASSA Annual Meeting*


The objective of AAEA sessions at the ASSA Annual Meeting is to share new knowledge of interest to economists. AAEA encourages sessions that will draw widely from ASSA attendees, including sessions jointly sponsored with other ASSA member associations.

A subcommittee of the AAEA Board will review all proposals. Preference will be given to proposals that

1. Cover issues of national and international importance,
2. Expand capabilities and tools for economic research, and
3. Promise a high–quality collection of papers suitable for publication.
The Exchange

Papers in approved Invited Paper sessions are eligible to be peer reviewed for publication in the proceeding issue of the *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policies*. Authors will be contacted by the *AEPP* editors with manuscript submission details.

Proposed formats for the 2–hour sessions may include either three papers with one discussant or else four papers with no discussant. All proposals must include a plan for fostering participant interaction. Proposals should include the session title and paper titles, as well as the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the session organizer, moderator, paper presenters, and discussants. Proposal text should begin with a short justification of the session, followed by one paragraph abstracts describing the objective and contributions of each paper. The organizer is responsible for ensuring that all individuals identified in the proposal are willing to participate.

All speakers and discussants must be members of AAEA, although the proposal may request a membership waiver under special circumstances. Participants must register for the ASSA meeting. Please send proposals by **May 28, 2020**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at [mannen@aaea.org](mailto:mannen@aaea.org).

**CWAE & COSBAE 2020 Survey**

The Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics (CWAE) and the Committee on the Opportunities & Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics (COSBAE) are undertaking a survey of all individuals within the agricultural and applied economics profession. Your input is critical so that results can be used to identify meaningful ways to strengthen our profession and start new initiatives that will benefit all members. We appreciate your participation in this survey. It should not take more than 20 minutes. For more information or for any questions, please contact [CWAE.COSBAE.survey@gmail.com](mailto:CWAE.COSBAE.survey@gmail.com).

[Participate in the survey HERE](#)

**People Section**

**Auburn University**

- New Appointment: **John Ng’ombe**, Visiting Assistant Professor
- Visitor: **Igbekele Amos Ajibefun**, Vice Chancellor, Adekunle Ajasin University, Visiting Professor, 2020
- Resignation: **Brittney Goodrich**

**University of California, Davis**

- Return from Leave: **Pierre Mérel**
- Visitors: **Byeong-il Ahn**, Professor, Korea University, Visiting Scholar, one year; **Bruno Larue**, Professor, Laval University, Visiting Scholar, five months

**University of Guelph**

- New Appointments: **Jose Nuno-Ledesma**, Assistant Professor; **Tongzhe Li**, Assistant Professor and Founding Director of the FARE Laboratory for Experimental and Applied Economics (FARELab)
Leaves: Getu Hailu, January–April 2020; Glenn Fox, January–April 2020

**International Food Policy Research Institute**

- New Appointment: Johan Swinnen, Director General; Ame Cho, Research Analyst; Hnin El Win, Research Analyst; Insa Diop, Research Analyst; Khin Zin Win, Research Analyst; Monika Walia, Data Manager; Nandita Srivastava, Research Analyst; Phoo Pye Zone, Research Analyst; Richard Ariong, Research Analyst; Ruben Echeverria, Senior Research Fellow; Than Zaw Oo, Research Analyst; Ying Kham Synt, Research Assistant
- Honorary Position: Patrick Ward, Nonresident Fellow, IFPRI, January – December 2020
- Award: Shenggen Fan, AAEA, 2020 Fellow

**University of Maryland**

- New Appointment: James M. MacDonald, Research Professor

**University of Missouri**

- New Appointments: Matthew Sveum, Adjunct Assistant Professor; David McGranahan, Adjunct Assistant Professor; Alan Spell, Assistant Extension Professor
- Returns from Leave: Laura McCann

**The Ohio State University**

New Appointment: Anna Parkman, Associate Professor
Visitor: Xiaoxiao Zhang, Renmin University of China, Visiting Scholar, one–year from Oct 2019 – Oct 2020

**Purdue University**

- New appointments: Tor Tolhurst, Assistant Professor; Kajal Gulati, Assistant Professor
- Awards: Wally Tyner (posthumous), National Biodiesel Board, 2020 Eye on Biodiesel Pioneer Award; Nicole Olynk–Widmar, Purdue College of Agriculture, 2020 Richard L. Kohls Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award
- Resignations: Michael Gunderson; Luciano Castro

**Texas A&M University**

- Awards: Ed Rister, SAEA, Teaching Award; Alexander Neal Hlavinka, SAEA, Outstanding PhD Dissertation Award; Keith Coble, SAEA, Lifetime Achievement Award; David P. Anderson, SAEA, Extension Program Award; Rebekka M. Dudensing, SAEA, Extension Program Award; Danny A. Klinefelter, SAEA, Extension Program Award; Steven L. Klose, SAEA, Extension Program Award; George M. Knapek, SAEA, Extension Program Award; Joe L. Outlaw, SAEA, Extension Program Award; John L. Park, SAEA, Extension Program Award; J. Marc Raulston, SAEA, Extension Program Award; Luis A. Ribera, SAEA, Extension Program Award; James W. Richardson, SAEA, Extension Program Award; Samuel D. Zapata, SAEA, Extension Program Award
The Exchange

- Retirements: Robert Hogan, 12 Years of Service; Alan Mac Young, 15 Years of Service

Texas Tech University
- Award: Ethan Sabala, SAEA, Outstanding M.S. Thesis Award 2020

Virginia Tech
- Awards: Olga Isengildina-Massa, Virginia Tech, Excellence in Career Advising; Clint Neill, AAEA, Emerging Scholar Award; Mike Ellerbrock, Virginia Tech, Appointed to the Virginia Tech Academy of Faculty Service
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Xin Ning, PhD, Post-doctoral researcher, Virginia Tech; Ruoding Shi, Post-doctoral researcher, University of Virginia
- Leave: Kurt Stephenson, Resources for the Future, 6 months
- Visitor: Jay Shimshack, Associate Professor, University of Virginia, guest lecturer, February 2020

Obituary

Bruce Foster Johnston
1919-2020

Bruce Foster Johnston, Ph.D., age 100, passed away peacefully on February 1st, 2020 in Portola Valley, California. Born in Lincoln, Nebraska on September 24, 1919. He often said that he had “lived a long life sprinkled with serendipity”. His parents, Homer and Ethel Johnston, both journalists, moved with their young sons, Bruce and his older brother Hugh, to Long Beach, California in 1922. Bruce was the quintessential beach boy who loved swimming, water polo, body surfing and was a beach lifeguard. His lifelong love of the Sierras began when he was a young boy. He attended Pomona College and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Cornell University. At Cornell he was a member of the Telluride Association.

In 1941, he began working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Surplus Marketing Administration. This was his first foray into the world of agriculture that shaped his future career. In August 1942 Bruce joined the Army. He attended OCS at Camp Davis in Wilmington, NC becoming a second lieutenant. It was during his posting at Camp Davis when he met Harriet Pollins, from Jackson, MI, on a blind date. He often said this was his greatest gift of serendipity. They were married in Wilmington, NC on March 31, 1944. Later in 1944 Bruce attended the School of Military Government in Virginia. Bruce and Harriet moved to Stanford, CA where he received civil affairs training and intensive Japanese instruction in preparation for the post WWII occupation. In October 1945 he joined General MacArthur’s staff, in Japan, where he had responsibility for price controls, rationing and distribution of food to the Japanese people following the war.
Bruce returned to Stanford University as a graduate student at the Food Research Institute in 1948. He received his M.A. and then his Ph.D. in agricultural economics in 1952. His Japanese experience fostered his lifelong career in agricultural development focusing on developing countries, especially in Asia and Africa. Beginning in 1952, he spent two and a half years as an agricultural economist with NATO. He was assigned to the Food and Agriculture Division of the Marshall Plan’s European office in Paris.

In September 1954 Bruce returned to Stanford University to join the faculty of the Food Research Institute. A consummate academic, his career spanned many decades of research and teaching in the field of agricultural development. An ardent teacher and devoted mentor, Bruce’s teaching, research, and policy analyses were distinguished by an exceptionally broad strategic perspective. Not one to be diverted by fads, he worked to clarify and communicate strategic ideas that withstood the test of time, while articulating lessons of history and debunking development myths to avert repetition of costly mistakes. He authored numerous publications and received awards for his research including a Guggenheim Fellowship and was named a Fellow of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association. He collaborated on many research endeavors with the Food & Agriculture Organization (UN), World Bank, Agency for International Development and the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations. His career afforded him the opportunity to work in many parts of Asia, Europe and Africa and be able to live in Japan, France, Uganda, Kenya & Austria.

Bruce loved to ski, hike, play tennis, swim, travel and root for Stanford sports teams. After many happy years living on the Stanford campus, Bruce and Harriet moved to Pacific Grove, California. They thoroughly enjoyed living on the Monterey Peninsula, becoming active with the community at St. Mary’s by the Sea Episcopal church, volunteering and walking on the beach. They later moved to the Sequoias – Portola Valley retirement community closer to their former home at Stanford.

Bruce was predeceased by his wife of 67 years, Harriet, and his son, Bruce. He is survived by his daughter Patricia (Nina) Johnston of Denver, CO, his granddaughter Elizabeth J. (Quinn) Smith of Douglas, AK and his grandson, Zachary (Kaitlin) Waegell, of Watertown, MA.

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, March 7 @ 11:30 am at St. Mary’s by the Sea at 146 12 St., Pacific Grove CA. Donations in Bruce’s memory may be made to Peninsula Open Space Trust (222 High St., Palo Alto, CA 94301); St. Mary’s by the Sea/Christian Social Concerns or COPA (95 Alta Vista Ave., Watsonville, CA 95076).
Winter School 2020 in Survey Design and Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics

New Scholarships

This one-week Winter School will be held Monday, March 16–Friday, March 20, at the Agribusiness Center on the Arizona State University Polytechnic campus. The school, run by leading applied and agricultural economists, will provide an in–depth introduction to basics of survey design, experimental methods, and data analysis.

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Scholarship

The AAEA Trust of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association is providing $5,600 for Winter School scholarships. Seven students will receive scholarships in the amount of $800 each. To apply for the scholarship, submit your CV and a maximum of two pages as PDF, no more than 800 words, Times New Roman, 12pt, 1 inch margins, 1.5 space, explaining why you should be considered for an AAEA Trust Winter School Scholarship to Carola Grebitus: carola.grebitus@asu.edu

The Argentinean, Chilean, and Uruguayan Agricultural Economics Associations, and the International Association of the Agricultural Economists (IAAE) Invite you to the 2nd Inter-Conference Symposium and 6to Congreso Regional de Economía Agraria

"THE ROLE OF THE AGRIBUSINESS SECTOR IN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIES"

Montevideo, October 7–9, 2020.

The abstract submission site for the Inter-Conference symposium will open February 10, 2020 and the deadline for reception will be April 30th, 2020. However, Young Professionals applying for partial support need to submit no later than April 20th, 2020.

Further details including guidelines and topics for the submission of Abstracts can be found in http://iaae-montevideo2020.com

Agriculture and Economic Development

The 5th International Workshop in Memory of Yair Mundlak

Rehovot, Israel, June 18–19, 2020

Keynote Speaker: Dean Karlan, Northwestern University

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The Department of Environmental Economics and Management of the Hebrew University and the Center for Agricultural Economic Research will host an international workshop on "Agriculture and Economic
The Exchange Development" in memory of Professor Yair Mundlak. The workshop will take place on the campus of the Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment in Rehovot, Israel, during June 18–19, 2020.

The program of the workshop will include both invited and contributed presentations. We solicit cutting-edge papers in the broad area of the theme of the workshop, including the Economics of Food, Agriculture, Development, Natural Resources and the Environment.

Those interested in presenting a paper at this workshop should submit an extended abstract or a complete paper, and include the name, position, and affiliation of the proposed presenter, to mundlak.workshop@gmail.com, before March 31, 2020. Preference will be given to those submitting complete papers.

There is no registration fee for presenters, but participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Information on local accommodations will be provided.

The Food Distribution Research Society – Extended Deadlines

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the 2020 Scholarship Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing & 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.

Richardson–Applebaum Outstanding Graduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing

Eligibility

- The competition is open to all graduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system who have completed degree between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019.
- Please note: 1) applicants are limited to applying for each category only once and subsequent submissions will be not be considered and 2) only one submission will be accepted per university per category each year.

Award

- One travel stipend for each of the following categories: best PhD Dissertation ($1,500) or best MS Thesis ($1,500).
- Complimentary one–year FDRS student membership.
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2020 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX, October 9–14, 2020.
- The PhD recipient is invited to present his/her research during the FDRS Applebaum–Richardson Award Luncheon.
Application steps
Submit the following as one PDF file in the following order to KathyKelley@psu.edu by **February 28, 2020**. When labeling your PDF files, please include your first and last name and name of your university.

- 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.

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

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 be not be considered and 2) only one submission will be accepted per university per category each year.

Award

- A travel stipend of $1,000 for the best Undergraduate Student Research Paper.
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership.
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2020 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX, October 9–14, 2020.

Application steps
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- 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.

For more information and to access the Statement of Intent forms please visit the FDRS website at [https://www.fdrsinc.org/fdrs-awards/#apple](https://www.fdrsinc.org/fdrs-awards/#apple) or contact the FDRS's Vice President of Education; Dr. Kathy Kelley at KathyKelley@psu.edu.
16th Conference International Section
October 9–10, 2020, Athens, Greece
*Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities in Bio-economy*
www.etagro.gr/2020

The Aim of the Conference
The Hellenic Association of Agricultural Economics (ETAGRO) is pleased to invite contributors across the globe to attend the *International Section in Agricultural Economics* which is going to be part of the *16th Conference of the Hellenic Agricultural Economics Association*, held in the historic and lively city of Athens during October 2020. The main theme of the *International Section* of the Conference is *Sustainable Agriculture, Food Security, and Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities in Bio-economy*.

Modern agriculture is both causing and being affected by radical transformations in agri-food systems as well as acute climate change–related risks. Various health issues caused by globalized diets, as well as the persisting problems of hunger and malnutrition, bring food and nutrition security to the forefront of scientific and political discourse. On the other hand, extreme and unpredictable adverse climatic events already affect agriculture, exacerbating the long–standing problems of resource depletion and environmental degradation. Therefore, profound economic, social, and environmental impacts are expected, thus rendering the quest for sustainability even more complicated and demanding.

In this context, Bio–economy can make a decisive contribution in tackling often contradicting issues such as climate change or terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem degradation on one hand, and the growing demand for increased production of agricultural products and foodstuffs on the other.

Bio–economy is a vast and important sector in the European Union and includes agriculture, silviculture, fishery, foodstuffs, bioenergy, and bio–based products. It has an annual turnover of about two trillion euros and employs nearly 18 million. Moreover, it is a key factor for boosting the development in rural and coastal areas, and it can create 1 million new green jobs by 2030.

The *International Section in Agricultural Economics of the 16th Conference of the Hellenic Agricultural Economics Association* expects leaders, policymakers, academics, scientists, producers and political bodies to attend and share their work experiences and thoughts in various subjects related to the bio–economy such as sustainable agri–food systems, sustainable food security, climate change mitigation, and new technologies, and others.

Target Audience
All interested scholars or representatives among governmental entities, institutions, industries, NGOs, etc. are invited to contribute with up–to–date approaches on the meeting.
The specific objective of this meeting is to become the bridge in terms of communication and collaboration between science and research as well as the bodies and the stakeholders in agriculture, thereby facilitating the transfer of research data and expertise.

The participation in the conference of young scholars and students with the presentation of relevant research papers is considered significant and strongly recommended and encouraged. A series of parallel sessions will be organized in the International Section of the conference and a well-recognized international scholar will address the participants on a topic related to the theme of the International Section of the Conference.

Scientific Committee:

Keynote Speakers:
Alfons Oude Lansink and Fabio Santeramo

Conference Venue:
Agricultural University of Athens, Iera Odos 74, Athens 118 55

Information:
Anthony Rezitis (on behalf of the Scientific Committee): arezitis@aua.gr
Pavlos Karanikolas (on behalf of the Organizing Committee): pkaranik@aua.gr
Ioannis Vardopoulos (Scientific Secretariat): ivardopoulos@hua.gr

Important Dates:
• April 15, 2020: Submission of extended abstracts
• July 15, 2020: Abstract evaluation
• October 9–10, 2020: Conference
• November 15, 2020: Full paper submission for possible publication in collaborating journals

Submit extended abstracts or posters by email: submission.etagro@gmail.com

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/
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. Aquaculture, 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).

With best regards,
ICAFS2020 Secretariat, on behalf of the Organizing Committee of ICAFS
Istanbul, Turkey
Email: icafs@apaset.org
Website: https://icafs.apaset.org/

Environmental Research PhD and Postdoc Opportunities
The Gund Institute at UVM
The Gund Institute for Environment at the University of Vermont (UVM) brings scholars and leaders together to accelerate research, uncover solutions and tackle the world's most pressing environmental issues. The Gund focuses on environmental issues at the interface of four pressing research themes: climate solutions, health and well-being, sustainable agriculture, and resilient communities.
**Gund Institute Funded PhD Opportunities:** The Gund Institute for Environment seeks exceptional PhD applicants to start Fall 2020 and conduct interdisciplinary research on global environmental challenges. Applications are due January 15, 2020.

The Gund Institute is a newly expanded campus–wide research accelerator, where 180 faculty, global affiliates, postdocs, and graduate students collaborate widely to understand interactions among ecological, social, and economic systems. We explore environmental issues at the interface of four pressing research themes: climate solutions, health and well-being, sustainable agriculture, and resilient communities.

We are committed to ensuring an inclusive environment where diverse voices and perspectives are active and welcome. We encourage applicants who bring diverse perspectives to our community.

**CURRENT OFFERS:** Gund PhD Fellowships: We seek up to four PhD students to work on Gund research themes, especially the connections among them. Students will receive up to four years of support at $32,000 per year, plus tuition.

Gund Barrett PhD Fellowships: We seek up to two PhD students for a new opportunity provided by the Gund Institute and UVM’s College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences (CEMS), supported by The Barrett Foundation. Students will receive up to four years of funding, including an annual stipend of $35,000, plus tuition.

All students are eligible for health insurance, and conference and research funds.

For more information and application instructions, visit uvm.edu/gund/gund-phd-fellowships.

**Gund Institute Postdoc Positions:** The Gund Institute for Environment seeks exceptional postdoctoral scholars to start Fall 2020 and conduct interdisciplinary research on major global environmental challenges. Applications are due **February 15, 2020**.

The Gund Institute is a newly expanded campus–wide research accelerator, where 180 faculty, global affiliates, postdocs, and graduate students collaborate widely to understand interactions among ecological, social, and economic systems. We explore environmental issues at the interface of four pressing research themes: climate solutions, health and well-being, sustainable agriculture, and resilient communities.

We are committed to ensuring an inclusive environment where diverse voices and perspectives are active and welcome. We encourage applicants who bring diverse perspectives to our community.

**ABOUT THE POSITIONS:** Gund Postdocs pursue rigorous, original research that spans traditional disciplines and advances Gund research themes. Postdocs are supervised by at least one Gund Faculty Fellow. Co-advisors from different departments are encouraged.
These two-year positions have an annual salary of $49,000, plus benefits, and a $5,000 per year discretionary fund for research costs and travel. Postdocs also benefit from professional development opportunities, including communications and policy training.

For more information and application instructions, visit: uvm.edu/gund/postdoctoral-fellowships.

**Food and Health Economics Workshop**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The second Food and Health Economics Workshop will take place at the Toulouse School of Economics (TSE) June 18 and 19, 2020. The Food and Health Economics Workshop brings together researchers from around the world working in the field of Food and Health Economics.

The workshop provides a forum that encourages the development, critical appraisal, and dissemination of methodological research related to food and health economics. In this regard empirical, theoretical and experimental papers will be selected on the basis of their contribution to the advance of the knowledge on the topic.

Contributions would address and answer key policy questions through rigorous economic analysis. Possible topics include obesity, in particular children obesity, malnutrition, non-communicable chronic diseases, nutritional transition, ex-ante and ex-post evaluation of food and/or nutritional policies, strategic role of food firms, and food safety.

**DATES and VENUE:** June 18 and 19, 2020, Toulouse School of Economics (TSE), France.


**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:** Timothy Beatty (U.C. Davis), Pierre Chandon (INSEAD), Helmuth Cremer (TSE–R), Pierre Dubois (TSE–R), Fabrice Etilé (INRA, PSE), Stephanie von Hinke (U. Bristol, UK), Jayson Lusk (U. Purdue), Franco Sassi (Imperial College), Luigi Siciliani (U. York, UK), and local organizers.

**TO SUBMIT A PAPER:** The deadline to submit a research article is **February 29, 2020**. Preliminary versions of papers are accepted, but full papers will be given priority. Young researchers are especially encouraged to apply. Papers have to be sent to the following email address in PDF format: fhew2020.conf@tse-fr.eu.

**NOTIFICATION of ACCEPTANCE:** March 31, 2020

**REGISTRATION:** April 30, 2020

**FORMAT:** The workshop is run over two days and comprises around 15 papers. The number of participants will be limited to around 50. Participants are expected to attend the whole of the meeting and play a role as author, discussant, or chairperson.
FEES: Fees amount to 250 € VAT included. Lunch and dinner are provided by the conference.

If necessary, you may also contact the local organizers at fhew2020.conf@tse–fr.eu.

Fall 2020 Issue of the Western Economic Forum
Submission Guidelines

Guidelines for Submitting Manuscripts: All submissions to the Western Economics Forum must be submitted electronically in MS Word format. Author and institutional identifications will be removed from MS Word submissions by the editorial team prior to being sent to reviewers. Receipt of manuscripts will be acknowledged by email.

Authors’ Identification and Title Page: To protect their anonymity in the review process, authors should not identify themselves on the title page or in any headers. A separate title page must be sent as an attachment to the editors via email, and should include: (i) title; (ii) author names; and (iii) name, phone number, and email address of the corresponding author.

Text Preparation and Style Guide: Regular Articles: Final published length of regular articles for the WEF is targeted for 8–12 pages in final form or 2,500 words in length, with a maximum length of 15–20 pages in final form or 3,500 words in length – including reference list, tables and figures. There may be flexibility to accept more pages if appropriate – at the discretion of the editors. Double-space all text, including the abstract, acknowledgments, footnotes, and references. Place each table and figure on a separate page following the references. Make sure that the manuscript follows the style and formatting requirements outlined in the JARE Style Guide, (http://www.waeaonline.org/publications/jare/submission–guidelines).

Case Studies: For the Fall 2020 issue of the Western Economics Forum there will also be a case studies section – with the case studies targeted for 3–5 pages in length in final form, and approximately 6–9 pages in length as initially submitted or 1,000–1,250 words in double–space text, including abstract, acknowledgements, footnotes, and references. The JARE Style Guide style and formatting requirements will also be followed for Case Study articles. See the Call for Papers and Case Studies for Fall 2020 for more information.

Article Submissions
All documents must be submitted in MS Word format and will undergo double-blind peer-review before being considered for publication. Submit articles for the Fall 2020 WEF Journal to Editorial Team member Daniel M. O’Brien by email attachment at: dobrien@ksu.edu.

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Instructions for Accepted Manuscripts
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Western Economics Forum (WEF)
Call for Papers and Case Studies for Fall 2020

Topical Focus of Special WEF Issue:

Adding Economic Value – Increasing Farm and Community Prosperity in the Western U.S.
The Western Economics Forum (WEF) focuses on interdisciplinary issues relevant to the Western United States. Western state economies continue to be impacted by highly variable returns to key commodities; policies that influence the availability of labor, water and other critical inputs; as well as weather patterns that affect the quantity and quality of agricultural production. In response, agricultural producers, researchers, community organizations and educators are seeking strategies to smooth variability in rural incomes, create new sources of employment, reduce use of increasingly scarce inputs to production, and develop markets for new services and products.

The Western Economics Forum organizes peer-reviewed economic research and cutting-edge thinking and ideas about contemporary issues affecting the Western United States. The papers and case studies in this special issue for fall 2020 are meant to inform community practitioners, technical assistance providers and policy makers as well as academics and agency personnel working and involved in increasing farm and community prosperity.

For its Fall 2020 issue, the Western Economics Forum welcomes authors to submit papers or articles for peer review addressing both validated and emerging tools and strategies that contribute economic benefit to Western agricultural value chains. We seek papers exploring how innovations in production, processing, marketing and policy are creating new opportunities for agricultural producers to improve their financial wellbeing and create positive spillover effects in their communities. Papers might
analyze the value created by the introduction of new specialty crop and livestock products, new production methods such as indoor and agrivoltaic systems, new processes for creating or distributing agricultural and food products, and new markets for products or services such as agritourism or farm to school programs. These papers are intended in general to be 10–12 pages or 2,500 words in final form, with up to 15–20 pages and 3,500 words maximum.

This issue also includes a case study section. We encourage community organizations, entrepreneurs and collaborative ventures to submit case studies or briefs (final form) about innovative projects addressing issues related to food production, processing, marketing and/or distribution issues with economic implications. These case studies can be preliminary reports and may include less quantitative analysis than what is in a conventional research paper. The article should include the project objectives, steps taken, quantitative and/or qualitative evaluation methodologies and project outcomes. It can include online links to supplementary content. These case studies are intended to be 3–5 pages in final form (i.e., 1,000–1,250 words).

All submissions, including both submitted papers and case studies, will be peer reviewed.

Submission Guidelines:
Authors are required to provide WEF editors with suggestions for at least 2–3 reviewers for each article submitted. See complete submission guidelines for Fall 2020 WEF issue on the Western Economics Forum website, part of the Western Agricultural Economics Association, i.e., WAEA, http://www.waeaonline.org/.

Submission Timeline:
Deadline for Submission: April 1, 2020

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International Food Marketing Research Symposium
Call for Papers
San Antonio, TX, June 17–18, 2020
We are now accepting submissions for the International Food Marketing Research Symposium to be held on June 17–18, 2020 with Texas A&M University, in San Antonio, TX.

In the months to come, details will follow regarding programs, accommodations, and local food related activities and events.

After a successful 2019 conference co–hosted with the University of the Sunshine Coast, AU, we expect a large international group to join us again at the 2020 conference co–hosted by the Agribusiness, Food, & Consumer Economics Research Center at Texas A&M University.
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There will be a welcome reception on Tuesday, June 16 and two full days of conference programming on Wednesday and Thursday, June 17 & 18, 2020.

We again will host a special session for PhD students to present and discuss their work with senior faculty and peers.

Registration
You may send abstracts and papers for peer review and register online at www.institutefpm.com. The submission deadline is April 15, 2020.

The 2020 proceedings will contain only extended abstracts (5 pages). Only extended abstracts will be considered for best paper awards.

Conference Co-chairs
Mark Lang, Department of Marketing, The University of Tampa, and Gary W. Williams, Agribusiness, Food, & Consumer Economics Research Center, Texas A&M University.

Partnering Journals
The Conference is partnering with the Journal of Food Products Marketing, the Journal of International Food and Agribusiness Marketing, and Economia Agro-Alimentare/Food Economy. A selection of the best articles will be considered for publication in the journals.

Conference Information
The Institute of Food Products Marketing hosts this 2-day research symposium as a forum for discussion and communication of food marketing research. This is a peer reviewed academic conference for food marketing articles and student papers. The session topics have included:

- Consumer Behavior
- Marketing Strategy
- Retailing/Merchandising/Private Label
- Product Development/Innovation
- Advertising/Promotion
- Pricing
- Technology/E-Commerce
- Agribusiness & Marketing
- Health/Nutrition/Organic
- Channels/Supply Chain
- Global Issues/Perspective
- Sustainability/Ethics

Abstracts of accepted presentations will be published in a Conference Proceedings.

We encourage graduate students to submit their work. There will be certificates awarded for the best
student and overall papers.

The conference fee includes conference materials, a welcome reception, lunch and coffee breaks each day, and a closing dinner at a nearby location.

Information about travel, hotels, restaurants, and tourist activities will be available at www.institutefpm.com in February, 2020.

You can email questions to mlang@ut.edu.

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Fulbright Specialist Program Engineering Education Project
Open Call

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP) is seeking a highly qualified professional to serve as a Specialist for the approximately 2-week project "Automation Processes of the Uses of Natural Resources" to take place in Bogotá, Colombia beginning in Fall 2019 or Spring 2020.

The Fulbright Specialist Program (FSP), part of the larger Fulbright Program, was established in 2001 by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA). The program pairs highly qualified U.S. academics and professionals with host institutions abroad to share their expertise, strengthen institutional linkages, hone their skills, gain international experience, and learn about other cultures while building capacity at their overseas host institutions. Grant benefits include international round-trip economy class airfare, transit allowance, all applicable visa fees, a daily honorarium, enrollment in a limited health benefits program, lodging, meals, and in-country transportation.

Host Institution: Fundación Universitaria Konrad Lorenz
Proposed Timeframe: Approximately two weeks, ideally between mid-November and December 2019.
Please note that dates may be flexible between March and April 2020, based upon the chosen candidate’s availability.
Location of Project: Bogotá, Colombia

Project Activities

Fundación Universitaria Konrad Lorenz and Corporación Universitaria Minuto de Dios (UNIMINUTO), two private higher education institutions, work together to develop and promote scientific research to address social problems in Colombia. They seek a Specialist who can provide insight on developments in the automation of food production and farming in order to enhance Colombia’s competitiveness in regional and international markets.

During the approximately two-week visit, the Specialist will engage with activities that include but are not limited to:

- Leading workshops for students, researchers, and professors on the innovations in automation of agricultural production, and the role of these technologies in natural resource transformation
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- Advising on pedagogical methods for enhancing training in this topic at academic and professional levels
- Reviewing and evaluating current undergraduate curriculum addressing this topic across several programs, such as Engineering, Systems Engineering, Technology of Automation, and Agroecological Engineering and providing recommendations to ensure alignment with international standards
- Participating in a closing conference for participants to share insights gained through the project with other institutions of higher education and the public.

Preferred Qualifications
The Specialist must possess knowledge in environmental and sustainability issues, particularly expertise in agricultural engineering, and demonstrated interest in social engagement projects. They should also have substantial experience in curriculum development and academic advising. Specialists with some proficiency in Spanish are preferred, however all applicants who possess the relevant expertise are encouraged to apply.

6 Congreso Regional de Economía Agraria and IAAE-Inter-Conference Symposium

**The Role of the Agribusiness Sector in the Sustainable Development of Latin American Economies**

*October 7–9, 2020, Montevideo, Uruguay*

The Inter-Conference Symposium seeks to provide an expanded regional network for agricultural and applied economists from all over Latin America and beyond focusing on the role of the agribusiness sector in the sustainable development of our rural economies. Providing a platform for discussion, exchange and networking, we are looking to strengthen our profession in the region.

The Argentinian, Chilean, and Uruguayan national associations in collaboration with the IAAE will invite the authors of the best presentations at the Inter-Conference Symposium to prepare full papers for possible publication in a special issue of *Agribusiness: An International Journal.*

The newly formed ISEPA, affiliated with the *Journal of Productivity Analysis (JPA)*, encourages all of its many Founding Members and regular membership to participate in this Inter-Conference Symposium. The best presentations will be invited to submit a paper for possible publication in a Special JPA Issue on Latin American economic issues relating to efficiency and productivity.

The website for abstract submission will open on January 15, 2020. This website will also provide information on the venue in Montevideo and the organization of the Symposium. The deadline for submission of abstracts will be **April 30, 2020.**

Partial funding to participate in the Conference will be available to a limited number of PhD students and young professionals. Details will be forthcoming in the website.
If you need additional information at this time, please contact: Federico García, fedegarcias@gmail.com or Boris E. Bravo–Ureta, boris.bravoureita@uconn.edu.

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