

President's Column

February 2021



It has been a busy couple of months for the AAEA, with a successful slate of sessions and T.W. Schulz lecture “*Reconsidering the Economics of Identity: Position, Power, and Property*” at the ASSA meetings in January, and hundreds of great selected paper and organized symposia submissions flowing in as we plan for the 2021 Joint Annual Meeting. As you might imagine, we are thinking hard about our plan for 2021, including a few hybrid alternatives that would allow us planning flexibility. Beyond the Annual meetings, it has been increasingly clear that our membership will be best served with a more diverse set of activities year-round, even though the Annual gathering may continue to be a keystone event. So, let me share a bit of what we are considering, and stay tuned for more information on 2021 events.

No matter where we stand with the pandemic and public health restrictions, we are envisioning a hybrid set of online/in-person elements for the annual meetings, but the “blend” will be decided between now and April, somewhat based on feedback from the membership.

- We already plan to stream all the plenary sessions from the ballroom, including the Gordon Rausser Keynote, Galbraith Lecture, Fellows Address and a 40th anniversary celebration of CWAE and COSBAE
- We will also stream the Awards and Fellows Recognition Ceremony, making it possible for the wide circle of family, friends, colleagues and supporters to celebrate our honorees
- Beyond that, I have two thoughtful task forces considering a number of scenarios for how we can offer a larger set of the program, weekend Section and committee activities and perhaps some fun networking events during the meetings (or similar to last year, across a more extended set of dates). We will likely be asking for your opinion on these options during the Spring, so watch your email for opportunities to share your plans

Whether virtual or in-person (or both), we have a great program shaping up, including:

- I want to share that we are welcoming the Western Ag Economics Association to our meetings and found space for them to host their own Keynote, Presidential address and Invited paper series as part of our meetings
- Lots of pre- and post- events including a tour led by the Beer section and pre-conferences led by the Employment, Experimental and Senior/NAAEA Sections
- After the meetings, there will be post-conferences hosted by the FAMPS/FSN and Senior/Extension committees or the option to join the Extension tour

PLEASE WATCH FOR A SURVEY ABOUT YOUR CURRENT EXPECTATIONS FOR COMING TO AUSTIN (OR JOINING US VIRTUALLY) AT THE TIME YOU HEAR ABOUT YOUR PAPERS/SESSIONS SO WE CAN HAVE THE INFORMATION WE NEED TO PLAN FOR AUGUST

- The Sections continue to be active in innovating ways to better engage, serve and celebrate their members. Watch for new awards and recognition opportunities (including CWAE's new award to honor junior & senior scholars who actively work to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in the applied econ profession). Many of these awards will be advertised past the AAEA awards deadline that just passed, and I encourage you to look for ways to acknowledge the good work of your peers
- The graduate student section has been particularly focused on ways to elevate the role of graduate students in AAEA activities. Under a new initiative, a number of sections will integrate graduate student representatives into their leadership teams to offer those students a professional development opportunity, and for the section, an important voice providing a young scholar's perspective
- There will also be a few virtual Job Market Paper sessions, co-led by the Employment committee and the Graduate Student section, and they presented to the Section leaders in January to see if there was interest in organizing those sessions by Sections as well, so stay tuned for details of how to participate, and how this may be integrated into the hybrid meeting plans.

Finally, a favor to ask of you.

Are you willing to participate in a project to provide the Economics Labor Market with Quality Data? The O*NET Data Collection Program is recruiting AAEA members. If you are willing to share your expert opinion as an Economist on occupational data, they will compensate you for your time with a \$40 stipend.

- Economic Experts must:
 - Conduct research, prepare reports, or formulate plans to address economic problems related to the production and distribution of goods and services or monetary and fiscal policy. May collect and process economic and statistical data using sampling techniques and econometric methods
 - Be currently active in the occupation and based in the U.S.
 - You have at least 5 years of experience with the occupation. We have received a great set of track session and invited paper sessions for the Austin meetings in August 2021, but we need you to help us round out the program. Please spend the next month to develop your organized symposia and selected paper proposals to submit by January 20th, 2021...we look forward to seeing what our members are working on
 - Contact Matt Robinson mrobinson@onet.rti.org or 919-926-6617. Please provide the following: Full Name, Employer/Company Name & Title, Daytime Phone Number, Email Address and Address with City & State

AAEA News

2021 AAEA Travel Grants

2021 Travel Grants are now open for applications. These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2021 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, August 1-3, 2021. 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 2021 Travel Grants is **May 20, 2021**, applications will be available soon. Notifications will be sent in June.

- [Domestic Applications](#)
- [International Applications](#)

**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@aares.org.au by the due date.

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)

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.

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 (mllmallor@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.

Call for Papers

Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR)

Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR) is an online, open access, and peer-reviewed professional publication series. The aim is to provide an inclusive outlet for research, teaching and Extension education scholarship encompassing but not limited to research articles, case studies, classroom games, commentaries, experiential learning, and pedagogy. The goal is to support and advance teaching and Extension education within the scholarly areas of agricultural and applied economics, and agribusiness economics and management. AETR seeks to publish articles that are diverse in both scope and authorship. It serves as a platform for addressing and contributing to our understanding of important societal issues, including inequality and discrimination, as well as how shifts in pedagogy (e.g., growing reliance on remote and hybrid learning modalities) may impact accessibility and inclusion.

AETR encourages submissions on a wide variety of topics, including social inequality and discrimination; remote learning; hybrid learning; curriculum development; teaching innovations; classroom games; and case studies. Guidelines for submission can be found at: <https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources/aetr-manuscript-submission-guidelines>. All submissions will go through a blind peer-review process with no charge for submission or publication. You can directly submit a manuscript at: <https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources>.

Please email if you have any questions or inquiries; send to aetr.editor@gmail.com. We look forward to your submission!

Call for Papers

Special Issue, “Fostering Diversity and Inclusion in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics Classrooms and Departments”

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources is calling for manuscripts on teaching methods, curriculum development, and programs to foster diversity and inclusion in agribusiness and agricultural economics classrooms and departments. Across the academy, researchers have documented the adverse effects of racial and economic inequality, gender discrimination, stereotype enforcement, and social polarization on university students in the United States. Less has been documented about these issues within agribusiness management, agricultural economics, and related undergraduate and graduate university programs. The goal of this special issue is to further our understanding of educational inequalities for students of different economic, racial,

sexual, and cultural backgrounds. Further, we seek articles that report on classroom, department, college, or multi-institutional programs designed to foster and support students from diverse backgrounds.

The special issue will highlight instructor, department, and college-level programs and policies which have resulted in improvements or exacerbated challenges in enhancing the learning experience and outcomes for underserved and under-represented graduate or undergraduate students. The issue will inform faculty and administrators approaches to creating a safe and caring space for inclusive student learning. Authors may also report on lasting impacts of programmatic shortcomings or innovations on minority students, alumni, faculty, and the profession. We encourage research that implements the collective trauma recovery framework, weaver-leader framework, active and learner-centered pedagogy, traditional and remote classroom environments, and personal or group narratives. We welcome research papers, methods papers, case studies, or commentaries. Authors may employ qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods approaches in researching both shortcomings and successes of programs.

Special Issue Editors: Dr. Mariah Ehmke, University of Wyoming (mariah.ehmke@uwyo.edu), and Dr. Kenrett Jefferson Moore, North Carolina A & T University (jykenret@ncat.edu).

Submissions will be accepted for the special issue through December 31, 2021. We encourage submissions sooner to be able to help readers benefit from accepted submission. All articles will go through a double-blind peer review process and be available online via Advanced Access for readers once accepted.

Manuscript submissions can be made on the AETR submission page at:

<https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources>. Please read and follow submission guidelines. When submitting the manuscript, make sure to select the "Special Issue" option upon submission. If you have any questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors. Questions about the review process and submission to AETR can be made to editor at aetr.editor@gmail.com.

(WEBINAR) Listening to the Diverse Voices of AAEA

The AAEA Mentoring Committee will be hosting the second session of Listening to the Diverse Voices of AAEA webinar. We will have 4 new panelists joining us to tell their stories highlighting significant moments throughout their education and professional journey. We highly encourage individuals interested in being mentored to join us for a chance to connect with potential mentors and understand the importance of being prepared for opportunities and seizing opportunities to learn.

When: Friday, February 26, 3:30 – 5:00 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:

- Dawn Thilmany, Colorado State University
- Rodolfo Nayga, University of Arkansas
- Kimberly Rollins, University of Connecticut
- Shadi Atallah, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

To register for this webinar: <https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tlwtf-isqzkiGtA0hr5HWRaQ6VR4PnEBkoc2>

Note that space is limited. If at anytime you find out that you can longer attend the webinar, please email us at info@aaea.org to cancel so we may better accommodate to those who's registration is pending. Any pending registrants will be reviewed during the time of the webinar in the event there is room.

We hope to see you there!

The AAEA Mentoring Committee

(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

Help Support the Economics Labor Market with Quality Data: The O*NET Data Collection Program and AAEA members

The O*NET Data Collection Program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, is seeking the input of expert Economists on our own job market characteristics. As the nation's most comprehensive source of occupational data, O*NET is a public resource for millions of job seekers, employers, veterans, educators, and students at www.onetonline.org.

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association encourages you to volunteer to complete and return the O*NET questionnaires. Please be assured that your decision regarding participation in O*NET will not impact your standing with our organization and is completely voluntary... The AAEA leadership encourages you to participate so that there is accurate and rich information available about our sector

You are considered an Expert Economist if you meet any of the following criteria:

- Conduct research, prepare reports, or formulate plans to address economic problems related to the production and distribution of goods and services or monetary and fiscal policy. May collect and process economic and statistical data using sampling techniques and econometric methods.
- You are currently active in the occupation (practicing, supervising, teaching and/or training) and based in the U.S.
- You have at least 5 years of experience with the occupation. (Includes those who are now supervising, training, or teaching IF you have at least one year of practice during your career)

How to Participate

If you meet these criteria and are interested in participating, please contact Matt Robinson at RTI International, the O*NET data collection contractor, at mrobinson@onet.rti.org or 919-926-6617.

Please provide the following:

- Full Name
- Company Name and Title
- Daytime Phone Number
- Email Address
- Address with City and State

Process and Participation Incentive:

A random sample of experts responding to this request will be invited to complete a set of questionnaires. Experts who are selected and agree to participate will receive \$40.00 and an oak-framed certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Department of Labor.

2021 AAEA Mentoring Research Workshop

[Post-Conference Workshop \(PC54\)](#)

August 4-5, 2021

Austin JW Marriott

See below schedule for times each day

Registration fee: TBD

Space is limited

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 develop effective strategies for success. The workshop will focus on constructively criticizing research in progress. Mentoring will include networking, information about the profession, and discussion of current research trends and topic areas.

Mentees will be divided into small groups assigned to one or more mentors. Small group sessions will involve short research presentation by each mentee followed by feedback on their research by the group.

To apply for this workshop, submit a 250 word description of motivations for participating and desires for learning outcomes via email to mannen@aaea.org. If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen at 414-918-3190.

Mentors (subject to change)

- Titus Awokuse, *Michigan State University*
- Stephen Devadoss, *Texas Tech University*
- Deacue Fields, *University of Arkansas*
- Madhu Khanna, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign* (organizer)
- Jayson Lusk, *Purdue University*
- Jill McCluskey, *Washington State University*
- Rudy Nayga, *University of Arkansas* (organizer)
- Junjie Wu, *Oregon State University*
- David Zilberman, *University of California, Berkeley* (organizer)
- Julie Caswell, *University of Massachusetts Amherst*
- Robbin Shoemaker, *Retired NIFA*

INITIAL AGENDA	
Wednesday, August 4	
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration/Check-in and Breakfast
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Welcome
9:15 am – 10:15 am	General Session 1 – Orientation to an Agricultural and Applied Economics Department: Research, Teaching and Outreach Expectations
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	Small Group Sessions – will involve presentations by mentees about their working papers and feedback from mentors and other participants
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	General Session 2 – How to Develop an Effective Research Program in an Ag and Applied Economics Department: Strategies for Making an Effective Transition, Publication, and Tenure
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Small Group Sessions – will involve presentations by mentees about their working papers and feedback from mentors and other participants
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Networking, Mentors meet with their mentees
6:30 pm	Dinner
Thursday, August 5	
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:00 am	General Session 3 – Big Research Questions in Agricultural and Applied Economics by field that can attract Grant Funding
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Small Group Sessions – will involve presentations by mentees about their working papers and feedback from mentors and other participants
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Concluding Session: Wrap-up on Key Takeaways

Call for papers: Food for Thought: Economic Analysis in Anticipation of the Next Farm Bill

[AAEA Post-Conference Workshop, August 4, 2021 \(PC 53\)](#)

The AAEA Extension Section and Senior Section, along with the USDA Office of the Chief Economist and Texas A&M Agricultural and Food Policy Center are sponsoring a post-conference workshop following the AAEA 2021 meetings to encourage and highlight economic analysis in anticipation of the next Farm Bill.

The 2018 Farm Bill will expire in 2023, and typically ideas for a new farm bill begin to percolate a couple of years in advance. This post-conference workshop is intended to focus our profession on relevant topics so that our work will be useful to the debate that is likely to get underway later this year.

The workshop aims to engage AAEA members with policy professionals in a format organized around key program areas covered by the Farm Bill and will join analytical paper presentations by AAEA members with discussants experienced in policy analysis and farm programs. Our goal is to bring together knowledge and experience of the policy process with new approaches and ideas, across a wide spectrum of experience with policymaking.

We are looking for papers that are forward-looking and that engage in innovative ways with long-term and emerging policy issues that have surfaced over the last few years. While papers should be based on rigorous analysis, they should be accessible to a lay audience and should consider the practicalities of implementation as much as possible.

All papers will be made available on a shared access website, and a selection committee will choose up to three papers per session for presentation during the workshop. Selected papers will be posted on the Extension Section website for broad access and distribution. Papers presented at the post-conference will be eligible for publication in *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy (AEPP)*, subject to review. Authors will need to submit their manuscripts for consideration after the conclusion of the meetings.

All policy areas generally included in the Farm Bill may be considered as presentation topics—the final workshop session organization will be determined based on available papers. Example topic areas may include: commodity programs/crop insurance, conservation programs, other farm and production related topics, nutrition and food systems, research and extension, and rural development.

Proposals should include title, one-page proposal, and affiliation and contact details of authors.

Proposals are due **March 15** and should be sent to Anne Effland (anne.effland@usda.gov) and Josh Maples (josh.maples@msstate.edu).

Deadline for final papers will be June 15.

Call for Applications

The Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics (CWAE) and the Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics (COSBAE) are pleased to announce our new mentoring program, Building the Pipeline. Upper-level undergraduate students from under-represented minorities, as well as female-identifying and non-binary individuals, with a strong interest in graduate education in applied and/or

agricultural economics are invited to apply. Applications from 1890 and 1994 land grant institutions are particularly encouraged. For additional eligibility and application information, click [here](#).

Handbook of Agricultural Economics, Vol. 6

What Matters in Agricultural Economics?

Setting the Agenda for the Handbook of Agricultural Economics, Vol. 6

Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Preconference

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 9:45am – 3:00pm Eastern Time

Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 9:45am – 2:00pm Eastern Time

Elsevier Handbook of Agricultural Economics

Presentations to be 25 minutes each, with 10 minutes for a discussant and 20 minutes of questions from the audience. Please note that space is limited and attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

9:45 – 10:00am

Introduction to Handbook of Agricultural Economics, Volume 6

Christopher B. Barrett, *Cornell University* & David R. Just, *Cornell University*

10:00 – 11:00am

Concentration in Food and Agricultural Markets

John Crespi, *Iowa State University* & James MacDonald, *USDA-ERS*

Discussant: Alan Love, *Washington State University*

11:00am – 12:00 pm

Trade in Agricultural and Food Products

Christophe Gouel, *INRAE* & Carl Gaigne, *INRAE*

Discussant: Ian Sheldon, *Ohio State University*

12:00 – 1:00 pm

The Economics of Food Loss and Waste

Tim Richards, *Arizona State University*, Steve Hamilton, *Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*; and Brian Roe, *The Ohio State University*

Discussant: Harry DeGorter, *Cornell University*

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Producers, Consumers, and Value Chains in Developing Countries

Marc Bellemare, *University of Minnesota*, Jeffrey Bloem, *USDA-ERS*, & Sunghun Lim, *Texas Tech University*

Discussant: Hope Michelson, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

2:00 – 3:00 pm

Risk Management in Agricultural Production

Jesse Tack, *Kansas State University* & Jisang Yu, *Kansas State University*

Discussant: Jean-Paul Chavas, *University of Wisconsin*

Register for this session here:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjYlcOivrTgtG93gg_s6PR3eCcOhuXWqRL8q

Thursday, March 4, 2021

9:45 – 10:00am

Introduction to Handbook of Agricultural Economics, Volume 6

Christopher B. Barrett, *Cornell University* & David R. Just, *Cornell University*

10:00 – 11:00am

The Triple Nutritional Burden

William Masters, *Tufts University*, Amelia Finaret, *Allegheny College* & Steve Block, *Tufts University*

Discussant: John Hoddinott, *Cornell University*

11:00am – 12:00pm

The Economics of Health and Nutrition Related Food Policies: The Effects on the Public Health and Malnutrition

Vincenzina Caputo, *Michigan State University* & David Just, *Cornell University*

Discussant: Carola Greibus, *Arizona State University*

12:00 – 1:00pm

Empowering Communities Using an Integrated Design of Food Networks

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

Discussant: Zoe Plakais, *The Ohio State University*

1:00 – 2:00pm

Psychophysiological Measures and Consumer Food Choice

Marco Palma, *Texas A&M University*

Discussant: Brian Roe, *The Ohio State University*

Register for this session here:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJkcu2vrDwiGtHxo2icUKUHjNLG9PjixDdw>

Call for Nominations

CWAE Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Awards

Spring 2021

Purpose/Mission

The vast majority of awards in our profession reward accomplishments based on research, teaching, and/or extension accomplishments. While these are worthy areas of recognition, CWAE would like to also recognize those individuals who have made our profession a more welcoming and supportive place for all who strive to be applied economists. To this end, we have created two awards to recognize those individuals who have actively worked to advance diversity, equity, and inclusion (as defined by the Association of American Colleges and Universities) and who have had a positive impact on students, colleagues, and the culture of their departments and our profession. We will recognize two categories of individuals: those who have been in the profession for less than ten years and those who have been in the profession for ten or more years (consecutive or nonconsecutive). Award recipients will be recognized annually at the CWAE/COSBAE annual luncheon at the AAEA Annual Meetings.

Eligibility

- Any AAEA member
- Academic, government, non-profit or industry, including self-employed economic consultants and contingent faculty
- Any career path welcome (including unique and non-traditional paths)
- Junior: Less than ten years (consecutive or nonconsecutive) of active work experience as an economist

- Senior: Ten or more years (consecutive or nonconsecutive) of active work experience as an economist

Evaluation/selection criteria for awards

Nominees will be evaluated based on the criteria below. We encourage nominations of individuals who aspire to meet these criteria even if they feel their contributions to diversity, equity and inclusion do not fully meet all of the criteria listed. Nominations will be reviewed by the CWAE Awards Subcommittee.

Evaluation criteria for junior award:

- Public advancement and prioritization of diversity, equity and inclusion within their workplace and/or the profession
- Demonstrated initial positive impact on students, peers, their employer culture, stakeholders and/or the profession through their efforts to catalyze change in the area of diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Viewed as an emerging role model in diversity, equity and inclusion work by their peers, colleagues, mentees, students or others

Evaluation criteria for senior award:

- Public advancement and prioritization of diversity, equity and inclusion within their workplace and/or the profession
- Demonstrated sustained positive impact on students, peers, their employer culture, stakeholders and/or the profession through their efforts to catalyze change in the area of diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Viewed as an established role model in diversity, equity and inclusion work by their peers, colleagues, mentees, students or others
- Takes active leadership in diversity, equity and inclusion efforts within their workplace, department, university, organization, field, and/or the profession.

Examples of avenues and methods through which this work may have been achieved and which could be discussed in the nomination (not intended to be exhaustive):

- Advocacy for equitable access to learning, resources, opportunities, and visibility in the profession
- Promotion and/or mentoring of groups or individuals that facilitate equitable access to learning, resources, opportunities, and visibility in the profession
- Service activities such as the development and championing of inclusive policies and processes
- Research on topics such as disparities in outcomes or discrimination or use of inclusive research methods such as community-based participatory research
- Inclusive teaching methods and curricula
- Development of inclusive workshops or workspaces
- Outreach and/or Extension programming that educates people about diversity, equity and inclusion or provides information and technical assistance to historically underrepresented or undervalued stakeholders
- Any other activities that promote diversity, equity and inclusion

Submission Requirements

Nominations will be accepted from either of the following:

1. Nominee (i.e., self-nomination)
2. A group of 2 or more individuals from within or beyond the nominee's organization

Nomination packets and letters of recommendation (self-nominations only) should be submitted to CWAE Awards Subcommittee Co-Chairs Zoë Plakias and Valentina Hartarska by **March 22, 2021** at: aaea.cwae@gmail.com. Senders will be notified of receipt.

AAEA at ASSA 2022

Call for submissions: AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2022 ASSA Annual Meeting

President-Elect Madhu Khanna is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2022 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, January 7–9, 2022.

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

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

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

Papers in approved Invited Paper sessions are eligible to be peer reviewed for publication in the proceedings issue of the *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 26, 2021**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org.

Other News

31st International Conference of Agricultural Economists—Moves Virtual

The IAAE Board of Directors wishes to announce that the 31st ICAE Conference, initially scheduled for New Delhi in August 2021, will now be a **Virtual Event**, tentatively from August 17–31. This extended period is to accommodate our participants from diverse time zones.

Online conferences have their challenges, but we hope the new software solution we have identified will allow us to try a range of new and exciting options that will enhance the benefits to our members.

Contributed Papers and Organized Symposium submissions: The deadline for submission of papers and symposia has been extended to **Tuesday March 30, 2021** to allow more time for submissions. All proposals already submitted for review remain eligible for selection. To that effect, we are extending the opportunity to those who may wish to update and/or revise their submissions until the above deadline.

While we are still finalizing the registration fee, the good news is that the fee will be substantially lower than usual. We are also still exploring fundraising opportunities to help sponsor participation by early-career academics and professionals, especially those from low- and lower-middle-income countries.

Further announcements on the conference format will follow soon.

For more information and updates about this announcement and subsequent announcements, contact *Jeffers Miruka: Director of Communications*, at communicationsdirector@iaae-agecon.org. Also check frequently on our [website](#), and follow us on our social media platforms below for continued updates.

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AAEA is committed to the fair, ethical treatment of all of its members and all other individuals participating in AAEA activities or activities connected with, or related to, AAEA activities, while providing an atmosphere that promotes a variety of research, teaching and extension/outreach activities.

AAEA has zero tolerance for, and prohibits any type of, discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment, either within the organization, at professional meetings, in the field, or anywhere professional activities are conducted under the aegis of the AAEA.

View the [policy](#) here.