

AAEA News

AAEA Mentoring Award

Deliberate, purposive, mentoring takes time and effort. Through the process of collaborating with a mentee, a mentor shows a mentee the 'ropes' of the profession, helps to identify and cultivate the mentee's strengths, and opens up networks and professional opportunities. To mentor is to commit time and effort. The benefits of mentoring—colleagues from diverse backgrounds staying in the profession and fully expressing their potential—are enjoyed by the entire profession. The purpose of the Mentoring Award is to recognize individuals in our association who have systematically shown consistent, outstanding efforts in fostering junior, female and/or minority colleagues.

The AAEA community particularly values:

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

Nomination Guidelines

- Nominations are due on February 7, 2020
- Nominees must be a 2020 member of AAEA

Nomination materials

- Nomination letter
 - Maximum of 3 single-spaced pages
 - The nomination letter must be written by a 2020 member of AAEA.
 - This letter will be the centerpiece for evaluation and should give examples (with the names of mentees) of how the nominee has systematically collaborated with, advocated for, and/or created growth opportunities for junior, female, and/or minority colleagues.
 - The letter must include the nominee's name, affiliation, and email address, as well as the nominator's name, affiliation, and email address.
 - The file name of the letter should include the phrase 'nomination_letter.'
- Current CV of the nominee
- Between 3 and 5 supporting letters, written by those mentored by the nominee.
 - Each supporting letter should be a maximum of 1 single-spaced page.

Kansas City, MO Fun Fact Friday

January 24, 2020

Time to break out the shovels! Kansas city has averaged about 19 inches of snow per winter season. The most snowfall ever was in 1911-12, with a total of 67 inches. #AAEAKC20
#FunFactFriday
#WinterWonderland

January 31, 2020

Congrats to the KC @Chiefs for making it to the #Superbowl! What better way to watch? With a cold brew of course. Kansas City's Boulevard Brewing Company's biggest seller is Unfiltered Wheat. #AAEAKC20 #FunFactFriday #boulevard #brewery

Catch all of the #FunFactFriday on Twitter and Facebook.

- Letters should be written by those mentored by the nominee, and illustrate the nominee's mentoring efforts and how these changed the professional trajectory of the letter writer.

Please send nomination materials to Jessica Weister at jweister@aaea.org.

Evaluation

The nominating letter, supporting letter, and CVs will be evaluated for evidence of i) mentoring through *co-authorship* and other forms of *collaboration* and ii) *systematic efforts* to recruit and engage junior, female, and minority colleagues.

2020 AAEA Award Nominations

- [Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award](#)
- [Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards](#)
 - Individual: Less than Ten Years' Experience
 - Individual: Ten or More Years' Experience
 - Group
- [Distinguished Teaching Awards](#)
 - Less than Ten Years' Experience
 - Undergraduate Teaching: Ten or More Years' Experience
 - Graduate Teaching: Ten or More Years' Experience
- [Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award](#)
- [Outstanding Master's Thesis Awards](#)
- [Publication of Enduring Quality Award](#)
- [Quality of Communication Award](#)
- [Quality of Research Discovery Award](#)
- Outstanding American Journal of Agricultural Economics Article Award
- Outstanding Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy Article Award
- Outstanding Choices Article
- Presidential Recognition Award for Special Service to the Association
- [*NEW* AAEA Mentoring Award](#)

[Previous Award Winners](#)

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](#)

Announcing the Gordon Rausser Keynote Address

The AAEA Executive Board voted unanimously to devote the opening Keynote Address at future Annual Meetings to honor Gordon Rausser. This honor is attributable to his lifetime research discoveries, seminal papers recognized for their enduring quality, best journal article, outstanding editorial work for both our journals, the Annual Review of Resource Economics, the Journal of American Statistical Association, educating and mentoring leading scholars and the exceptional intellectual leadership of our profession.

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**.

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***

President–Elect Dawn Thilmany McFadden is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA Invited Paper sessions at the 2021 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, January 3–5, 2021.

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.

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@aea.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.

[Participate in the survey HERE](#)

Other News

Agriculture and Economic Development

The 5th International Workshop in Memory of Yair Mundlak

Rehovot, Israel, June 18–19, 2020

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 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.

Keynote Speaker: Dean Karlan, Northwestern University.

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 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 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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- Statement of Intent form.
- Cover letter that includes a brief synopsis of academic training, any food industry experience, and/or research experience and career interests and goals.
- Letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor.
- The complete research paper.

For more information and to access the Statement of Intent forms please visit the FDRS website at <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:

Alessandro Banterle, Vera Bitsch, Herve Dakpo, Robert Finger, Jarkko Niemi, Fabio Santeramo, Ioannis Skevas, Justus Wesseler, Anthony Rezitis, and Alfons Oude Lansink (chair).

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/>

Organizers

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

Topics & Themes

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

Program & Event

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

Previous

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

Venue

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

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

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.

LOCAL ORGANIZERS: Céline Bonnet (TSE-R, INRA), Catarina Goulão (TSE-R, INRA), Vincent Réquillart (TSE-R, INRA).

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:

fhw2020.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.

INFORMATION: All relevant information will be made available on the conference website in due time;

<https://www.tse-fr.eu/fr/conferences/2020-food-and-health-economics-workshop>.

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.waeonline.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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Authors may enter into separate, additional contractual arrangements for the non-exclusive distribution of *JARE*'s published version of the work. This includes but is not limited to reproducing the contribution separately, in a university or institutional repository, or in any derivative work of which they are the author(s) or editor(s), subject only to giving proper credit in the work to the original publication of the contribution by the *WEF*.

Instructions for Accepted Manuscripts

The final versions of accepted papers should follow standard *WEF* submission guidelines, paying particular attention to the [JARE Style Guide](#). Authors should also upload the native file in MS Word format. The final manuscript file should include a title page with the title, running head, authors' names and affiliations, abstract, keywords, JEL codes, acknowledgements, conflicts of interest, and short description (250 characters maximum).

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**

The **Western Economics Forum** is sponsored by the **Western Agricultural Economics Association**. For past issues of the Western Economics Forum, visit the following web address:

<http://www.waeaonline.org/publications/western-economics-forum>.

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.

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.

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

- 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.bravoureta@uconn.edu

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