

AAEA News

Announcing the 2023 Fellows

Recognition as an AAEA Fellow is AAEA's most prestigious honor. The main consideration for selecting Fellows is continuous contribution to the advancement of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the Vision Statement. Achievements may be in research, teaching, extension, administration, and/or other contributions to public or private sector decision-making.

The 2023 AAEA Fellows Class will receive their award at the 2023 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. In alphabetical order. The class is as follows:



Marc Bellemare,
University of Minnesota



Keith Fuglie,
USDA-Economic Research Service



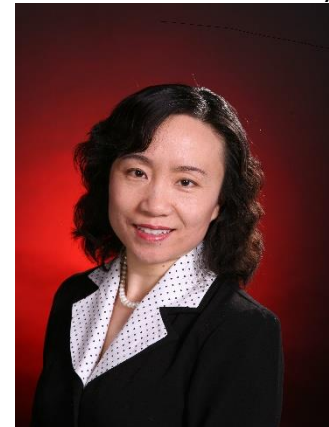
Elena Irwin,
The Ohio State University



David Pannell,
University of Western Australia



Dawn Thilmany,
Colorado State University



Holly Wang,
Purdue University

The AAEA Business Office would like to be the first to formally congratulate our upcoming Fellows.

Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2023**. Nominations may be submitted by individuals, groups, or institutions. An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2023 AAEA member. Winners will be selected on the basis of supporting materials showing major contributions within the previous five years. Re-nominations are invited provided the supporting materials are updated.

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

Nomination Materials

Nomination Letter:

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

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

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

Please submit this completed form as well as any nomination materials to

<https://form.jotform.com/222895265819167>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Michael Storey at mstorey@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards

The Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards recognize achievement of excellence in extension economics education programs. Awards may recognize not only individual programs, but also significant contributions of an individual economist to a larger, group program. We encourage submissions from women,

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

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

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

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2023**. The nominator and the nominee(s), or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must both be 2023 AAEA members. The nominee(s) must have been active in extension education and/or outreach programs within one year of the nomination and the content of extension/outreach effort must be principally in an agricultural or applied economics field as defined by the [AAEA Vision Statement](#). Re-nominations are invited if supporting materials are brought up to date and resubmitted.

To nominate, fill out the Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award Nomination Form at the bottom of the page. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

Nomination Materials

Nomination Letter

- Maximum of three single spaced pages
- Summarize the reasons why the nominee is worthy of the award
- Focus on hard evidence that the nominee meets the criteria

A short curriculum vitae of the nominee for individual awards

- Maximum of four single spaced pages

Up to three items (publications, videos, computer programs, etc.) of supporting materials

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

Evaluation

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

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

4. Evidence of accomplishment and impact through improved understanding, decision-making, or behavioral change in the target audience

Please submit this completed form as well as any nomination materials to

<https://form.jotform.com/222895707633162>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Michael Storey at mstorey@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Distinguished Teaching Awards

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

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

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2023**.

- Nominators and Nominees must be 2023 members of AAEA
- Re-nominations are encouraged, provided materials are updated and resubmitted. If a nominee has previously won a Distinguished Teaching Award, the selection is based on activities subsequent to the previous award
- Nominees must be actively engaged in teaching at a professional level during the 2022-2023 school year

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

Nomination Materials

Nomination Letter

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

Biography of the nominee emphasizing current and past teaching achievements

- Maximum of 2 single-spaced pages

Statement of teaching philosophy by the nominee

- Maximum of 1 single-spaced page

(Optional) Appendix devoted to evaluation of teaching quality

- Maximum of 5 single-spaced pages

(Optional) Supporting materials

- Limited to three items (publications, videos, computer programs, etc.) of the nominee's best examples of quality work
- Electronic format is preferred
- If unable to submit electronically, please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org to make alternative arrangements.

Evaluation

The following five major areas are considered in evaluating nominations:

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

It is required that nomination packets explicitly address all 6 review areas.

Please submit this completed form as well as any nomination materials to

<https://form.jotform.com/222895387681169>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Michael Storey at mstorey@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due **February 8, 2023**

- The nominator must be a 2023 AAEA member
- One nomination may be submitted for every 12 doctoral dissertations of a department that was presented to a graduate school faculty in the calendar year preceding the year of recognition. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee. Departments should limit nomination consideration to dissertations in fields consistent with the vision statement
- A published dissertation may be entered for the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award as well as other AAEA Annual Awards but is only eligible to win one award that year

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

Award Nomination Materials

Nomination Letter

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

Copy of the dissertation

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

Please submit this completed form as well as any nomination materials to

<https://form.jotform.com/222896699475177>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Michael Storey at mstorey@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Outstanding Master's Thesis Awards

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due **February 8, 2023**.

- The nominator must be a 2023 AAEA member
- One nomination can be submitted for every 15 Master's theses of a department presented to a graduate school faculty in the calendar year preceding the year of recognition. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee. In determining eligible theses, departments should limit nomination consideration to theses in fields consistent with the AAEA mission statement
- A published thesis may be entered for the Outstanding Master's Thesis Award, as well as other AAEA Annual Awards, but is only eligible to win one award that year

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

Award Nomination Materials

Nomination Letter

- Maximum of three single spaced pages
- A concise statement summarizing reasons the nominee/thesis is worthy of the award

Copy of the thesis (or comparable document)

- Electronic format is preferred

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

Please submit this completed form as well as any nomination materials to

<https://form.jotform.com/222895318728165>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Michael Storey at mstorey@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Publication of Enduring Quality Award

The Publication of Enduring Quality Award is granted to encourage excellence in publications in fields consistent with the [AAEA Vision Statement](#). A maximum of one award is given each year for a publication with a publication date falling at least ten years prior to the year of recognition. Entries are judged on the basis of their enduring quality as evidenced by impact to the discipline (eg citations, subsequent contributions). Competition is focused on one specific publication by the author(s), one of whom was a member of the Association at the time of publication, and not on the cumulative work of the author(s).

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due **February 8, 2023**. Entries may be submitted by departments or other administrative units, by colleagues, or by the authors themselves.

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

Nomination Materials

Nomination Letter

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

Copy of the publication

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

Please submit this completed form as well as any nomination materials to

<https://form.jotform.com/222894570773164>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Michael Storey at mstorey@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Quality of Communication Award

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due **February 8, 2023**.

- An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2023 AAEA member. No requirements regarding number of authors or professional experience are imposed.
- Publications must have been published in 2022.
- A given article is eligible for only one award in either the Quality of Research Discovery or Quality of Communication category. Nominations should be submitted for only one category, which is clearly identified.

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

Award Nomination Materials

Nomination Letter

- Maximum of two single-spaced pages documenting the publication's contributions to the profession.

Copy of the publication

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

Evaluation

Seven major areas are considered in evaluating nominations as follows:

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

Please submit this completed form as well as any nomination materials to

<https://form.jotform.com/222894345485164>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Michael Storey at mstorey@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Quality of Research Discovery Award

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due **February 8, 2023**.

- An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2023 AAEA member. No requirements regarding number of authors or professional experience are imposed
- Entries must have been published in 2022
- A given article is eligible for only one award in either the Quality of Research Discovery or Quality of Communication category. Nominations should be submitted for only one category, which is clearly identified

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

Nomination Materials

Nomination Letter

- Maximum of one page single-spaced, 12-point font
- Document the publication's contributions to the profession

Copy of the publication

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

Please submit this completed form as well as any nomination materials to

<https://form.jotform.com/222894633430154>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Michael Storey at mstorey@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

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 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 and consistently shown outstanding efforts in fostering junior, female and/or minority colleagues throughout

their career. In order to properly assess the systematic and consistent nature of their mentorship efforts, only candidates with at least 10 years of experience in the profession will be considered for the award.

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
- Service to the economics/applied economics profession.
- Participation and presentations in workshops to promote mentoring.

Nomination Guidelines

- Nominations are due on **February 8, 2023**
- Nominees must be a 2023 member of AAEA

Nomination materials

- Nomination letter
 - Maximum of 3 single-spaced pages
 - The nomination letter must be written by a 2023 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 and consistently collaborated with, advocated for, and/or created growth opportunities for junior, female, and/or minority colleagues throughout their career.
 - The letter must include the nominee's name, affiliation, and email address, as well as the nominator's name, affiliation, and email address
 - The file name of the letter should include the phrase 'nomination letter.'
- Current CV of the nominee
 - No more than 15 pages, 12-point font, Single line space, 1" margin on both sides
 - Highlight mentoring activities, achievement, and accomplishment of mentorship
- Between 3 and 5 supporting letters, written by those mentored by the nominee
 - Each supporting letter should be a maximum of 2 single-spaced page
 - Between 3 and 5 supporting letters, written by those mentored by the nominee
 - The nomination letter and letters of support must focus on three things
 - clearly described activities to promote/support others
 - clearly described impacts and influences
 - significant and unique contributions to mentoring within and outside own institutions
 - Letters should be written by those mentored by the nominee and illustrate the nominee's mentoring efforts and how these changed the professional trajectory of the letter writer

Please complete this form as well as submit any nomination materials to

<https://form.jotform.com/222893972369170>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Michael Storey at mstorey@aea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Evaluation

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

[Conference on Economics of Inequity in Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Systems](#)

May 24–25, 2023 in Minneapolis–St. Paul University of Minnesota Campus Club

Submissions due **February 20, 2023**

Email submissions to info@aaea.org; include the [Presenter Detail](#) page with abstract.

All agricultural and applied economists are encouraged to submit abstracts of papers for consideration to be included in the *Conference on Economics of Inequity in Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Systems*.

Event information:

The organizing committee consists of the Co-Editors of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (Amy Ando, Marc Bellemare, Jill McCluskey, and Jesse Tack) and the President of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (Norbert Wilson). This small, focused conference will be held at the University of Minnesota's Campus Club. The event will feature presentations by authors with time for constructive feedback, one luncheon with panel discussion by a set of invited researchers who are already experts in these areas of study, another luncheon with panel discussion by government officials concerned with issues of justice in agricultural, food, and environmental systems (AFES), and time for small-group collaboration and networking. Funding from USDA–NIFA and AAEA will cover a large part of the lodging and travel costs for paper presenters.

Papers presented at the conference will be eligible for expedited review at *AJAE* for a virtual special issue on the economics of equity in AFES, though acceptance of the paper for the conference does not guarantee acceptance of the paper for the journal. The event will build connections among economists working on these issues and with scholarly, government, and professional leaders. The result will be a network of durable new collaborations and research pipelines on critical topics in economics related to equity in AFES.

Examples of possible topics that would be relevant to the conference include, but are not circumscribed to: access to government support through agriculture policy for minority farmers; wage and health outcomes for farm laborers in marginalized groups such as immigrants and incarcerated people; the impact of industry structure on wage and health outcomes for laborers in food product processing and delivery industries; inequitable exposure of environmental degradation from agriculture; barriers to food and nutrition security faced by people in marginalized groups; and the differential impact of disasters on food access for people in different categories of income, geography, and race. Papers are not limited to research in the context of the U.S.

Abstract submission:

Please submit an abstract with the following information by **February 20, 2023** by sending an email to info@aaea.org with "Equity abstract" in the subject line:

See webpage for Presenter Form and additional details:

<https://www.aaea.org/meetings/symposia/upcoming-symposia-andor-seminars/conference-on-economics-of-inequity-in-agricultural-food-and-environmental-systems>

Submissions will be evaluated according to the potential quality of the work, clear connection to the conference theme, novelty of topic, and empirical or theoretical contribution to applied economics.

Authors will be notified of acceptance decisions by the middle of March, 2023.

Preview of AAEA 2023 Annual Meeting Workshops

Registration will open in March; registration is required for all workshops. *Additional details for each workshop coming soon*

Pre-Conference Workshops

Saturday, July 22, 2023

BEER Section Craft Industry Tour

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

(Note: will depart prior to 1:00 pm)

US Agricultural and environmental policy: opportunities and challenges

8:30 am – 4:30 am

Marriott Marquis

Brief Description: While economists recommend using market incentives, there is the widespread use of regulation to achieve agricultural and environmental resource management objectives. We propose to hold a workshop to explain this reality using multiple vantage points including, political economy, irreversibility, and supply chain perspectives. With these perspectives in mind, we will overview the policy choices of environmental and agricultural policies in the US, followed by a roundtable and a public discussion.

Relevance to AAEA Members/Meeting Attendees: Concerns about climate change, the environment, food security and resilience, and the agricultural sector's economic viability have led to various government interventions. The proposed workshop will offer alternative explanations to these policy choices, where the presenters are distinguished association members.

Numerical Methods in Agricultural Economics

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Marriott Marquis

Brief Description: The workshop will focus on practical applications of numerical methods to the formulation, solution, and analysis of stochastic dynamic optimization models. The workshop will introduce participants to the MATLAB CompEcon Toolbox developed to accompany “Applied Computational Economics and Finance”, a book by Mario J. Miranda and Paul W. Fackler.

Relevance to AAEA Members/Meeting Attendees: Methods of computational economics provide an extensive toolkit that can be used in research in all field of agricultural and applied economics. Potential areas of application include but are not limited to agribusiness, agricultural finance, resource economics, firm-level decision making, risk management etc.

Understanding and utilizing USDA's Economic Research Service trade data

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Marriott Marquis

Brief Description: The objective of the workshop is to provide an overview of the trade data generated by USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS). This includes, but not limited to, the Foreign Agricultural Trade of the U.S. data, State Trade Data, and Agricultural Trade Multipliers.

Relevance to AAEA Members/Meeting Attendees: The focus will be on why this data is generated and how it is used to inform policymakers and the public. At the end of the workshop attendees will have a solid understanding of ERS's data availability, how to access it, and how to potentially collaborate on joint research projects with ERS

Conferencing Like a Pro: Strategies for a Successful Conference Experience

4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Marriott Marquis

Brief Description: The main goal of the workshop is to provide guidance for (new) AAEA members and young scholars on productive conference participation and to engage them in the research community. In the first half of the workshop a panel consisting of various AAEA members will share their own strategies for making a conference attendance successful. For example, at AAEA this might include attending section business meetings, networking events, receptions, and presenting their work. Afterwards, a quick conference orientation will be provided including, e.g., AAEA meeting policies and on-site resources. The remainder of the workshop is a networking event. The workshop is aimed to help graduate students (both Ph.D. students and MS students) and junior faculty feel welcome, engaged and included at AAEA's annual meeting as well as introducing them to more experienced colleagues. In addition, the workshop will promote existing resources at AAEA that support endeavors of beginning researchers and prohibit inappropriate behavior.

Relevance to AAEA Members/Meeting Attendees: In 2021–2022, a team of researchers from Arizona State University in collaboration with the AAEA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force conducted a survey on the barriers that young scholars face pursuing a career in the Agricultural and Applied Economics field. One of the questions in the survey requested any suggestions that may help the association to be more inclusive and welcoming to everyone in the field. The majority of respondents emphasized the needs for events introducing new members, mentoring programs, social activities, and opportunities for graduate students (both Ph.D. students and MS students) and junior professionals. The results of the survey highlighted that being more inclusive and engaging new or less experienced members is in the best interest of AAEA (members).

The workshop will provide an opportunity for junior scholars to hear about “best practices” of attending conferences from scholars of different career stages and with different backgrounds, ask relevant questions, connect with their peers, and introduce themselves to more experienced colleagues in an informal, welcoming setting. For more proficient colleagues, the workshop will allow them to meet new people for future collaborations and listen to ideas of young scholars.

Intended Audience: All AAEA members, with a particular focus on new members and young scholars like Ph.D. students and MS students.

Post-Conference Workshops*Wednesday, July 26, 2023*

Extension Section Agricultural Tour

*Additional details coming soon***Bayesian Econometrics and Machine Learning**

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Marriott Marquis

Instructors: [Sujit Ghosh](#) (NC State) and [Austin Ford Ramsey](#) (Virginia Tech)

Description: The Bayesian paradigm provides a natural and practical way for building complex analytical models by expressing the joint model as a sequence of simpler conditional models. This course will first introduce general notions of Bayesian inference and computational methods and then expand to more complex models that have recently emerged as a result of the current literature in machine learning. Models will be illustrated through practical applications to various real case studies in applied economics avoiding much of the theoretical underpinnings. Participants with basic knowledge of statistical and econometric inferential frameworks will find the course useful in expanding their toolkit. Popular topics in agricultural and applied economics such as generalized linear models, discrete choice models, and latent variable models will be covered along with Bayesian machine learning (BML) methods, which naturally incorporates regularization using specific choices of prior distributions. One major advantage of BML is that it can readily handle data irregularities (e.g., missing or censored values) using posterior predictive distributions. The concepts and methods discussed will be demonstrated using R, but can be carried out using other statistical software. Lecture materials, references, data sets, and example code will be distributed electronically to workshop participants.

Publishing Applied Economic Research on Health and Nutrition

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Marriott Marquis

Brief Description: Workshop's attendees will have the opportunity of hearing the perspectives of the editors of leading agricultural economics journals on what constitutes an article in health and nutrition that clears the bar for publication. This workshop is particularly beneficial to early career researchers navigating the tenure and promotion process. Although there is a growing number of applied economic research in interdisciplinary journals, how these publications are perceived during the tenure process in agricultural economics departments appears to be an idiosyncratic process. This workshop invites speakers who serve as department Chairs to share their views on how to best balance research outputs. Additionally, a panel of agricultural economists who have successfully published their research in both economics and non-economics journals, will share their experience on what factors have affected their publication strategy, and how publishing in non-economic journals has impacted their research trajectory. The last panel will ask researchers from government agencies to evaluate how interdisciplinary research is used for policy making

Relevance to AAEA Members/Meeting Attendees:

Applied economists' toolbox is well suited to study the incentives can alter behaviors affecting individuals' health, such as the decision to consume a specific diet. However, the level of rigor and sophistication that is often asked by economics (including ag economics) journals to clear the publication bar, can be at odds with one's work reaching a wide audience, its impact, and, in some cases, the likelihood (and timing) of getting published. Thus, it has become increasingly common to see

agricultural and applied economists publishing their health and nutrition research in non-economics outlets. This may however come with some trade-offs, which include lower recognition and visibility within the profession / peers, and challenges to maintain a disciplinary identity which, in turn, may result in difficulties in landing a specific position or in career advancements.

Government Relations & Washington Update

January 2022

Congress Completes FY2023 Omnibus Appropriations Package

On December 19th, Congressional leaders released the details of an omnibus appropriations package to fund the government for fiscal year 2023. The agriculture portion of the package provides discretionary funding of \$25.48 billion and includes some increases for agricultural research.

Economic Research Service

The omnibus provides \$92,612,000 for the Economic Research Service (ERS). The agreement includes \$3,000,000 for costs associated with the second round of USDA's National Household Food Purchase and Acquisition Survey and \$500,000 to establish a honeybee economist position to adequately inform USDA disaster, conservation, forage, research, and other programmatic efforts to support the specialty crop and honey industry supply chains.

National Agricultural Statistics Service

The package provides \$211,076,000 for the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), of which \$66,413,000 is for the Census of Agriculture. The agreement maintains funding for the Cost of Pollination survey, the Floriculture Crops report, and for NASS to coordinate with AMS for activities related to expanding organic price reporting and organic data collection. The agreement also maintains \$2,000,000 to expand the existing geospatial program.

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture receives \$1.701 billion, an increase of \$64 million over fiscal year 2022. This includes \$455 million for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), a \$10 million increase over last year. For the first time, funding will be allocated to the Research Facilities Act, with \$2 million provided to make competitive grants for agricultural research facilities. While this is a very small number relative to the national infrastructure needs, it will allow NIFA to move forward with establish programs and procedures under the authority. The package also includes \$1 million to further build out the planning and management structure of AGARDA and hire staff.

Agricultural Research Service

The Agricultural Research Service is funded at \$1.74 billion, an increase of \$111 million over fiscal year 2022. The package also provides \$74,297,000 for ARS Buildings and Facilities and \$58,000,000 for previously funded facilities that have incurred cost overruns.

Below is a summary of key accounts:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FY 2022 FINAL</u>	<u>FY 2023 President</u>	<u>FY 2023 Omnibus</u>
ERS	\$87.8 million	\$99.5 million	\$92.6 million
NASS	\$190.1 million	\$217.4 million	\$211 million

OCE	\$27.2 million	\$32 million	28.2 million
ARS Salaries	\$1.633 billion	\$1.9 billion	\$1.736 billion
ARS Buildings	\$127.8 million	\$45 million	\$132.3 million
Hatch	\$260 million	\$265 million	\$265 million
AFRI	\$445 million	\$564 million	\$455 million
Smith Lever	\$320 million	\$320 million	\$325 million

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