

AAEA News

Announcing the 2024 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 2024 AAEA Fellows Class will receive their award at the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans. In alphabetical order the class is as follows:



Titus Awokuse,
Michigan State University



Oral Capps Jr.,
Texas A&M University



Steven Deller,
*University of Wisconsin
-Madison*



Rachael Goodhue,
University of California, Davis



Tom Marsh,
Washington State University



Alfons Weersink,
University of Guelph

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

The 2024 AAEA Room Block is OPEN**[New Orleans Marriott](#)**

555 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70130
(504) 581-1000

Guest Rooms for Single/Double \$179 per room per night

Taxes are a total of 16.2% (9.45% State Tax, 5% Federal Tax, and 1.75% Tourism Tax) plus a \$3 per night occupancy fee.

Please reserve your room using the following link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50476455>

Cut-off Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 or when sold out.

Please note that all annual meeting sessions and the majority of activities will take place at the Marriott.

Selected Presentations: Papers and Posters**Call for Abstracts**

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the [2024 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in New Orleans, LA. Selected Presentations are a submission category that represents both Selected Papers and Selected Posters. All submissions are reviewed together, and only after acceptance will the submissions be assigned as a paper or poster presentation. At the time of submission, individuals will have the option for their submission to be considered as a poster only. There is no paper only option.

All presentations are in-person, we will not have a virtual component.

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

Abstracts must be received by ~~Sunday, January 14, 2024~~ **Friday, January 19, 2024**, at 11:59 PM CST, and should be submitted using AAEA's online [Abstract Management System](#). Material previously presented at other meetings cannot be accepted, and the submitting author will be asked to verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere. When entering the title of your abstract, please be sure to submit the title as you would like it to appear in the program – with proper title capitalization and punctuation.

When submitting your abstract to the abstract system you will need to select three subject codes. The first subject code you select is the subject your abstract will be grouped in when being reviewed. This is an important step as it ensures your abstract will be reviewed by those with expertise in that particular subject. The second or third selected subject code may be used later during the scheduling process if your abstract is accepted.

To assist you with selecting a subject code the Selected Presentations Committee has created [keywords for each of the subject codes](#). We recommend you refer to the keywords for subject codes to help you determine the appropriate subject code for your submission.

If accepted, sessions are comprised of abstracts with the same subject codes. All accepted abstracts will be presented in person.

Review Process

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

Posters

Poster authors should be available during their assigned intervals during the meeting for questions and discussion. The event program and mobile app will list the poster titles, authors, locations, and presentation time. Poster presenters must submit a PDF version of their poster to the AAEA submission site by **May 15, 2024**. Uploads must be below 4 MB in size to be uploaded. AAEA will upload these posters to the AgEcon Search. Posters that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program.

All presentations are in-person, we will not have a virtual component.

Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions

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

Authors of Selected Papers must submit a full PDF version of their paper to the AAEA submission site by **May 15, 2024**. You may submit an updated version later. Uploads must be below 4 MB in size to be uploaded. AAEA will upload these papers to the AgEcon Search. Papers that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. The full version of the paper has no length limitations, but less than 25 pages is preferred. Double-spaced, 8.5 by 11-inch, single-sided format is requested. Please follow the American Journal of Agricultural Economics style guidelines, apart from the single table/figure per page convention.

Additional Important Information

If accepted, presenters of papers and/or posters must be a current 2024 member of AAEA and registered for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting by **May 15, 2024**. Presenters who miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. If your institution will be registering you for the annual meeting, please be sure to notify them of this deadline to ensure that you are registered by the deadline.

Organized Symposia**Call for Proposals**

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Proposals are due by ~~Sunday, January 14, 2024~~ **Friday, January 19, 2024**, and should be submitted using AAEA's online [Abstract Management System](#).

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

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

At least one proposer for the organized symposium must be a member of AAEA, and all presenters, speakers, and/or discussants at the Annual Meeting must be members of AAEA and registered for the Annual Meeting by **May 15, 2024**.

All presentations are in-person, we will not have a virtual component.

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

Please visit the [AAEA Annual Meeting Website](#) for more information about the annual meeting.

2024 AAEA Awards**Calls for Nominations**

- [AAEA Mentoring Award](#)
- [Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award](#)
- [Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards](#)
- [Distinguished Teaching Awards](#)
- [Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award](#)
- [Outstanding Master's Thesis Awards](#)
- [Publication of Enduring Quality Award](#)
- [Quality of Communication Award](#)
- [Quality of Research Discovery Award](#)

The deadline for all Award Nominations is **February 4, 2024**.

**Call For Student Representatives
(AAEA/ERS Cooperative Agreement Committee)**

The AAEA/ERS Cooperative Agreement Committee is seeking applications for student representatives to join of faculty, staff and government and industry stakeholders working to implement its primary goal of promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives within the association and discipline. Among its other aims, the committee's specific student-oriented objectives include (a) expanding the number of students from historically underrepresented groups pursuing advanced degrees and careers in agricultural and applied economics; and (b) ensuring that students have the support, resources, and skills to succeed academically and pursue careers in research, government or industry.

The Committee is searching to recruit two student representatives (one undergraduate and graduate student) – to ensure student perspectives and needs are adequately represented as the committee formulates plans and issues recommendations regarding further implementation of DEI programs and activities. Student representatives will serve on a voluntary basis for a maximum of two years, are expected to participate in committee meetings and assist in the design and implementation of the committee's planned activities. They will receive a travel stipend to attend the Annual AAEA meetings (up to \$1000) and compensation for their time spent (up to \$500).

To be considered for these positions, please submit a letter of interest (expressing your commitment and relevant experience) your most recent CV, and a letter of support from a mentor, academic adviser, or anyone familiar with your academic qualifications for this position. Please send these materials to Kristen McGuire(AAEA) (kmcguire@aaea.org), subject line: AAEA/ERS Co-op Agreement student representative before **February 23, 2024**. For further information and questions, please contact Andrew Muhamad (amuhamm4@utk.edu), Cesar Escalante (cescalan@uga.edu), or Kristin Kiesel (kiesel@ucdavis.edu).

Call for Applications for Editor for *Applied Economics Teaching Resources*

The AAEA Board is seeking applications for a co-editor of Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR). The co-editor will further the journal's strategic goals, manage publications, enhance teaching and Extension education scholarship opportunities in the profession, promote innovations in teaching and Extension education methods, and expand the AETR Online Teaching Database.

Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR) is an online, open access, and peer-reviewed journal (<https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources>). The aim of the journal 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.

Applications: Applications for the co-editor position should include a narrative describing how the applicant will further promote the journal; enhance teaching and Extension education scholarship and methods; promote and expand the use of the AETR Online Teaching Database; and the unique qualifications the

applicant brings to the position. Additionally, applications should include a cover letter and current CV, as well as provide a statement of support from their host institution. AAEA will provide a small honorarium and financial assistance for AETR-related travel.

Applications should be sent electronically in a single document to Allison Ware, at aware@aaea.org by **Friday, March 1, 2024**. Third-party nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

Responsibilities: AETR editors are responsible for the development, coordination and publication of all content in the journal, including regular submissions, special issues, thematic sections and feature articles. In addition, the editors oversee distribution of teaching notes and supplemental materials, as well as development, management, and oversight of the AETR Online Teaching Database. The editors provide leadership, coordination, and oversight of all aspects of publishing in conjunction with the AETR Editorial Board and AAEA Business Office. Once a new editor is selected, the co-editors will divide the editorial responsibilities as appropriate. The expected starting date for the co-editor is July 2024 with on-boarding beginning in Spring 2024.

Call for Applications Editorship of the *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy*

The AAEA Executive Board invites applications for one editor for *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy (AEPP)* to serve from 2024 through 2026. This call for applications is for an editor to manage Submitted Articles which contain original research results addressing real-world problems with sound research approaches and/or have strong policy relevance within the subject matter of the journal. The degree to which candidate's expertise complements that of the continuing editors, will be considered in the selection process. The AAEA is particularly interested in candidates who will bring ideas and innovations for helping *AEPP* to further its mission.

Submitted articles will meet the normal standards for scholarly publication, but should also be accessible to the broader audience of agricultural and applied economists working outside academia. Submitted articles should emphasize one or more of the following: a) practical implications for public policy; b) clarification of research implications so as to maximize accessibility and cross-fertilization across specific areas of research; c) empirical comparison of competing theories, explanations, and approaches that can refine future research; and d) development of fruitful directions for future research. Additional information about the *AEPP*, its policies and mission is available at www.aaea.org/publications/aepp.

The editor will work with an editorial team comprised of two other Submitted Articles Editors, and a Managing Editor to manage the manuscript review process. The Submitted Articles Editors are responsible for day-to-day issues relating to submitted articles, assisting with development of the Special Issues, and revising editorial policy. The *AEPP* editorial process employs electronic submission of manuscripts and interchange between editors and reviewers. An electronic system that tracks manuscripts through submission, review, and editorial decision is used by the editors for managing work flow. Authors can also query this system for e-mail reports on the status in the editorial process of a submitted manuscript. The editors also oversee the work of Wiley in preparing copy for printing and reviewing proofs.

The new editor should be prepared to begin on June 1, 2024. There may be some training and coordination work starting prior to June 1st. Applications should include a statement of editorial philosophy and ideas for furthering the journal's goals, an indication of the candidate's principal areas of expertise to support

the *AEPP*'s mission, a curriculum vitae, and a statement of administrative and financial support to be provided by the host institution. AAEA will provide financial assistance to defray some portion of the editor's time and most expenses. Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Kristen McGuire, Executive Director, at kmcguire@aaea.org by **February 1, 2024**. Decisions will be made by the AAEA Board by March 2024. Third-party nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

**Announcing a new AAEA Special Purpose Fund:
Boehlje Agribusiness Management Fellowship**

The purpose of this Fellowship is to provide financial support for graduate students with an interest in agribusiness management to continue their education through the PhD in preparation for an academic career in these areas.

Background: After graduating from Iowa State University in AgEcon, Mike Boehlje received a NDEA Fellowship to attend graduate school in Agricultural Economics at Purdue University where he received MS and PhD degrees. The NDEA Fellowship was critical to enabling him to pursue graduate work which then led to academic career faculty and administrative positions at Oklahoma State, Iowa State, University of Minnesota and Purdue. The focus of his academic work was managerial economics and farm/agribusiness finance and management. He was an active member of AAEA and recognized as an AAEA Fellow.

The goal of the Fellowship is to support the education of graduate students for faculty positions in Departments of Agricultural Economics in the critical area of agribusiness management.

A Fellowship of \$3,000 would be offered annually. Applicants would be expected to provide their plan of study and a brief description of their research interests and/or project.

Special Issue: Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics Use in the Classroom and Academy

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources is calling for manuscripts about use of artificial intelligence (AI) and data analytics in undergraduate and graduate education in the classroom and across the academy. Submissions of case studies, teaching and extension scholarship and research, educational innovations and methods, extension education innovations and methods, and commentaries about use of artificial intelligence, including use of large language models (LLMs) and platforms, such as ChatGPT, Bing AI, Bard, amongst other, and data analytics in undergraduate and graduate education, extension education, and other learning venues in institutions of higher learning. This special issue is open to a wide array of topics related to artificial intelligence and data analytics across the agricultural and applied economics and agribusiness and management economics disciplines. Topics may include but are not limited to innovative use of AI and data analytics in the classroom; innovative data analytic teaching modules and teaching case studies; teaching case studies about the impact of AI on agriculture, the agricultural industry and society; ethical and academic concerning the use of AI in the academy; assessments of AI for different learning outcomes and tasks; and use of AI and data analytics in extension education programming.

Special Issue Timeline:

If you are interested in making a submission to the special issue, please submit a 300 word abstract to Dr. Jason Bergtold (bergtold@ksu.edu) by **June 30, 2024**, at the latest. The abstract should describe the overall theme/topic of the manuscript, how it relates to the special issue call, and how it can be used for educational

purposes. Your abstract will be reviewed once submitted and you will then be informed if you will be invited to submit a submission to the special issue.

Full papers for accepted abstracts must be submitted through AETR at www.aetrjournal.org. All papers will go through a double-blind peer review process and be available online via Advanced Access for readers once accepted. All submissions will need to follow the AETR submission guidelines at: <https://www.aetrjournal.org/contribute/submission-guidelines>. If you have questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors.

Government Relations & Washington Update

January 2024

Congressional Leaders Reach Tentative Budget Deal

Congress returns to Washington after the holidays with a very full agenda. Fiscal year 2024 appropriations still must be resolved. Congress avoided a government shutdown in late 2023 by passing a bifurcated continuing resolution extending funding for the agricultural appropriations bill and three others to January 19th and the remaining bills through February 2nd. There was increasing uncertainty about whether Congress would be able to complete appropriations legislation prior to those deadlines. There were ongoing disagreements about topline spending levels and Republicans were also pressing for more resources to improve border security. On January 7th, Speaker Johnson announced that Congressional leaders reached an agreement on overall spending levels, setting the funding cap for the 12 appropriations bills at \$1.59 trillion. The deal includes a set of budget moves pushed by Democrats to would reduce the immediate impacts of cuts on domestic programs, with the exception of accelerating \$10 billion in reductions to the Internal Revenue Service and canceling \$6 billion in unspent pandemic funds. The announcement paves the way for the Appropriations Committees to proceed with finalizing individual appropriations bills. However, the agreement is likely to draw opposition from some House Republicans and a partial government shutdown is still possible as the process moves forward. Speaker Johnson has indicated that will not support additional continuing resolutions.

In addition to funding the government, Congress is facing several deadlines on key legislation in 2024. The 2018 Farm Bill was extended through September 2024, giving Congress additional time to pass a new bill. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Thompson (R-PA) has stated his goal is to complete House work on the bill in the first quarter of 2024.

NIFA Invites Public Feedback to Update Policy Guide

USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture has announced that it will be issuing an updated version of the [NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide](#) in 2024. Last updated in 2021, the Policy Guide provides comprehensive guidance on NIFA's application and review processes, award notification and administration procedures, award terms and conditions, uniform administrative requirements, allowable costs, reporting requirements, close-out procedures and audit requirements.

The 2024 update to the Policy Guide will include updates related to a variety of topics, including Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200); Build America, Buy America compliance; and reporting requirements and systems (i.e., NRS, REEport). NIFA has stated that its primary goal with the next update is to make sure that this resource provides clear, accurate, up-to-date guidance on matters that are most important to NIFA stakeholders.

As a part of the effort to update the guide, NIFA is inviting all stakeholders to submit ideas and suggestions. NIFA is asking stakeholders to review the resources found below submit feedback to PolicyGuide@usda.gov by **Friday, February 2, 2024**.

- [NIFA Federal Assistance Policy Guide](#)
- [Policy Guide Update Webinar 2021](#)
- [NIFA Policy Guide 2021 Update Webinar Presentation](#)

NIFA Announces Investment in Ag Economics and Rural Communities

On December 27th, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture announced the investment of \$12 million in Ag Economics and Rural Communities: Small and Medium-Sized Farms (A1601). Approximately 89% of farms in the U.S. are classified as small, with a gross cash farm income of less than \$350,000. These farms are family-owned and operated, and can confront considerable challenges due to current trends, such as increased movement into cities, an aging population, access to capital, farm consolidation, and changing weather patterns. Family and Small farms are vital to our economy and well-being as a nation. Through this program NIFA is working to improve the economic conditions and quality of life within small family farm communities. More information on the Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities Program Area can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Other News

Call for Proposals

USDA-Economic Research Service RIDGE Program

USDA, Economic Research Service (ERS) encourages new and innovative research through joint projects with both USDA, ERS staff and outside researchers. The USDA, ERS extramural research program promotes food and nutrition assistance research from a broad arena:

[Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics Program \(RIDGE\)](#)

- [Request for Proposals \(RFP\) for RIDGE Grants](#)
- [RIDGE Partnership Award](#)
- [2023 Grant Awards](#)
- [Conferences](#)
- [Research Project Summaries](#)

Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics Program (RIDGE)

The RIDGE Program encourages new and innovative research on food and nutrition assistance issues and broadens the participation of social science scholars in such research. RIDGE is funded by USDA, ERS and USDA, Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and is administered in partnership with public or private institutions of higher education.

Request for Proposals (RFP) for RIDGE Grants

The USDA, ERS and RIDGE Partnership are pleased to invite proposals for new research, as part of the RIDGE Partnership 2024 grant cycle. Proposals are due January 31, 2024. Detailed information is provided on the [RIDGE Partnership website](#), including a Request for Proposals document that provides an overview, describes the topic areas, explains the submission process, provides the detailed evaluation criteria, and summarizes key dates.

RIDGE Partnership Award

USDA, ERS—in collaboration with USDA, FNS—invited applications from university-based institutions for a competitive cooperative agreement award to establish a RIDGE Partnership for Food and Nutrition Assistance Research in 2022.

The new RIDGE partnership was awarded to Tufts University, the University of Connecticut (UConn), and the University of Missouri on September 16, 2022. Funding for a second round of research grants was provided to the RIDGE Partnership in 2023, to be awarded in 2024.

For more information, please contact [Alana Rhone](#).

2023 Grant Awards

The 2023 round funded eight research grants to enhance food security and dietary quality in Federal nutrition assistance programs in 2023. Using a wide variety of data sources—including surveys, administrative data, and qualitative methods—these research projects informed the public on programs that provided nutrition assistance to people of all ages across the United States. More information is available on the [RIDGE Partnership website](#).

The previous RIDGE program issued a request for proposals in December 2022. Applicants submitted short concept letters on food and nutrition assistance issues in which applicants would like to conduct research. The selected applicants were invited to submit full proposals. All full proposals were reviewed by external reviewers, USDA reviewers, and by the program directors at the University of Connecticut, Tufts University, and the University of Missouri. Using recommendations from the RIDGE partnership, the award decision was made by USDA, ERS and USDA, FNS and announced in March 2023.

The [Tufts/UConn/University of Missouri RIDGE partnership](#) oversaw the application, peer review, award, and performance processes of the research grants provided through the RIDGE Program. The Tufts/UConn/University of Missouri partnership served as a hub for mentoring and training researchers interested in food and nutrition assistance issues and provided a source of timely and accessible information on research findings. The Tufts/UConn/University of Missouri partnership sought applicants from a diverse community of experienced nutrition assistance researchers, graduate students, early career scholars, and established researchers who brought expertise in another research area.

Conferences

USDA, ERS and its partner institutions host the Food and Nutrition Assistance RIDGE Program Conference, at which RIDGE researchers present findings of completed projects. The last RIDGE Conference was held on October 14, 2020. For information about this most recent conference, see the [2020 Research Innovation and Development Grants in Economics Program \(RIDGE\) Conference](#).

The next RIDGE conference will be held in the Fall of 2024. Details about this 2024 conference will be announced here when they are available.

Research Project Summaries

RIDGE, known as the Small Grants Program until 2006, has funded more than 280 completed projects at more than 100 educational and research institutions from 1998 to 2019.

Previous RIDGE partners include: Tufts University/University of Connecticut (UConn); the Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), University of Wisconsin–Madison; the Center for Regional Development, Purdue University; the Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University; the American Indian Studies Program, University of Arizona; the Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago; the Joint Center for Poverty Research, University of Chicago and Northwestern University; and the Department of Nutrition, University of California, Davis.

The RIDGE Program regularly summarizes research findings of projects that were awarded grants through its partner institutions. The summaries are available in a searchable electronic database. To perform a customized search of all RIDGE project summaries (by keyword(s), project, research center, investigator, title, or year), see:

[RIDGE Projects and Summaries](#)

Last updated: Monday, December 11, 2023

For more information, contact: [Alana Rhone](#)

Call for Posters

Farm Financial Standards Council

The Farm Financial Standards Council invites all Students, Instructors, and Industry Professionals to prepare Posters for presentation during the Council's 2024 Annual Conference which will be held July 24 – 26 in Louisville, KY.

Posters will be displayed the afternoon of July 24 and the morning of July 25. Students submitting posters will receive complimentary registration.

The Farm Financial Standards Council is dedicated to helping farmers by promoting uniform financial reporting and analysis in the ag industry. Its goal is to be the definitive resource for financial guidelines to benefit farmers.

In accordance with this mission, the Council is including Poster sessions for individuals interested in serving the agricultural industry in financial, management, or analytical roles. The Posters should address any issue that relates to:

- Increasing the adoption of uniform financial reporting and analysis;
- Improving the financial management of farms;
- Using financial records and analysis to improve marketing and trade of food, fiber, and energy production;
- Methods to improve education and training for people involved in the agricultural industry – this could include analysis of training projects like “Annie’s Project,” increased farmer use of FFSC Guidelines, or innovative University Extension projects;
- The importance of credit to agricultural production, any projects related to this topic broadly, or to ways that FFSC Guidelines can be used to improve credit markets and credit access for producers.

If students are doing an internship during the summer, and if they have employer approval, applied posters demonstrating how FFSC Guidelines are used in the company, or how they could be adopted, are also encouraged.

FFSC Contributed Posters Program

The Farm Financial Standards Council seeks submissions for selected contributed posters at the organization's

2024 Annual Meeting to be held in Louisville, KY July 24 – 26, 2024.

There are no fees associated with students presenting a poster other than basic meeting registration costs (if applicable). Academics and industry professionals will be required to pay the registration fee for the meeting.

Themes / Topics

The Leadership of the Council welcomes contributed posters on any issue related to the following themes/topics:

- Increasing the adoption of uniform financial reporting and analysis;
- Improving the financial management of farms;
- Using financial records and analysis to improve marketing and trade of food, fiber, energy production;
- Methods to improve education and training for people involved in the agricultural industry – this could include analysis of training projects like “Annie’s Project,” increased farmer use of FFSC Guidelines, or innovative University Extension projects;
- The importance of credit to agricultural production, any projects related to this topic broadly, or to ways that FFSC Guidelines can be used to improve credit markets and credit access for producers.

At least one author of each poster **MUST REGISTER** to attend the conference by the May 1, 2024 deadline for the poster to be included in the Program.

In all instances any decisions/recommendations by the Poster Review Committee will be considered final and binding.

Schedule

- Abstract (250 words) submission deadline: **March 1, 2024**
- Notification of acceptance by March 21, 2024
- Authors’ registration deadline May 1, 2024
- Poster display times: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., July 24; 8 a.m. - noon, July 25
- Posters to be removed at noon on July 25

Selected Posters

Selected Posters will be on display throughout the meeting beginning the afternoon of July 24. See Schedule, above. Presenters should be available during this time for questions and discussion. A printed program will list the poster titles, authors, and presentation times. After the meeting all of the presented poster abstracts will be posted online as part of the meeting summation.

Guidelines for Poster Abstracts

Authors must submit an electronic version of their poster abstract only, preferably as an (Adobe) PDF document, but a Microsoft Word (*.doc, docx document) is also acceptable. See submission guidance below.

1. Poster abstracts must be submitted by March 1, 2024.
2. The official language for the poster abstract is English.
3. A poster abstract should explain the purpose and conclusions of the contribution. It should include a brief overview of the research, the methods and principal results.
4. Poster abstracts should not exceed 300 words and should not contain photographs, figures, tables or references.

5. Members of the FFSC Poster Review Committee will review all poster abstracts and authors will be notified of acceptance by March 21, 2024.

Guidelines for Poster Display

1. The official language for posters is English.
2. One display panel/easel will be provided for each accepted poster. Posters should not exceed the following dimensions: 3 feet (91 cm) wide and 4 feet (122 cm) high. Appropriate materials will be provided to mount posters to the display panel. Posters should be readable from a distance of 3 ft (0.9 m). For adequate visibility, letters should be at least 3/8 in (1 cm) high after enlargement to full poster size. Photographs should be a minimum of 8 x 10 in (20 x 25 cm); the minimum size for all other illustrations is 9 in x 12 in (23 x 30 cm).
3. Presenters should set up their poster by 4 p.m. on July 24th. Posters will be displayed in a common area and presenters will be given an opportunity for a dedicated Q&A session on the afternoon/evening of July 24th and at select times during the morning on July 25th. All presenters will be excused at noon on July 25th. However, they will be encouraged to stay for the remainder of the conference that day and on July 26th.
4. All posters must be removed by noon on July 25th. Students/posters will be released at that time so as to return home in a timely manner.

Fees

- Presenters are responsible for all travel/lodging expenses. Student presenters will be provided with a complimentary registration to the FFSC Conference. This will include meals/sessions/distributed materials.
- Academics and industry professionals will be required to pay the 'member' registration fee for the meeting.
- Students, academics, and industry professionals will be required to pay for any ancillary programs held in conjunction with the conference (Friday agricultural tours, special off-site programs/meals.)

A complete meeting agenda and registration information will be provided to all as they submit abstracts. For further definition/clarification, contact the FFSC Administrator directly at 262-253-6902 or via email at cmerry@countryside-marketing.com

All materials should be sent directly to: cmerry@countryside-marketing.com

Farm Financial Standards Council

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Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

VIII Beeronomics Conference

The 2024 Beeronomics Conference will take place at University of Milan Bicocca, Italy, 19-22 June. Main panels and sessions will be held at the University of Bicocca main campus located in the heart of the city. The Conference Organising Committee, led by Christian Garavaglia, welcomes all high-quality research on the economics of beer and brewing. With a strong interest in interdisciplinary research, we are looking for submissions covering topics including:

- Trends and driving forces in local and global beer production, consumption, distribution
- Management, marketing, market structure and industrial dynamics
- Individual beer choice and health
- Policy and regulation
- Impact of beer on society and culture
- Environmental issues affecting beer and brewing
- Others: food industry and alternatives to beer

Please find the official Conference Flyer/Call for Paper attached. Additional information about abstract submission and event details can be found on the conference's webpage:

<https://beeronomics2024.unimib.it/>

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact: beeronomics2024@unimib.it. If you know of someone who might be interested in attending the conference, please pass this message on and as ever, apologies for cross-posting.

Looking forward to seeing you all in June!

Gund Institute Funded PhD Opportunities

The [Gund Institute for Environment](#) at the [University of Vermont](#) (UVM) seeks exceptional PhD applicants to start Fall 2024 and conduct interdisciplinary research on global environmental challenges. Applications are due **January 15, 2024**.

The Gund Institute is a research center dedicated to understanding and tackling the world's most critical environmental challenges, where over 250 faculty, global affiliates, postdocs, and graduate students collaborate widely to understand interactions among ecological, social, and economic systems.

Driven by the belief that research should inspire action, we explore environmental issues at the interface of five pressing research themes—climate solutions, health and well-being, sustainable agriculture, resilient communities, and equity and justice—in partnership with government, industry, and broader society.

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 Research Fellowships:** We seek doctoral students to work on Gund research themes, especially the connections among them. Students will receive up to four years of funding, including an annual stipend of \$35,000, plus tuition.
- **Gund/CEMS Barrett PhD Fellowships:** This opportunity, supported by The Barrett Foundation, is open to applicants pursuing doctoral engineering degrees with environmental applications at UVM's College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences. 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 additional funds for conference travel and research costs.

For more details and application instructions, explore [Gund PhD Fellowships online](#).

2024 NAREA Conference

June 9 – 11, 2024 | Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Program Committee: Chair and President-Elect Donna Ramirez Harrington (University of Vermont, donna.ramirez-harrington@uvm.edu), and Selected Paper Committee Chair Christina McGranaghan (University of Delaware cmcgran@udel.edu).

NAREA invites abstracts for selected papers and posters to be presented at its 2024 Annual Meeting to be held in Rehoboth Beach, DE. We welcome submissions in all areas of resource, environmental, and agricultural economics and encourage submissions from a diversity of scholars—faculty, post-docs, students and other professionals— and especially from those who are under-represented in the economics profession.

Where to Submit: Abstracts for the annual meeting should be submitted through [NAREA's Annual Meeting submission system](#)

Individual Selected Papers and Posters: Submission Deadline: **February 10, 2024**

All submitters will receive an automated electronic acknowledgment. We expect to notify the authors by mid-March 2024. All paper and poster presenters of accepted papers must be NAREA members and registered for the Annual Meeting by April 10, 2024.

Selected paper and poster submissions should include:

1. the title of the paper;
2. names and institutional affiliations of the author and all co-authors;
3. name and email address of the paper presenter;
4. an abstract of no more than 500 words; and
5. 1–2 topic areas.

The Selected Papers Committee will review abstracts in terms of significance to the field, strength of methodology/design, clarity of writing, and fit within conference topics. Some paper proposals may be invited to present as a poster instead of a paper. Although there is no limit to the number of abstracts an author may submit, each submission must have a different presenter to avoid conflicts in presentation.

Organized Session: Submission Deadline: **February 3, 2024, and February 10, 2024.**

If you would like to submit an organized session, the organizer must submit a session proposal by email to Donna Ramirez Harrington (donna.ramirez-harrington@uvm.edu) and Christina McGranaghan (cmcgran@udel.edu) on or before February 3, 2024 . Organized session submissions should include:

1. a title for the session;
2. a list of all titles that belong in the session; including the names and institutional affiliations of the author and all co-authors; and
3. a brief one paragraph description of the session. If the proposed session is accepted, this description will appear in the conference program
4. a brief one paragraph description of the topical relationship among the papers in the session.

The Program Chair/President-Elect and Selected Papers Chair will review organized session proposals in terms of coherence with the proposed session title/topic, significance to the field, strength of methodology/design, and clarity of writing. The organized session may be accepted in whole, in part (and the accepted papers assigned to other sessions) or may be rejected. Session organizers will be informed by February 8 of this decision.

Individual authors of accepted abstracts must then submit by February 10, 2024 the following through [NAREA's Annual Meeting submission system](#)

1. The title of the paper;
2. names and institutional affiliations of the author and all co-authors;
3. name and email address of the paper presenter;
4. an abstract of no more than 500 words; and
5. 1–2 topic areas.

All paper and poster presenters of accepted papers must be NAREA members and registered for the Annual Meeting **by April 10, 2024**.

For questions regarding the annual meeting please contact Donna Ramirez Harrington (donna.ramirez-harrington@uvm.edu) or Christina McGranaghan (cmcgran@udel.edu).

2024 NAREA Annual Meeting Post-Conference Workshop

Measuring and Enhancing Resilience of United States Rural Communities in the Context of Climate Variability
June 11 – 12, 2024 | Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Organizers: Laura Paul (USDA ERS, laura.paul@usda.gov) and Jonathan Malacarne (University of Maine, jonathan.malacarne@maine.edu)

Theme: Resilience describes the ability of an individual or community to anticipate, absorb, and recover from a negative shock. This workshop is motivated by the need to better understand the implications of increasing climate variability for the resilience of communities in the United States, acknowledging that implications can be either direct, such as the impacts of negative shock events on individuals and communities where they occur, or indirect, such as impacts on communities connected or adjacent to those experiencing shocks.

This workshop will bring together policy makers and researchers analyzing climate adaptation and mitigation of consequences for rural communities in the United States. The workshop focuses on (1) defining and measuring resilience, (2) anticipating and identifying the direct and indirect impacts of climate variability, and (3) contributing evidence towards policies to improve resilience.

Workshop Activities: The objectives of this workshop are (1) to identify research priorities and opportunities related to rural resilience and (2) to disseminate research related to the resilience of rural communities.

Activities include:

Networking opportunities to develop new collaborations across government and academic institutions

Introductions to new and existing data products related to the measurement and implications of climate variability on rural communities in the US

Idea generation and constructive feedback on new and existing research projects

Round table discussions and keynote to disseminate the latest findings on measuring and enhancing rural resilience

Call for Submissions: We invite paper submissions that broadly address the following topics as they apply to rural communities in the United States (not an exhaustive list):

- Measuring resilience and adaptation in the context of climate variability
- Identifying community traits associated with vulnerability and resilience to natural hazards.
- Informing policy actions to improve resilience and adaptation

- Defining and measuring the economic impacts of climate risk and variability
- The above topics could be explored through the lens of (but not limited to): food security and access, environmental justice, managed retreat, broadband access, natural hazards preparedness, rural migration, and land use

Submissions must pertain to rural communities in the United States. All accepted draft manuscripts will be considered for a travel award to offset domestic travel costs to the NAREA Annual Meeting and Post Conference Workshop.

We encourage authors to also submit their draft manuscripts to be considered for inclusion in a workshop-themed special issue in *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* with a target issue publication date of December 2024. All submissions will receive an expedited (30 day) review and be considered for a publication fee waiver.

Workshop Papers: Submission Deadline **February 10, 2024**

Draft manuscripts should be submitted through NAREA's Annual Meeting Submission System (<http://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/4ac2a6a4-958f-47d8-9225-3e2dbbf8bf8e>). All accepted authors and recipients of travel awards must be NAREA members and registered for the workshop by **April 10, 2024**.

Submissions must include:

- The title of the paper;
- Complete draft of the paper;
- Names and institutional affiliations of the author and all co-authors;
- Name and email address of the paper presenter;
- An abstract of no more than 500 words; and
- 1–3 topic areas.

To be considered for inclusion in a workshop-themed expedited review special issue in *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*, final manuscripts must be uploaded through the journal manuscript central submission portal (<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/arer>) by **May 30, 2024**.

Travel Awards for Early Career Scholars: Application Deadline **February 10, 2024**.

There are also limited funds available to provide travel awards for early career scholars (within 5 years of PhD) and graduate students who are interested in pursuing this field of research. Applications to be considered for an Early Career Scholar award to participate in the post conference workshop should be submitted through NAREA's Annual Meeting Submission System (<http://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/a2d110dd-e575-4b5d-a846-135ffa3534ba>). All recipients must be NAREA members and registered for the workshop by **April 10, 2024**. Applications must include:

- Name and email address of applicant
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of interest in workshop and relevance to field of study (no more than 1 page)

68th Annual Conference of the Australasian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society

Date: February 6–9, 2024

Venue: Australian National University Campus, Canberra, Australia

Description: Theme: Grand Challenges at the Frontier of Applied Economics

The Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) is the pre-eminent organization promoting applied economics research and policy engagement in agricultural and resources industries including, agribusiness, food systems, and the environment. Our journal, the Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AJARE) publishes original, high-quality, and interdisciplinary research and policy analysis pertaining to agriculture, the environment, and natural resources.

The theme of the AARES 2024 conference, “Grand challenges at the frontier of applied economics”, will focus discussions on the cutting edge of applied economics. We endeavor to explore the grand challenges that are facing the Australasian region and beyond, such as biosecurity, climate change, environmental degradation, energy systems, and food security.

This conference will provide a forum for our Society to explore new opportunities for research and development, and policy practice that can address these grand challenges in securing efficient, effective, and equitable outcomes. Distinguished researchers and professionals will present keynote presentations to inspire and stimulate discussions at the AARES 2024 conference.

The 2024 Annual Conference of AARES is going to be held on the Australian National University Campus in Canberra. A dedicated conference website will be established closer to the event.

In mid-2023 the local organizing committee will call for proposals for:

- Pre-conference Workshops; these will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024
- Mini-symposia and themed sessions, and contributed papers; these will be scheduled during the conference proper, February 7–9, 2024



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