

President's Column

January 2024

The AAEA Board recently met with the leadership of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) (Karen Fisher-Vanden, AERE President, Valerie Mueller, AERE board member, and Tonya Wade, AERE Executive Director). The primary focus of our meeting revolved around revitalizing the relationship between AAEA and AERE. One tangible idea that emerged from the discussions was a joint venture for a fall 2024 virtual workshop. This collaboration would involve selecting a mutual topic of interest and allowing members from both associations to participate as presenters and attendees. We are currently setting up a small working group to move this idea forward.



AAEA is continuing its efforts in Washington, DC to support federal funding for economic research and has been working with Congress and coalition partners to promote investments in key agencies and programs including the Economic Research Service, National Agricultural Statistics Service and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. AAEA is also engaging with policy makers on the pending reauthorization of the Farm Bill and has advanced a petition to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) requesting the addition of agricultural economics as a STEM designated degree program. The petition is currently under consideration by DHS. The next update to the STEM degree list is expected later this year. View all of the past [Government Relations & Washington Updates here](#).

As I mentioned a few months ago, AAEA has a cooperative agreement with ERS to set forth a comprehensive strategy to enhance diversity and inclusion within the field of agricultural and applied economics. A goal is to expand the number of students from underrepresented groups pursuing advanced degrees and careers in agricultural and applied economics. We will further work to ensure students have the support, resources, and skills to complete degrees and successfully pursue research careers in agriculture and applied economics. The first year of the project is focused on the development of a formal plan generally described as follows:

- Short run: Develop a plan for identifying mentors and programs to support underrepresented minorities in the profession.
- Medium run: Increase the share of underrepresented groups in graduate programs and among early career professionals.
- Long run: Ensure long-term retention and success for underrepresented minorities through all stages of developing agricultural and applied economics professionals.

The working committee, chaired by Andrew Muhammad, has identified key focus areas for 2024, including strengthening partnerships with MANRRS and FFA, conducting a thorough census of initiatives across universities, and developing strategies to engage regional agricultural economic associations. Subcommittees will be led by committee members: Andrew Muhammad, Norbert Wilson, Cesar L. Escalante, Mohammed Ibrahim, Kenrett Y. Jefferson-Moore, Kristin Kiesel, Joey E. Mehlhorn, and Marco A. Palma. The committee will also be recruiting undergraduate and graduate students this year and hire a consultant to assist with project goals.

The AAEA Access Taskforce, established in August 2023, aims to identify concerns that limit all members of the AAEA from fully participating in the professional association, including the summer meetings. Members of this taskforce were recruited to represent several sections in the organization, including COSBAE, CWAE, Department Chairs Section (CHAIRS), Graduate Students (GSS), and Seniors in the Profession. The taskforce members are Sathya Gopalakrishnan (chair), April Athnos, Vincenzina Caputo, Gail Cramer, Elizabeth Fraysse, Chrystal Thomas, and Sarah Low. In the first three months, they have focused on (i) identifying key groups to connect with to understand challenges, needs, and potential opportunities; (ii) developing a process to seek input from AAEA members; and (iii) organizing focus group discussions to gather information from members to inform a member survey (Spring 2024). They have identified the following groups of AAEA members (and non-members) to connect with for input:

- Members in non-R1 universities (i.e., HBCU/1890/1994)
- Industry professionals
- Government professionals
- Graduate Students
- Caregivers and people facing career interruptions
- International members/scholars

They have also developed a short questionnaire and a series of open-ended questions for discussion to seek input from members. They plan to conduct more focus group discussions in Spring 2024, which will be followed by a member survey, with the focus group results informing survey content.

The AAEA Health and Wellbeing Task Force (Carola Grebitus and Alicia Rosburg (co-chairs), Kelly Davidson, Elena Krasovskaia, Bailey Samper, Anne Byrne, Jane Kolodinsky, John Lai, Nilufer Cetik, and Helen Jensen) is actively curating events for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting. They are in the process of developing a symposium focused on promoting health and wellbeing of AAEA members. Additionally, the task force is investigating various interactive conference activities designed to equip members with practical strategies for stress reduction and relaxation techniques.

Thank you,

Rudy Nayga
AAEA President

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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.

2024 Registration Rates

Registration for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting (as well as registration for Luncheons & Pre-/Post-conference Workshops) will be open in March 2024.

	Early Bird (on or before May 31)		Advanced (June 1–July 18)		On-site (July 19 and after)	
	Member	Non-member	Member	Non-member	Member	Non-member
Graduate Student	\$105	\$300	\$140	\$335	\$180	\$380
Professional	\$475	\$650	\$560	\$720	\$635	\$795
Senior	\$365	\$505	\$450	\$580	\$525	\$655
Guest	\$75		\$75		\$75	

**Guests include any interested party not professionally in or a student of the fields of agricultural or applied economics, or a related discipline. Guest fees include the welcome reception, plenary sessions, and all concurrent sessions (Guests under the age of 16 are free, and don't need to register).*

**Cancellation: Cancellations of meeting registrations are subject to a \$50 processing fee. After July 5, no refunds will be given for meeting registrations or special event tickets. To cancel your Annual Meeting registration and/or special event tickets, contact the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190 or info@aaea.org. Website: www.aaea.org. If AAEA cancels the meeting any paid meeting registration fees will be fully refunded.*

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**.

2024 AAEA Travel Grants

These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, July 28 – 30, 2024. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. There are Travel Grants for both International and Domestic travel.

The AAEA Trust is accepting applications for Travel Grants to the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

[International Travel Grant Applications](#)

[Domestic Travel Grant Applications](#)

AAEA Teaching Academy**2024 AAEA Pre-conference**

Saturday, July 27, 2024, 8 am to 5 pm

We are excited to offer the first AAEA Teaching Academy to enhance teaching in our profession. Our goal is to provide consistent efforts across our discipline to offer dedicated teacher training and mentoring of teacher development for students and early career professionals. The academy is designed to benefit all members of our profession, including graduate students, early career professionals, faculty, and others. We invite all members who are interested in advancing teaching skills to participant. To learn more about registration and travel grant opportunities visit the webpage: <https://www.aetrjournal.org/teaching-academy>

Teaching Academy Steering Committee

Na Zuo, Jason Bergtold, Hannah Shear, Jennifer Clark, Ross Pruitt, Rui Chen, Jerrod Penn, and Kathleen Liang

Call for submissions: AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2025 ASSA Annual Meeting

President-Elect Tim Beatty is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2025 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, January 3–5, 2025.

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

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

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

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

Proposed formats for the 2-hour sessions may include either three papers with one discussant or else four papers with no discussant. All proposals must include a plan for fostering participant interaction.

Proposals should include the session title and paper titles, as well as the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the session organizer, moderator, paper presenters, and discussants. Proposal text should begin with a short justification of the session, followed by one paragraph abstracts describing the objective and contributions of each paper. The organizer is responsible for ensuring that all individuals identified in the proposal are willing to participate.

All speakers and discussants must be members of AAEA, although the proposal may request a membership waiver under special circumstances. Participants must register for the ASSA meeting.

Please send proposals by **May 22, 2024**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aea.org.

International Workshop on Survey Design and Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics

Michigan State University– May 20 to May 24, 2024 – Exciting updates

Announcing the early-bird registration for the International Workshop on “Survey Design and Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics” has been extended until March 15, 2024. Seats are limited, and registration is based on a first come, first served basis.

We are also excited to share some relevant updates, which will benefit substantially all participants. Here are some highlights:

1. Thanks to a generous conference grant from the USDA-NIFA-AFRI (markets and trade), we will provide every participant with 5 nights of lodging at a hotel near the workshop location. More specific information about the hotel will be made available soon in our workshop webpage, under “travel and accommodation” (please see the [link](#)), so stay tuned!
2. In addition, there are several scholarships available to cover travel/lodging expenses and participation fees, all with a submission deadline of February 1, 2024. The scholarships are offered by:
 - The AAEA [Trust](#), which is providing \$10,000 for scholarships. Up to 20 students will receive scholarships in the amount of \$500 each.
 - The AAEA Experimental Economics Section ([EXECON](#)), which is providing \$1,000 for one scholarship to cover travel/lodging expenses.
 - The AAEA Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section ([IBES](#)), which is providing \$500 for one scholarship to cover travel/lodging expenses.
 - The International Workshop on Survey Design & Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics, which is providing two scholarships of \$1,950 each to cover the participation fee for one student from non-R1 universities, including those from 1980 schools, and one student from an international institution.

Please note that the IBES, EXECON, and TRUST scholarships will be transferred directly to the awarded participants after the completion of the workshop by the respective donors. We will send you detailed instructions once the scholarships have been assigned. For the International Workshop Scholarship, we will

provide a registration code to the awarded participants after assigning each scholarship. This code will be used to waive the registration fee when registering for the workshop. For more information regarding the scholarships, please click [here](#).

As a general reminder, the Workshop takes place from May 20 to May 24, 2024, at the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resources Economics at Michigan State University. It covers theoretical and practical knowledge regarding surveys and experimental methods. In addition, delegates will be familiarized with state-of-the-art software, and will design their own practice experiment through hands-on training.

The Workshop is open to academics (students, professors, individuals employed by colleges and universities, and other institutions of higher education) and non-academics (consultants and other practitioners from the private sector or national and international organizations). Instructors include Vincenzina Caputo (Michigan State University), Carola Grebitus (Arizona State University), David Just (Cornell University), Jayson L. Lusk (Oklahoma State University), Rudy Nayga (Texas A&M University), and Matthew Rousu (Susquehanna University).

We look forward to welcoming you to MSU. We would also appreciate it if you could share this information with your colleagues, students, and/or others who may be interested.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions!

Best Regards,

Vincenzina Caputo (vcaputo@msu.edu), Director

Carola Grebitus (carola.grebitus@asu.edu), Co-Director

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 (AEP)* 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 kmcquire@aea.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.

Call for Applications: 2024 Heading North Award

Applications are now invited for the 2024 Heading North award.

The Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) and the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) through the AAEA Trust will jointly offer this travel award to members of AARES or AAEA normally resident in Australia or New Zealand.

The objective of the award is to provide the winner with an opportunity for professional and personal development and international professional and cultural exchange. The award will have a value of US \$3,000.00 to be used to assist the winner to participate in the [2024 Annual Meeting](#) of AAEA to be held in **New Orleans, LA – July 28–30, 2024**. Applicants for the award must be a member of either AARES or AAEA.

Selection Process

The 2024 Heading North selection committee will be chaired by the President-Elect of AARES (Doctor Sorada Tapsuwan).

Applications should include:

- a paper for presentation at the AAEA 2024 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, for which the applicant is the sole or first author and which represents their original and unpublished work,
- a one-page biographical statement, and
- a one-page statement in support of their application, indicating what they would hope to accomplish through the award, why they would be deserving of the award, and confirming that they would be unable to attend the conference without this financial support.

Submission Deadlines and Details

Electronic submissions (in PDF form) for this award must be emailed to Mersone Dandas at office@aares.org.au by the due date.

Friday, 1 March 2024 (for travel in July 2024)

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](#)

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

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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!

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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