



AAEA News

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Washington, DC! The conversations continue with more virtual sessions over the next couple of weeks and into October. Find the session times below for all upcoming events.

We hope you will join us again next year in New Orleans, July 28–30, 2024!

<https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2024-aaea-annual-meeting>

FREE Virtual 2023 Organized Symposiums

Session #	Session Title	Date	Time	Link
3526	Nutrition Assistance and the Commercial and Concessional Food Environment	July 18	1:30 pm – 5:00 pm Eastern	Zoom Link
3529	Resilience Building: Overview, methods, and insights	August 4	09:00am – 12:00pm Eastern	Zoom Link
3542	Contemporary Issues facing U.S. Agricultural Trade and Trade Policy	September 6	11:00 am – 2:00 pm Central	Zoom Link
3519	Climate-Smart Markets and Practices on U.S. Livestock Farms	October 5	11:00 am – 2:00 pm Central	Zoom Link

FREE Virtual 2023 Track Session

Session #	Section	Session Title	Date	Time	Link
3554	China	Sustainable Development in Agriculture in China	July 20	8:00 pm – 9:30 pm Eastern	Zoom Link
—	EXT	Demystifying the WASDE Outlook Process – Part 2: The Role of New Information in WASDE – Case Studies –	July 26	9:30 am – 11:00 am Central	Zoom Link Passcode: 616532

AAEA Farm Bill Subject Matter Experts Survey

The 2018 Farm Bill is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2023. AAEA is working with the House and Senate Agriculture Committees as they conduct hearings and make preparations to reauthorize the Farm Bill. As a part of this process, AAEA is compiling a list of subject matter experts from the AAEA membership who are willing to be a resource to Congressional Staff.

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Call for Special Issue - Fields of Discord: Understanding the Intersection of Geopolitics and Agriculture

The relationship between geopolitics and agriculture is increasingly important as the world faces numerous challenges related to food security, climate change, and economic development. In addition, the competition for resources and the global interconnectedness of markets and economies make the relationship between geopolitics and agriculture complex and multifaceted. The special issue in *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy* will bring together academic scholarship to explore the intersection of geopolitics and agriculture. Selected papers will discuss the challenges and opportunities this complex relationship presents, including the potential for conflict and tension arising from competing interests and priorities considering economic, social, and environmental aspects. The special issue will examine how agricultural practices intersect with global politics, from land use and resource management to trade policies and food security. The guest editors encourage paper submissions addressing the following topics:

- Geopolitical factors influencing food and agricultural policies;
- The role of geopolitics in agricultural trade and economic development;
- The impact of climate change on agriculture and its geopolitical implications; and
- The effects of migration on agriculture and food systems.

The special issue will comprise six papers and an editorial paper. A two-stage selection approach will be implemented, where, in the first stage, potential contributors are identified through the 2023 IATRC summer symposium. More information can be obtained at www.tinyurl.com/3s7w4rdh. Then, extended abstract submissions (750 words) for the special issue are requested with a due date on August 1, 2023. Please submit your paper's abstract following the link: www.tinyurl.com/2ymayts4.

Based on the submitted extended abstracts, the guest editors will identify papers that best fit the call and invite those for full consideration. Selected papers will be sent out for rigorous double-blind peer review per the AEPP submission guidelines, with a submission deadline of **September 30, 2023**. Two rounds of peer reviews are planned, with the themed special issue to be published in May 2024.

The guest editors are Sílvia Helena Galvão de Miranda (Escola Superior de Agricultura Luiz de Queiroz, Universidade de São Paulo) and Sandro Steinbach (Center for Agricultural Policy and Trade Studies, North Dakota State University). They can be reached at shgdmira@usp.br and sandro.steinbach@ndsu.edu.

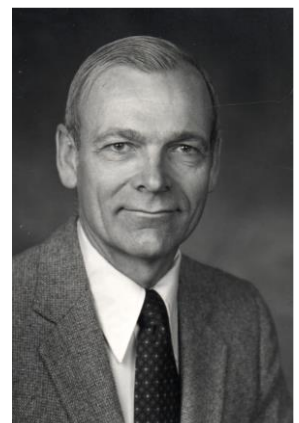
Obituary

STEPHEN JAMES HIEMSTRA

April 17, 1931 – July 13, 2023

Stephen J. Hiemstra (Steve) passed away in the early morning hours of July 13, 2023 after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease at the memory care unit (The Haven) at the Kensington in Reston, Virginia. His wife, Hazel F. Hiemstra preceded him in death July 25, 2020.

Steve had a distinguished career in both the Food Nutrition Service and Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is best known as the father of the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) feeding program. He also founded the first



doctoral program in food service at Purdue University and served as the director of agricultural negotiations in the President's Council of Wage and Price Stability during the Carter Administration. This was the occasion of his photograph in the White House with President Jimmy Carter.

Steve is the second son of Frank and Gertrude Hiemstra of Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he grew up on a mixed feed-livestock farm. He is survived by his older brother, John E. Hiemstra, of West Nyack, New York and three of his four children: Stephen Wayne, Karen Lee, and John David. His younger brother, David Hiemstra, and daughter, Diane Sue, preceded him in death.

Steve attended college at Iowa State University where he studied agricultural economics, lived in the Farmhouse Fraternity, and joined the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC). There he received both a Bachelor's of Science and Master's Degree. After serving in the Air Force and rising to the rank of Captain, he returned to school to complete a doctoral program at University of California at Berkeley.

Steve met the love of his life, Hazel, roller skating in Guelph, Ontario while attending a conference of the American Agricultural Economics Association. They were married a year later on September 13, 1952. The following year while Dad served in the U.S. Air Force in Korea, Mom lived with his family on the farm.

Steve's passion for making food available to everyone was an expression of his faith. Not only did he conceive the WIC program, he worked supporting food stamps, commodity distribution, and school lunches. He traveled to Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Navajo Indian reservation to personally assist in setting up their food stamp programs. As elder in his church, he was proudest of his work in missions.

John E. Lee Jr., Retired Administrator and Professor Emeritus, reported: "His [Steve's] role in the evolution of USDA's programs that now feed millions of Americans should not be underestimated."

His hobbies included golf, bridge, and square dancing. He also was an avid gardener, investor, and coin/stamp collector. He loved to travel and in retirement consulted for major hospitality companies on at least three continents.

Other News

Call for Papers: Special Issue of the Agricultural Finance Review on the Farm Bill

The guest editors for a special issue of the *Agricultural Finance Review* on "New Developments in U.S. Agricultural Lending: Implications for Federal Farm Bill Programs" invite authors to submit articles for consideration. This issue aims to provide timely insights into how the current agricultural credit and financial landscape is relevant for ongoing discussions about the next Farm Bill cycle, which begins this year. This special issue will advance knowledge on agricultural lending and related topics that can inform the upcoming Farm Bill and agricultural policy more generally. We intend to achieve this goal by publishing papers on diverse topics with connections to agricultural lending and policy, including labor, trade, and finance. The focus should be on relating those topics to recent changes that have occurred in the agricultural credit and financial landscape from 2018 onwards, including evaluation of government programs. Novel analyses of agricultural lending that are relevant to agricultural policy would also be suitable.

Articles must be submitted by **August 30**. Please contact the guest editors (below) for more information or visit [this website](#).

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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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Water Economics and Policy Journal: Call for Papers for a Special Issue**Special Issue on Economic Impact of Climate Change on the Water Sector in MENA and Northern Mediterranean Countries****Guest Editor:**

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Climate change in MENA countries as well as Northern Mediterranean countries (Portugal, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Greece, and Southern France) has already made an evident impact affecting rain-fed agriculture as well as surface water reservoirs, aquifers' natural recharge and cities. Crop varieties and tree species currently under

cultivation in the Southern Mediterranean would progressively be appropriate in the North Mediterranean farming systems for adaptation. Rain is becoming more sporadic and more intensive with fewer number of rainy days, higher temperatures, and longer summer months, leading to crop area shrinkage and increased need for water desalination. Hence, the increased water scarcity is affecting all the economic sectors (agriculture, water utilities, industry, tourism, and the environment) and driving a higher demand for water, including for adaptation purposes. Domestic urban and rural water are under increased stress/variability and water service failures/interruptions are becoming more frequent causing social discontent. Although quantitative technical–physical climate impacts are quite abundant, the lack of economic value tags attached to such studies makes them less valuable for policy consideration and undertaking the necessary shifts and adaptations. Previous economic impact studies based their adaptation measures on deficit irrigation for instance, however data is showing that aquifers are under high stress and cannot be used for such a purpose. Similarly, surface water reservoirs' storage capacity is negatively affected by siltation caused by the more torrential sporadic intensive rains reducing the supply of water and increasing the supply uncertainty. This special issue of Water Economics and Policy aims to bridge this gap.

Potential topics/issues include, but are not limited to:

- Assessing the economic losses caused by extreme events (droughts; floods; extreme temperatures) on water for cities and agriculture;
- Economic impact of climate change on rain-fed and irrigated agriculture and adaptation measures;
- Economic impact of climate change on dams' storage capacity based on observations (during the period 1990–2022). Dams' siltation and water value taking into account rain intensity and periodicity;
- Adaptation measures and investments in the water sector as a response to climate change;
- Impacts of climate change on water policies and institutions;
- MENA and Northern Mediterranean countries' policy adaptation measures and investments undertaken in the past 20 years in the water/agricultural sectors;
- Case studies of successful adaptation strategies in the water sector;
- International programs and international aid and their effect on water sector adaptation to climate change on the MENA region;
- Assessment of the European programs oriented toward water sector climate adaptation for Northern and Southern Mediterranean countries; and
- Investments in R&D for water climate adaptation.

Timeline and submissions

Manuscript submission deadline (via Editorial Manager): **July 31, 2023**.

All submitted papers are expected to fully comply with Water Economics and Policy journal standards and are subject to regular review procedures. Papers should not have been published previously in any other journal (print or electronic format). All submissions should follow the journal's Submission Guidelines found here: <https://www.worldscientific.com/page/wep/submission-guidelines>.

About the Guest Editor

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national and international agencies. He is member of the Scientific Advisory Group of the FAO's Globally Interesting Agricultural Heritage Systems since 2018. In 2020 he edited a book titled Water Policy in MENA Countries published by Springer.

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