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President's Message

Happy 2019! This is the beginning of the year, a time for hope and new beginnings. I hope that 2019 will be calmer and better than 2018. AAEA had very good Invited Paper sessions at ASSA in Atlanta. I always enjoy the calming city and look forward to our summer meeting in warmer and friendlier weather.

I am also looking forward to the award ceremony, and in particular to the inauguration of the new Fellows. I'd like to congratulate our forthcoming **Fellows**, Mary Bohman from USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, who led and fought to maintain the high standards of ERS during a tough period; Kevin Boyle from Virginia Tech, a creative innovator of macro and applied work on market evaluation; Matin Qaim from the University of Goettingen, and one of the best Agricultural Economists in Europe, and has research which has opened up many new frontiers; Ian Sheldon from The Ohio State University, who is a leading scholar of important agricultural international trade issues; and Wallace Tyner from Purdue University, who laid the foundation that was a pioneer and continues to lead research on energy and agriculture.

AAEA Reunions and Receptions are another fabulous feature of the summer Annual Meeting. The Association is foremost based on joint professional interest and loyal friends. The Reunions and Receptions help to celebrate us as individuals and members of great institutions. The food, drinks, and fun help inspire new ideas and create new professional bonds that make AAEA stronger. The Annual Meeting also features stimulating talks that enrich and inspire us. I really enjoyed the excellent T.W. Schultz Memorial Lecture by Raj Chetty at ASSA, and look forward to the Galbraith Forum by <u>David Card</u>, the Presidential Address by Keith Coble, and the Fellows address. We encourage you to submit an abstract on the <u>online submission</u> <u>system</u>, and send nominations for the <u>2019 AAEA Awards</u> and



participate in the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting as a presenter and/or attendee.

In recent years we have emphasized mentoring activities and I believe that it is working. This year we are offering a day and a half <u>Post-conference</u> <u>Workshop</u> focused on Early Career Professionals, as well as seven other Pre- and Post-conference events stay tuned for more information on Annual Meeting events. I frequently use the summer meeting as an anchor for a vacation and I hope that several of you will take advantage as well. Check out my YouTube <u>Invitation to the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting</u> for all the opportunities the city offers.

New this year, the Board has been working on an "Anti-Harassment and Code of Conduct Policy." The AAEA Operating Policies do not currently touch upon harassment, sexual or otherwise, even though the AAEA meetings constitute a setting where sexual harassment or other unwelcome advances could potentially occur. We aim to further provide a natural forum for professional relationships between members with varied professional experiences. Please view it at your earliest convenience.

As President I have to address some of the day-to-day challenges. We are meeting with the Secretary of

Agriculture, interacting with other groups, and our main message for Agricultural Economic Research is vital and should be supported (please see the <u>Resources on USDA Economic Research Service</u> page). Decisions suffer because of lack of research and access to research. Therefore, we will be happy to work with government and other organizations to improve the way that research is communicated and utilized. Support for high quality research must continue. Relocation and reorganizations that may harm our capacity should be analyzed thoughtfully. It is important to communicate the need to avoid irreversible bad decisions, and take the time to think before acting in an impulsive manner.

While all of us enjoy many of the benefits of the information evolution, it may pose a threat to the long-term viability of the Association. Our journals are major sources of income for the AAEA and open access may reduce the amount that we get from the publishers. I'm sure that we will survive, but we need to think about alternative sources of support. Building the AAEA Trust is one avenue and is the reason that I have been putting in some effort to establishing new Appreciation Clubs. Every year we will be able to establish new Appreciation Clubs that will recognize some of our intellectual and organizational leaders to provide resources that would allow us great flexibility. Our initiatives to establish new Appreciation Clubs have gotten excellent reception and we are thankful. We will also work this winter to think about more systematic fundraising strategies that will seek to

obtain sponsorships from some of our events and some of our initiatives, and I hope that will help us be more sustainable in the long run.

But true sustainability of an academic association is achieved only when the Association adapts to change and members changing their research agenda to respond to the needs of the time. We have made a big leap from farm economics to agricultural economics to agricultural and applied economics. Now we cover a wide range of topics agricultural management and policy, development, the economics of natural resources, the environment and energy, consumer choices of food and health, agrobusiness, international trade, and entrepreneurship. All of these topics are interlinked and they provide real world and methodological insights. Our existing journals are adapting with reality. I hope within the next year we will take advantage of publishing and produce one more journal that will augment our existing offering. Some good options for new journal topics could include economics of food systems and policies, or sustainable food systems. The two areas of food systems and agribusiness, and the nexxus of agriculture, energy and the environment can benefit from more publications. Such publications should have a national, as well as international perspective, and mainly to be more diverse and may be accessible to other disciplines. I hope these ideas will open a dialogue that will make us better and grow as an association.

AAEA News

Selected Presentation Papers and Posters Call for Abstracts - Deadline Extended

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the <u>2019 AAEA Annual</u> <u>Meeting</u> in Atlanta, GA. Selected Presentations are a submission category that represents both Selected Papers and Selected Posters. All submissions are reviewed and accepted together, and only after acceptance are the submissions designated as

a paper or poster. 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.



Submissions for Selected Presentations must include a two-page, 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 <u>do not include your name or contact information in the abstract file.</u>

Due to the current government shut-down that affects a number of our AAEA members, we are extending the <u>2019 AAEA Annual Meeting</u> submission deadline to **January 23, 2019**. We encourage everyone to upload their submissions prior to this deadline using the <u>online submission system</u>.

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 a poster. Presentation proposal acceptance notifications will be sent via email in 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 <u>info@aaea.org</u> or at (414) 918-3190.

Posters

Poster presenters should be available during their assigned interval 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, 2019.* Please keep submissions under 4 MB. AAEA will upload these posters to the AgEcon Search. Posters that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program.

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.

Presenters of Selected Papers must submit a full version of their paper to the AAEA submission site by **May 15**, **2019.** Please keep submissions under 4 MB. 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, with the exception of the single table/figure per page convention. Questions, please contact the AAEA Business Office at <u>info@aaea.org</u> or (414) 918–3190.

Organized Symposia *Call for Proposals – Deadline Extended*

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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 **Wednesday, May 15, 2019**. If you have any questions about submitting an Organized Symposia session proposal, please contact Mary Annen at <u>mannen@aaea.org</u> or at (414) 918–3190.

Post-conference Workshop

AAEA: Early Career Professional Mentoring Workshop

The AAEA Early Career Professional Mentoring workshop is aimed at professionals in research positions in applied economics in academic and non-academic careers. The workshop will consist of a one and a half day program, beginning directly after the 2019 AAEA meetings in Atlanta, GA, starting on July 24 and ending by mid-day on July 25, 2019.

The workshop will provide mentoring on topics critical for professional success in research and teaching careers. These topics include effective strategies for management of research activity, including obtaining funding, timely completion of projects and publications; communicating in the classroom and with external stakeholders; networking; and managing time and achieving work-life balance. The workshop will offer opportunities for mentees to interact in small groups with mentors in their research area of interest and obtain specific feedback on a completed draft of a research paper as well as more general guidance on strategies for success in their career path.

Potential mentees interested in applying to participate in this workshop should provide a 250 word description of their motivations for participating and desired learning outcomes and list two broad research areas that describe the working paper they intend to submit for feedback at this workshop. Examples of research areas include International Trade and Development/Production Agriculture, Prices, Finance, and Farm Management/ Agribusiness/Environment and Natural Resources/Consumer Choice and Behavioral Economics/Applied Research Methods/Community and Regional Economics/Other.

Applicants with less than five years in their first professional position will be preferred. Attendees must arrange their own travel and lodging and pay a fee of \$85.

For questions about the program please contact: Madhu Khanna at <u>khanna1@illinois.edu</u>. Applications should be submitted via email to <u>info@aaea.org</u> with "ECP Mentoring Workshop" in the subject line by **January 31, 2019**.

We are excited about the opportunity to offer this workshop to mentor early career professionals. We hope you will apply, and look forward to seeing you at the workshop.

Announcing the 2019 AAEA Fellows



Mary Bohman, USDA-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service



Kevin Boyle, Virginia Tech



Matin Qaim, University of Goettingen



lan Sheldon, The Ohio State University



Wallace Tyner, Purdue University

Announcing 2020 AJAE Editors



Marc Bellemare, University of Minnesota



Amy Ando, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award *2019 AAEA Annual Meeting*

The Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award recognizes outstanding impact on agricultural and related policy, based on sound foundations in economic theory, in the tradition of <u>Bruce</u> <u>Gardner</u>. Policy issues are interpreted in their broadest sense. They may relate to either a national or international situation. Their focus may be but not at all necessarily on such issues as price and income policy, environment and land use issues, local government, rural poverty, community development problems. The purpose of the award is to encourage sound economic analysis of public policy issues that provides timely and relevant information for more effective public policy and program discussions. The award is intended to focus attention on important efforts in research, education or public service, which facilitate the policy process and improve public performance and understanding. A maximum of one award is given annually. The award will carry a cash prize of \$1,500 and plaque of recognition financed by the Bruce Gardner Memorial Special Purpose Fund of the <u>AAEA Trust</u>. The Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award Subcommittee is encouraged to generate nominations to assure that all outstanding policy contributions are considered.

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on February 8, 2019.

Nominations may be submitted by individuals, groups, or institutions. An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2019 AAEA member. Winners will be selected on the basis of supporting materials showing major contributions within the previous five years. Re-nominations are invited provided the supporting materials are updated.

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

Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
 - Maximum of three single-spaced pages
 - Must include each nominees' name, affiliation, and email address, and the nominator's name, affiliation, and email address
 - Explains the nominee's or nominees' contributions in a general sense
- Documentary evidence supporting the nominee's or nominees' contributions to the understanding of public policy and related impact on the development of public policy

Electronic format is preferred

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

Nomination Form Link: https://form.jotform.com/42544715269157

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at <u>vnicholas@aaea.org</u> or (414) 918-3190.

Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

The Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards recognize achievement of excellence in extension economics education programs. Awards may recognize not only individual programs, but also significant contributions of an individual economist to a larger, group program. Each year, one award for each of the following categories is given:

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

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2019.** The nominator and the nominee(s), or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must both be 2019 AAEA members. The nominee(s) must have been active in extension education and/or outreach programs within one year of the nomination and the content of extension/outreach effort must be principally in an agricultural or applied economics field as defined by the AAEA <u>Vision Statement</u>. Re-nominations are invited if supporting materials are brought up to date and resubmitted.

To nominate, fill out the Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award Nomination Form at the bottom of the page. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below. The form will also have an option to upload up to three media-type supporting materials.

Nomination Materials

Nomination Letter

- Maximum of three single spaced pages
- Summarize the reasons why the nominee is worthy of the award
- Focus on hard evidence that the nominee meets the criteria
- A short curriculum vitae of the nominee for individual awards
 - \circ Maximum of four single spaced pages
- Up to three items (publications, videos, computer programs, etc.) of supporting materials

Electronic format is preferred

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

Evaluation

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

- Ability to clearly define an important problem and target audience
- Proficiency in conceptualizing and applying educational approaches, which utilize appropriate qualitative and quantitative analysis, primarily economics, but with other relevant disciplines included if appropriate
- Effective communication, as measured by appropriateness of teaching materials to intended audience, quality of communication media, and innovation in communication methods
- Evidence of accomplishment and impact through improved understanding, decisionmaking, or behavioral change in the target audience

Nomination Form Link: <u>https://form.jotform.com/42543988036160</u> If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact the Vanessa Nicholas at <u>vnicholas@aaea.org</u> or (414) 918-3190.

Distinguished Teaching Awards

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The Distinguished Teaching Awards recognize and encourage meritorious performance in undergraduate and graduate teaching in agricultural or applied economics as defined by the <u>AAEA Vision Statement</u>. These award winners will demonstrate to have outstanding ability and performance as a full-time professional teacher of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the AAEA Vision Statement. Each year, one award for each of the following categories is given:

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on February 8, 2019.

Nominators and Nominees must be 2019 members of AAEA. Re-nominations are encouraged, provided materials are updated and resubmitted. If a nominee has previously won a Distinguished Teaching Award, the selection is based on activities subsequent to the previous award. Nominees must be actively engaged in teaching at a professional level during the 2018–2019 school year. To nominate, fill out the online Distinguished Teaching Award Nomination Form below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
 - Maximum of 3 single-spaced pages
 - It will be the centerpiece for evaluation and should contain a concise statement summarizing reasons why the nominee is worthy of the award. The letter of nomination should have itemized descriptions (each separated by subsection) of how the nominee meets/excels the five criteria as listed in the evaluation section (see "Evaluation").
- Biography of the nominee emphasizing current and past teaching achievements
 - Maximum of 2 single-spaced pages
- Statement of teaching philosophy by the nominee
 - Maximum of 1 single-spaced page
- (Optional) Appendix devoted to evaluation of teaching quality
 - Maximum of 5 single-spaced pages
- (Optional) Supporting materials
 - Limited to three items (publications, videos, computer programs, etc.) of the nominee's best examples of quality work

Electronic format is preferred

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

Evaluation

The following five major areas are considered in evaluating nominations:

- Quality of teaching
- Academic advising, counseling, extracurricular activities, and career support with students
- Campus participation in instructional, course, and curricular improvement efforts
- Professional development leading to improvement in teaching for benefit of self and peers
- Department/college/university teaching awards and other teaching related recognitions at national/international level

It is required that nomination packets explicitly address all 5 review areas.

Nomination Form Link: https://form.jotform.com/42544551714150

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at <u>vnicholas@aaea.org</u> or (414) 918-3190.

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

The Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award is given in recognition of development of professional excellence by persons writing doctoral dissertations in any field consistent with the <u>AAEA Vision</u> <u>Statement</u>. A maximum of three awards are given each year, and a \$1000 cash prize accompanies each award.

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on February 8, 2019.

- The nominator must be a 2019 AAEA member.
- One nomination may be submitted for every 12 doctoral dissertations of a department that was presented to a graduate school faculty in the calendar year preceding the year of recognition. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee.
 Departments should limit nomination consideration to dissertations in fields consistent with the vision statement.
- A published dissertation may be entered for the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award as well as other AAEA Annual Awards, but is only eligible to win one award that year.

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

Award Nomination Materials

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

Electronic format is preferred

If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, nine copies of the publication should be sent to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Nomination Form Link: <u>https://form.jotform.com/62315215474148</u>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at <u>vnicholas@aaea.org</u> or (414) 918-3190.

Outstanding Master's Thesis Awards 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

The Outstanding Master's Thesis Award is given in recognition of development of professional excellence by individuals writing master's theses in any field consistent with the <u>AAEA Mission Statement</u>. A maximum of three awards are given. A cash supplement of \$500 accompanies each award.

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on February 8, 2019.

- The nominator must be a 2019 AAEA member.
- One nomination can be submitted for every 15 Master's theses of a department presented to a graduate school faculty in the calendar year preceding the year of recognition. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee. In determining eligible theses, departments should limit nomination consideration to theses in fields consistent with the AAEA Mission Statement.
- A published thesis may be entered for the Outstanding Master's Thesis Award as well as other AAEA Annual Awards, but is only eligible to win one award that year.

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

- Award Nomination Materials
 Nomination Letter
 - Maximum of three single spaced pages
 - A concise statement summarizing reasons the nominee/thesis is worthy of the award
 - Copy of the thesis (or comparable document)

Electronic format is preferred

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

Nomination Form Link: https://form.jotform.com/62314382882155

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at <u>vnicholas@aaea.org</u> or (414) 918-3190.

Publication of Enduring Quality Award 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

The Publication of Enduring Quality Award is granted to encourage excellence in publications in fields consistent with the <u>AAEA Vision Statement</u>. A maximum of one award is given each year for a publication with publication date falling at least ten years prior to the year of recognition (2009 or before). Entries are judged on the basis of the enduring quality of the publications to the profession. Competition is focused on one specific publication by the author(s), one of who was a member of the Association at the time of publication, and not on the cumulative work of the author(s).

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2019.** Entries may be submitted by departments or other administrative units, by colleagues, or by the

authors themselves. The author nominated, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must have been an AAEA member at the time of publication.

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

Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
 - Maximum of three single-spaced pages

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 Document explaining the publication's contributions to the profession

• Copy of the publication

Electronic format is preferred

If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies of the publication should be sent to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Nomination Form Link: <u>https://form.jotform.com/62314153388152</u>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at <u>vnicholas@aaea.org</u> or (414) 918-3190.

The Quality of Communication Award is granted to encourage excellence in publications in fields consistent with the <u>AAEA Vision Statement</u>. A maximum of two awards are given each year. Entries must demonstrate superior communication of concepts or knowledge in any subject matter of professional specialization (i.e., teaching, research, policy analysis or extension) in agricultural and applied economics as defined by the vision statement.

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on February 8, 2019.

- An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2019 AAEA member. No requirements regarding number of authors or professional experience are imposed.
- Publications must have been published in 2018.
- A given article is eligible for only one award in either the Quality of Research Discovery or Quality of Communication category. Nominations should be submitted for only one category, which is clearly identified.

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

Award Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
 - \circ $\,$ Maximum of two single-spaced pages documenting the publication's contributions to the profession.
- Copy of the publication

Electronic form preferred

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

Evaluation

Seven major areas are considered in evaluating nominations as follows:

- Importance of topic
- Timeliness of topic
- Value of communication to its intended audience
- Significance of contribution to the literature or other media
- Organization and presentation of material
- Presentation of material
- Economic content of communication

Nomination Form Link: <u>https://form.jotform.com/62314021876148</u>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at <u>vnicholas@aaea.org</u> or (414) 918-3190.

Quality of Research Discovery Award 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

The Quality of Research Discovery Award is granted to encourage excellent publications in fields consistent with the <u>AAEA Vision Statement</u>. A maximum of two awards are given each year. Entries must demonstrate excellence in research methodology and may deal with conceptualization of researchable problems as well as empirical verification.

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on February 8, 2019.

- An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2019 AAEA member. No requirements regarding number of authors or professional experience are imposed.
- Entries must have been published in 2018.
- A given article is eligible for only one award in either the Quality of Research Discovery or Quality of Communication category. Nominations should be submitted for only one category, which is clearly identified.

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

Nomination Materials

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

Electronic form preferred

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

Nomination Form Link: <u>https://form.jotform.com/62314127872151</u>

Application Deadline: January 31, 2019

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at <u>vnicholas@aaea.org</u> or (414) 918-3190.

2019 Developing Multidisciplinary Leaders Workshop

The purpose of the workshop is to help post-tenure or equivalent professionals progress in their careers. The goal of the workshop is to develop multidisciplinary leaders from the AAEA membership who are grounded in applied economics but who are interested in working across disciplines to lead effective teams of scholars. Research and teaching are the core areas of the workshop.

The workshop will bring in panels of applied economists and noneconomists, who have worked with applied economists, to explore opportunities and challenges of fostering multidisciplinary teams. One significant topic for discussion is applying for large, multidisciplinary research grants from USDA, NSF, NIH and foundations.



Developing Multidisciplinary Leaders Workshop

BOSTON, MA • JUNE 12-14, 2019

The teaching component will center on developing multidisciplinary, team-taught courses and extension programs. The sessions will cover pedagogy and collaborative aspects of teaching and extension across disciplines. This component will also use active learning to help members develop courses and/or programs.

Mid-Career Mentoring Workshop to be held at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University

Targeted Audience

Primarily audience is mid-career professionals - both nearly and newly tenured faculty and individuals with other positions are similar experience, e.g., government agencies.

To register for this workshop, complete the <u>Registration Form</u> and return to the AAEA Business Office. Fax to 414-276-3349 or email to <u>mannen@aaea.org</u>. If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen at 414-918-3190.

The Hotel Room Block has been secured at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Boston – Downtown. Due to a citywide event rooms are in short supply. The group rate is \$276 per night. To book your stay use this link: <u>https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/B/BOSCODT-AAE-</u> <u>20190612/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG</u>

Other News

Historic Climate Statement *Sign on Letter*

You are invited to join 27 Nobel Laureate economists, 4 former Chairs of the Federal Reserve and 15 former Chairs of the Council of Economic Advisers as a Signatory of the historic <u>Economists' Statement on Carbon</u> <u>Dividends</u>. Originally published on the Wall Street Journal's opinion page, the statement is now open to all economists to sign-on to demonstrate the breadth of support for a market-based climate solution.

<u>www.econstatement.org</u> <u>www.econstatement.org/sign-the-statement</u>

Post-Conference Workshop on Environmental Regulation and Innovation in Local Communities 2019 NAREA Meeting & Workshop

The 2019 Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Post-Conference Workshop will be held June 11-12, 2019, in Portsmouth, NH.

Deadline is February 18, 2019

Due to the need to remain globally competitive while espousing more sustainable production and consumption patterns, local communities are under increasing pressure to adopt innovative strategies to manage the economic and environmental impacts of environmental regulations. Further, increasingly decentralized regulatory design and enforcement can create wide disparities in economic and environmental outcomes across jurisdictions, reinforcing any anxiety and competition between states and local governments with respect to economic growth and environmental quality. Local communities can adopt productivity–enhancing and pollution reducing technologies while also developing innovative policy approaches and governance structures to manage these impacts. It is therefore imperative to understand how local communities innovate – both in the technological and policy/governance spheres, the factors that motivate them to do so, and how their innovations determine the environmental and economic outcomes they experience. Additionally, and equally vital is an understanding of how individual households and businesses in local communities help shape local environmental regulations.

This workshop seeks to invite a conversation among researchers, think-tanks, government agencies and policymakers to enhance our understanding of how local communities innovate when shaping and responding to environmental regulations, and how these environmental regulations affect rural communities' economic well-being and environmental quality. Keynote speakers include: Kathleen Segerson, University of Connecticut; and David Popp, Syracuse University.

We are interested in soliciting empirical and/or theoretical papers using state-of-the-art methods to examine the impact of regulation on various metrics of innovation, environmental quality, and economic performance to assess the well-being of local communities - rural or urban - in the context of environmental regulation. We would like to invite papers that deal with a variety of innovative approaches to respond to regulation such as (but not limited to) abatement technology adoption and diffusion, environmental patenting, energy and transportation infrastructure, as well as innovative policy and governance approaches including information disclosure mechanisms, environmental management systems, social responsibility-oriented practices, government-NGO partnerships and other multi-stakeholder cooperative initiatives. We hope to see papers thinking about how regulation and innovation impact various environmental quality measures such as (but not limited to) industrial air, water, hazardous waste and other types pollution as well as issues related to land use, forest stewardship and management, and energy use. Further, papers that can related regulation and innovation to economic performance, in terms of output and productivity, production efficiency, employment, investment, property prices, capital expenditures, infrastructure spending and global competitiveness, among many others. Finally, we are interested in attracting papers that examine how to enhance public participation of citizens in local communities and those that investigate the channels through which individual households and businesses can influence public policy.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Authors wishing to have a paper considered must submit an extended abstract by Monday, February 18, 2019, 5 pm eastern. Abstracts must be submitted online at <u>http://www.narea.org/2019-workshop</u>, where authors will be prompted to provide:

- name, address, email address and phone number of paper presenter or primary contact
- title of paper
- name and institutional affiliation of paper presenter and co-author(s)
- 2-4 key words
- extended abstract: 1000 to 1500 words maximum
- references cited

Electronic acknowledgements of submissions will be sent to all submitters. Abstracts will be reviewed by the NAREA Workshop Selected Papers Committee in terms of the significance to the field, strength of methodology/design, and clarity of writing. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstract by April 1, 2019.

Selected paper presentations will be 20 minutes. Full papers must be received from notified authors by May 16, 2019, to be included in the workshop's program. Papers presented at the workshop will be considered for expedited review and publication in a special 2020 issue of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) if final versions of the papers are submitted to ARER by July 31, 2019.

Thanks to anticipated funding sources that support this workshop's emphasis on innovation and local communities, we will be able to provide a combination of travel support and honoraria on a limited basis. In addition, all paper processing fees will be covered for papers accepted into the journal. Further information concerning workshop registration and the final program will be provided in the spring issue of the NAREA Newsletter and on the NAREA website. For more information, please contact the NAREA Workshop Organizing Committee:

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- product quality, information, and food safety
- innovation and intellectual property rights
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