

AAEA News

Selected Presentation Papers and Posters – DEADLINE NEXT WEEK

2021 Call for Proposals

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the 2021 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. 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. Presenting author and co–authors should include in this abstract a discussion of the relevance of the topic, research methodology, and potential for generating discussion during the meeting. Please *do not include your name or contact information in the abstract file.*

Tips for selecting a Subject Code for your abstract

When submitting your paper to the abstract system you will need to select a subject code. The subject code you select is the category your paper will be grouped in when being reviewed based on a common topic. If accepted, sessions are comprised of abstracts with the same subject codes. To assist you with selecting a subject code the Selected Presentations Committee created [keywords for each of the subject codes](#). We recommend you refer to the **keywords for subject codes** to help you determine the subject code for your submission.

Abstracts must be received by **Wednesday, January 20, 2021 11:59 PM CST**, and should be submitted using AAEA’s online [Abstract Management System](#). Material previously presented at other meetings cannot be accepted, and the submitting author will be asked to verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere. When entering the title of your abstract, please be sure to submit it as you would like it to appear in the program – with proper capitalization and punctuation.

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 to presenters 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 info@aaea.org 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 20, 2021 11:59 PM CST. A cover page must be included* before uploading. Please prepare a Cover Page using [this](#)

[template](#) and append it to your pdf file before uploading. 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 20, 2021 11:59 PM CST. A cover page must be included before uploading. Please prepare a Cover Page using [this template](#) and append it to your pdf file before uploading. 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.

[Abstract Management Site](#)

Organized Symposia – DEADLINE NEXT WEEK

2021 Call for Proposals

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the 2021 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. Proposals are due by **Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 11:59 PM CST** and should be submitted using AAEA's online [Abstract Management System](#).

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

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

At least one proposer for the organized symposium must be a member of AAEA, and all presenters, speakers, and/or discussants at the Annual Meeting must be members of AAEA and registered for the Annual Meeting by **Thursday, May 20, 2021**.

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

Announcing the 2021 Class of Fellows

Will Martin
*International Food Policy
Research Institute*



Alfred Parks
*Prairie View A&M
University*



Timothy Richards
*Arizona State
University*



Jutta Roosen
*Technical University of
Munich*



Ralph Christy
Cornell University

Congratulations to each of our 2021 Fellows!

Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2021**. 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 2021 AAEA member. Winners will be selected on the basis of supporting materials showing major contributions within the previous five years. Re-nominations are invited provided the supporting materials are updated.

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

Nomination Materials

Nomination Letter

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

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

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

[Nomination form](#) will be completed and sent to Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org or (414) 231-8117.

Distinguished Teaching Awards

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

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

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2021**.

- Nominators and Nominees must be 2021 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 2020-2021 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:

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

It is required that nomination packets explicitly address all 6 review areas. Please send the [completed form](#) as well as any nomination materials to Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org or (414) 231-8117.

Outstanding Master's Thesis Awards

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2021**.

- The nominator must be a 2021 AAEA member.
- One nomination can be submitted for every 15 Master's theses of a department presented to a graduate school faculty in the calendar year preceding the year of recognition. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee. In determining eligible theses, departments should limit nomination consideration to theses in fields consistent with the AAEA mission statement.
- A published thesis may be entered for the Outstanding Master's Thesis Award as well as other AAEA Annual Awards, but is only eligible to win one award that year.

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

Award Nomination Materials

Nomination Letter

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

Copy of the thesis (or comparable document)

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

Please send this [completed form](#) as well as any nomination materials to Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org or (414) 231-8117.

Publication of Enduring Quality Award

The Publication of Enduring Quality Award is granted to encourage excellence in publications in fields consistent with the [AAEA Vision Statement](#). A maximum of one award is given each year for a publication with publication date falling at least ten years prior to the year of recognition (2010 or before). Entries are judged on the basis of their enduring quality as evidenced by impact to the discipline (eg citations, subsequent contributions). Competition is focused on one specific publication by the author(s), one of whom was a member of the Association at the time of publication, and not on the cumulative work of the author(s).

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2021**. Entries may be submitted by departments or other administrative units, by colleagues, or by the authors themselves.

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

Nomination Materials

Nomination Letter

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

Copy of the publication

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

Please send this [completed form](#) as well as any nomination materials to Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org or (414) 231-8117.

Quality of Communication Award

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2021**.

- An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2021 AAEA member. No requirements regarding number of authors or professional experience are imposed.
- Publications must have been published in 2020.
- A given article is eligible for only one award in either the Quality of Research Discovery or Quality of Communication category. Nominations should be submitted for only one category, which is clearly identified.

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

Award Nomination Materials

Nomination Letter

- Maximum of two single-spaced pages documenting the publication's contributions to the profession.
- Copy of the publication
 - Electronic form preferred.
 - If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies of the publication should be mailed to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Evaluation

Seven major areas are considered in evaluating nominations as follows:

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

If you have any questions about your nomination, the [nomination form](#), or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org or (414) 231-8117.

Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards

The Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards recognize achievement of excellence in extension economics education programs. Awards may recognize not only individual programs, but also significant contributions of an individual economist to a larger, group program. We encourage submissions from women, underrepresented minorities and members from a broad set of academic, government, industry and NGO organizations.

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

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

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on February 8, 2021. The nominator and the nominee(s), or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must both be 2021 AAEA members. The nominee(s) must have been active in extension education and/or outreach programs within one year of the nomination and the content of extension/outreach effort must be principally in an agricultural or applied economics field as defined by the [AAEA Vision Statement](#). Re-nominations are invited if supporting materials are brought up to date and resubmitted.

To nominate, fill out the Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award Nomination Form at the bottom of the page. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below. 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
 - Maximum of four single spaced pages
- Up to three items (publications, videos, computer programs, etc.) of supporting materials
 - Electronic format is preferred
 - If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies of documentary evidence shall be submitted to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Evaluation

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

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

Please send this [completed form](#) as well as any nomination materials to Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org or (414) 231-8117.

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on February 8, 2021.

- The nominator must be a 2021 AAEA member.
- One nomination may be submitted for every 12 doctoral dissertations of a department that was presented to a graduate school faculty in the calendar year preceding the year of recognition. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee. Departments should limit nomination consideration to dissertations in fields consistent with the vision statement.

- A published dissertation may be entered for the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award as well as other AAEA Annual Awards, but is only eligible to win one award that year.

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

Award Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
 - Maximum of three single spaced pages
 - Concise statement summarizing the reasons why the nominee is worthy of the award
- Copy of the dissertation
 - Electronic format is preferred
 - If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, nine copies of the publication should be sent to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Please send this [completed form](#) as well as any nomination materials to Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org or (414) 231-8117.

Quality of Research Discovery Award

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

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on February 8, 2021.

An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2021 AAEA member. No requirements regarding number of authors or professional experience are imposed. Entries must have been published in 2020.

A given article is eligible for only one award in either the Quality of Research Discovery or Quality of Communication category. Nominations should be submitted for only one category, which is clearly identified. To nominate, fill out the online Quality of Research Discovery Award Nomination Form linked below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

Nomination Materials

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

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

Please send this [completed form](#) as well as any nomination materials to Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org

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

AAEA Mentoring Award

Deliberate, purposive, mentoring takes time and effort. Through the process of collaborating with a mentee, a mentor shows a mentee the ‘ropes’ of the profession, helps to identify and cultivate the mentee’s strengths, and opens up networks and professional opportunities. To mentor is to commit time and effort. The benefits of mentoring—colleagues from diverse backgrounds staying in the profession and fully expressing their potential—are enjoyed by the entire profession.

The purpose of the Mentoring Award is to recognize individuals in our association who have systematically shown consistent, outstanding efforts in fostering junior, female and/or minority colleagues. We encourage submissions from women, underrepresented minorities and members from a broad set of academic, government, industry and NGO organizations.

The AAEA community particularly values:

- Efforts to recruit and retain talented individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Co-authorship and/or other collaboration that provides major learning opportunities for junior, female, and/or minority colleagues
- Active advocacy for the professional advancement of these colleagues

Nomination Guidelines

- Nominations are due on **February 8, 2021**.
- Nominees must be a 2021 member of AAEA.

Nomination materials

- Nomination letter
 - Maximum of 3 single-spaced pages
 - The nomination letter must be written by a 2020 member of AAEA.
 - This letter will be the centerpiece for evaluation and should give examples (with the names of mentees) of how the nominee has systematically collaborated with, advocated for, and/or created growth opportunities for junior, female, and/or minority colleagues.
 - The letter must include the nominee’s name, affiliation, and email address, as well as the nominator’s name, affiliation, and email address.
 - The file name of the letter should include the phrase ‘nomination_letter.’
- Current CV of the nominee
 - No more than 15 pages, 12 point font, Single line space, 1” margin on both sides.
 - Highlight mentoring activities, achievement, and accomplishment of mentorship based on the award criterion.
- Between 3 and 5 supporting letters, written by those mentored by the nominee

- Each supporting letter should be a maximum of 2 single-spaced page.
- Between 3 and 5 supporting letters, written by those mentored by the nominee.
- The nomination letter and letters of support must focus on three things.
 - clearly described activities to promote/support others
 - clearly described impacts and influences
 - significant and unique contributions to mentoring within and outside own institutions
- Letters should be written by those mentored by the nominee, and illustrate the nominee's mentoring efforts and how these changed the professional trajectory of the letter writer.

Please send nomination materials to Jessica Weister at jweister@aaea.org

Evaluation

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

AARES-AAEA Young Professionals Exchange Award 2021 - HEADING NORTH AWARD

Applications are now invited for the 2021 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 [2021 Annual Meeting](#) of AAEA to be held in Austin, TX - August 1-3, 2021. Applicants for the award must be a member of either AARES or AAEA.

Selection Process

The 2021 Heading North selection committee will be chaired by the President-Elect of AARES (Professor Gavan Dwyer).

Applications should include:

- a paper for presentation at the AAEA 2021 Annual Meeting in Austin, 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

Monday, **March 1, 2021** (for travel in August 2021)

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

AEPP Working Collection of Articles on COVID-19

These articles will appear in an upcoming special issue on COVID-19. Articles will be added to the collection as they publish online ahead of the special issue publication in early 2021.

View the collection here: [https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/\(ISSN\)2040-5804.special-collection-on-covid-19](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/(ISSN)2040-5804.special-collection-on-covid-19)

Call for Papers**Special Issue on 'Replications in Agricultural Economics' in *AEPP***

An important quality characteristic of scientific research is that it is falsifiable and replicable. If findings from scientific articles are not replicable or are not attempted to be falsified, this renders conclusions less reliable. This is especially relevant in the field of agricultural economics research, where scientific results are frequently used to design or modify policies. Replication studies offer the potential to gain new insights from answering previously answered research questions by (1) applying the same or similar methods to other data sets or (2) applying alternative or more appropriate (new) methods to existing data sets or modeling frameworks. This contributes to the assessment of the robustness of earlier research findings

We invite submissions to a special issue on 'Replications in Agricultural Economics' in the journal *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy (AEPP)*. With this special issue, we aim to initiate a new research stream in agricultural economics and foster the use of replication as structural element of our discipline.

The primary purpose of a replication is to confirm the validity of a study previously published in a leading journal in the field of agricultural economics. We consider replications of all types of articles, e.g., econometric analysis, experimental work, as well as, optimization and simulation models. Considered replication studies shall preferably consist of two parts:

In the first part, key findings from the original study shall be reproduced. This should be based on a data set, experiment, or model that is identical to the original study. If the original results cannot be exactly reproduced, then the replicating researcher is required to contact the original author to reconcile any differences. All communication (emails etc.) on this exchange should be submitted to the journal.

In the second part, further robustness checks on the above-generated findings shall be provided. This can include, for example, alternative variable specifications, new (more recent, from another context etc.) data, an alternative experimental set-up, alternative estimation procedures, other optimization or simulation models, or other specifications of these models. Authors need to clarify how the presented analysis constitutes a replication of previous research.

If the experimental instructions, data sets or models that were used in the replicated study are unavailable, researchers should use experimental instructions, data sets or models that are as similar as possible to those in the replicated study (as substitute for the first part) and then apply a broad range of robustness checks in the second part.

Both confirming and disconfirming replications will be published. The main criterion for assessment of the replication is a high standard of the methodological approach and clarity. Replication articles are full-length articles. Multiple replications of an original article by different replicating authors can be published.

A two-tier selection procedure will be used for this special issue: First, researchers who are interested in contributing to the special issue shall submit a short (ca. 2 pages) concept note describing the envisioned content and approach by January 15, 2021. The guest editors will provide feedback on the submitted concept notes to support researchers, as well as, to enable an efficient submission process.

Full papers need to be submitted by **January 15, 2022**. After an editorial pre-screening, the submitted papers will be sent to the original author(s) asking for feedback AND sent to at least one guest editor and one anonymous reviewer (which can be the author of another replication study for the special issue) for reviews. The guest editors will accept the paper for publication in the special issue if the analyses are conducted with methodological rigor, the analysis and the results are presented in a clear (and reproducible) way, and the paper is in line with the originally submitted concept note and the guest editors' feedback on the concept note. If the decision is to publish, the original author(s) are invited to submit a new reply in response to the final revised version which will be published as well if it is written in a clear and factual way. Detailed instructions for preparing and submitting concept notes are given on the following page. Instructions for the full papers will be sent along with the feedback on the concept notes.

Guest editors are Robert Finger, ETH Zürich, Switzerland; Carola Grebitus, Arizona State University, USA; and Arne Henningsen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

If the COVID-19 pandemic continues for a longer period of time and, thus, prevents researchers from conducting or replicating lab experiments or surveys, an extension of the submission deadline will be considered.

Call for Papers

Special Issue, "Agricultural and Applied Economics and Inequity and Discrimination Faced by African Americans in the United States"

Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy

The editors of AEPP invite authors to submit articles for a special issue on inequities and discrimination faced by African Americans in the United States related to topics within agricultural and applied economics. AEPP publishes research related to agriculture; animal, plant, and human health; energy; environment; food and consumer behavior; international development; natural hazards, natural resources; population and migration; and regional and rural development. In this Special Issue, we are particularly interested in the intersection of these topics with inequities and discrimination faced by African Americans. Possible topics for papers in this issue include, but are not limited to:

1. Implications of the Pigford v. Glickman suit and related cases on Black farmer land loss
2. Funding differences in experiment stations and extension systems between 1862 and 1890 institutions and impacts on African American outcomes related to food and agriculture
3. Evaluation of differences in intergenerational mobility of African American students between 1890 and 1862 institutions
4. Implications of agricultural land loss on present-day wealth and wealth-related disparities
5. Racial disparities, property values, and Black and white farmers in rural America
6. Disparities in federal and state funding at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions. Specifically, inequality in the distribution of funding support for research, teaching, and 4-H programs at 1890 institutions
7. Disparities by race in human capital development, income inequality, family/community resiliency, or disaster preparedness and their impacts on population and migration and/or rural and regional development, with a particular focus on the African American experience

8. Disparities by race in food security, with a particular focus on the African American experience
9. Black farmers' access to financial capital
10. Examination of alternative farm policy frameworks that continue systemic racism with government support and emergency payments. Black farmer participation levels in local food systems could be assessed in this context.

If you are interested in contributing to the special issue, please submit your paper to our online submission system by **January 16, 2022**. General instructions for submitting to AEPP can be found [here](#). Please select that you are submitting to the Agricultural and Applied Economics and Inequity and Discrimination Faced by African Americans in the United States special issue when selecting submission type.

Composition of the Issue

1. Invited versus Open Call: The issue will contain a mix of invited papers and papers received in response to this open call.
2. Perspectives versus Original Research Papers: We are interested in publishing both perspectives articles and original research articles in this special issue.
3. Timeline: Journal submission deadline: **January 16, 2022**

Communication

Questions about the special issue including questions related to fit of potential submissions can be directed to Mindy Mallory (mllmallor@purdue.edu).

Additional Information

Certainly, African Americans in the United States are not the only group to face inequities and discrimination related to topics in agricultural and applied economics. Future special issues will be organized around inequities and discrimination faced by other groups.

(WEBINAR) The Meatless Revolution: Panel with Industry Experts

AAEA Webinar (Co-sponsored by FAMPS and AEM)

Please note the date and time have not been determined. Notifications and a calendar invitation will be sent out when a date has been determined.

Overview

The meat sector is a well-established market, with a typical American consuming over 200 pounds of meat (either beef, chicken, and/or pork) per year. However, the growing demand for alternative proteins (e.g., plant-based, lab-grown) has captured the attention of investors, the media, and consumers. Plant-based "meats" are not only targeted toward vegans and vegetarians, but also consumers who do not subscribe to a specific diet, as plant-based meat companies attempt to mimic the look, feel, and taste of conventional meat-based products. Major food retail chains and fast food restaurants, such as Carl's Jr., Q'doba, and Burger King, are bucking the trend and have all introduced plant-based alternatives as a substitute to menu favorites. Additionally, new technologies to produce lab-grown meat, such as those derived from chicken feathers, are on the frontier. Infusions of investments by venture capital and large companies are being made, despite the fact that, historically, many investments made in growing food startup companies have ended up being divested at a loss.

Nevertheless, the controversy surrounding plant-based vs. lab-grown vs. the traditional meat sector has many wondering how the food system will evolve in this new choice landscape. This symposium brings together both sides of the conversation – the alternative and the traditional meat sectors – to discuss the meatless craze that has swept the nation and the broader implications for the food system.

Expected Outcomes

The goal of the panel is to engage in topical discussions on relevant challenges and opportunities that the traditional and non-traditional protein sectors face, and discuss ways in which partnering with researchers would offer synergies with industry objectives. Participants will leave with information on data resources that may be useful for policy relevant analysis.

Who Should Attend

We encourage all members of AAEEA as well as non-members to attend, including but not limited to agricultural economics, public policy experts, industry stakeholders, educators, chefs, and health care experts.

Webinar Format

The Webinar is entirely Q&A based. Prior to the panel, we will solicit questions to ask the panelists and pick, among them, four to six questions to guide the discussion. **Please go to [THIS SURVEY](#)** to vote on which questions you would like to ask the panelists.

Example questions include:

- How close are the alternative protein options to mimicking the nutrient profile of alternative meat options when compared to regular meat?
- What marketing campaigns exist to inform or persuade pro-meat consumers to purchase plant-based alternatives?
- How does cost factor into shoppers' purchasing decisions, specifically concerning the higher price tag of alternatives?
- What expectations do you have regarding the demand for meat alternatives and how might this factor into product pricing?
- How long do you foresee it taking the lab-grown and plant-based industry to not only mimic the taste of meat on the market, but exceed what consumers are currently used to?
- Who are the major players and what are the products they offer, either currently or in the near future?
- With all of the additives required to achieve plant-based meat, could you describe the process with respect to FDA standards and labeling requirements?
- In what ways, if any, are environmental policies shaping the acceleration of plant-based alternatives? How might you expect this to change over the next five to ten years, e.g., under different administrations?

Industry Speakers

- Paul Shapiro
- Monty Staggs
- Dean Klahr
- Michael Nepveux

AAEA Government Relations & Washington Update

I am excited to start working on behalf of AAEA and its members to promote the interests of agricultural and applied economics in Washington, DC. For my first column, I'd like to introduce myself and provide some perspective on the outlook for 2021.

I have over 25 years of experience working on agricultural policy in a variety of capacities ranging from the private sector to government service. For the last 12 years, I have been President of The Randel Group, LLC, a government relations firm that I founded. My focus at The Randel Group has been to serve clients in food and agriculture, including work to increase federal support for agricultural research, extension and education.

Prior to founding The Randel Group, I served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations at the United States Department of Agriculture, where I was responsible for coordinating the Department's engagement with Congress during the 2008 Farm Bill. I also was part of a three-person team selected to lead the Department's implementation of the Farm Bill, working across all USDA agencies. Prior to my role in Congressional Relations, I worked in the Research, Education and Economics Mission Area, which has responsibility for the Economic Research Service, National Agricultural Statistics Service, National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the Agricultural Research Service.

In addition to The Randel Group and USDA, I have worked for other government relations firms representing agriculture and university clients. I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University, so have a strong appreciation for the work of AAEA and economists. I also have a Master's Degree in Agricultural Development from Texas A&M and a law degree from George Mason University.

Now, with my introduction out of the way, let's get to work! I believe that this is an important time for AAEA to increase its efforts in Washington. 2021 brings with it a new Administration, new Congress, and new leaders to key agencies such as ERS, NIFA and the USDA Office of the Chief Economist. This time of transition marks a great opportunity for AAEA to establish itself as a premier resource at the intersection of policy and economics in a wide range of issue areas that span the diversity of AAEA expertise. As policy makers tackle issues such as the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and preparing for the 2022 Farm Bill, we should strive to ensure that AAEA and its members are well positioned to be valuable resources to inform and influence the debate. I look forward to working with AAEA to advance the priorities of agricultural and applied economics with Congress, relevant agencies, and stakeholders.

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AAEA's DC Representative

Other News

Call for Research Proposals for the Structural Transformation of African Agriculture and Rural Spaces (STAARS) project

Application deadline: January 31, 2021

The STAARS Fellowship application process is managed by Cornell University, in collaboration with PIM. Applicants must prepare a maximum 2500-word research proposal, which motivates the selected research issues and objectives, outlines data sources and proposed methodology, and contains a convincing plan for completing the project by December 15, 2021. Projects that propose to use data that are not publicly available

must provide documentation that they have access to those data. All proposals shall be prepared in English. All proposals will be peer-reviewed by experts from Cornell University and/or PIM.

The deadline to submit a research proposal is **January 31, 2021**. Applicants should submit their completed proposals via email to staars@cornell.edu. Accepted applicants will be notified by early March 2021 and are expected to begin remote collaboration with their mentor immediately upon acceptance.

Research Proposal Template

1. Completed [2021 STAARS Fellowship Applicant Information Form](#).
2. Research Proposal (2500 words max.):
 - Title of the proposed research
 - Targeted country(-ies)
 - Introduction and motivation that includes clear statement of research objectives and hypotheses.
 - Description of data source(s) and any prior experience working with the proposed data.
 - Proposed Methodology
 - If applicable, summary of any preliminary results.
 - Proposed timeline for the research

In addition to the Research Proposal (not included in the 2500 words):

- Bibliographic references
- CV of the applicant
- If proposing to use data that are not publicly available, a letter or other documentation from the data steward(s) indicating that the applicant will have access to the data to use in the proposed project
- Photocopy of the passport biodata page and, if applicable, any current US visa

Shortlisted applicants will be asked to provide the following:

- Letter of support from applicant's supervisor, clearly indicating that the applicant will be granted time to work on this project, if selected
- Stata/R assessment

Download the Application Packet here: http://barrett.dyson.cornell.edu/files/Staars_Application.zip

Learn more here: <http://barrett.dyson.cornell.edu/staars/staars-fellowships.html>

IMMANA Grants

Round 4 Competitive Research Grants to Develop and Validate Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions

The Call for Applications for Round 4 of IMMANA Grants is now open!

Deadline for submission of concept notes is **January 21, 2021**. The application portal can be found [here](#). The IMMANA Competitive Research Grants are aimed at accelerating the development of innovative and interdisciplinary methods, metrics and tools to advance the scientific understanding of the linkages between agriculture and food systems and health and nutrition outcomes, in order to better inform policy and programmatic actions to improve nutrition outcomes in low and middle-income countries (LMICs).

This workstream of the IMMANA programme is led by the [London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine](#). This is the 4th and final funding round for the IMMANA grants. Each IMMANA grant will be a maximum of £250,000 and up to 8 grants (4 development and 4 validation) are expected to be awarded through a competitive selection process.

Eligibility

In order for applications to be deemed eligible, they must fulfil the following criteria:

- Demonstrate the ability to conduct research to international standards of excellence in the topic proposed. Researchers and institutions from both developed countries and LMICs are eligible as lead institutions.
- Demonstrate strong and equitable partnerships. Concept notes must clearly show meaningful, collaborative relationships with LMICS evidenced by management and scientific contributions and capacity and learning exchange. The roles and responsibilities of all named applicants should be defined accordingly, together with a description of the added value arising from the bringing together of complementary expertise and partnerships.

For details on the priority research topics and approaches and eligible costs, please consult the [call for applications](#) and the [frequently asked questions](#).

Selection process

The proposed research is expected to generate innovative and high quality methods, metrics and tools for application in the short to medium term for improving agriculture and food systems' contributions to nutrition and health in low and middle income countries.

Applications will be reviewed in two main stages:

1) Review of concept memos:

Assessment of concept memos will be undertaken by [IMMANA management team](#) with oversight from the Co-Chairs of the [Independent Panel of Experts](#).

The following criteria will be applied:

- innovation
- scientific excellence
- research uptake plans and pathways to impact
- collaborative approaches

Only those shortlisted were invited to submit a full proposal.

2) Review of full proposals:

Full applications will be subject to a peer-review process using the same criteria as the concept memo stage. The [Independent Panel of Experts](#) will assess the full proposals and the peer-review reports and recommend applications for funding. The review process will be overseen by the [IMMANA Steering Committee](#), which will also be responsible for approving the Panel's recommendations for funding.

AARES 2021

The AARES 2021 conference will take place February 8–12, 2021.

Due to the COVID–19 Pandemic AARES has decided to hold the 2021 conference virtually, via online platform. It is envisaged that majority of online sessions will be ‘live’ so that presenters and participants can interact more directly. Recordings of sessions will be available for later viewing. Conference presentations will be held from 9 to 12th February.

The pre–conference workshops are planned to take place via live–streamed online sessions on February 8, 2021.

To ask a question of the Local Organizing Committee, please go to the [Contact page](#). To learn more about the AARES 2021 conference go to: <https://aares2021.org/>

2020 Scholarship Awards for Richardson–Applebaum Outstanding Graduate Research on Food Distribution

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the **Richardson–Applebaum Outstanding Graduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing**. Broadly defined, this area encompasses all economic functions that occur between the farm gate and final consumer.

Eligibility

- The competition is open to all graduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system who have completed the degree between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
- Please note: 1) applicants are limited to applying for each category only once and subsequent submissions will be not be considered, 2) only one submission will be accepted per university per category each year, and 3) applications must be submitted by February 1, 2021, there will be no deadline extensions, by the student’s department head/chair using the online submission system: <https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

Award

- One travel stipend to attend the 2021 Annual Conference for each of the following categories: best Ph.D. Dissertation (\$1,500), best M.S. Thesis (\$1,500), and best M.S. Case Study (\$1,500).
- Complimentary one–year FDRS student membership.
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2021 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX.
- The Ph.D. recipient is invited to deliver a 10–minute research presentation during the FDRS Applebaum–Richardson Award Luncheon.

Application steps

Students should save the following, in order, as one PDF file. When labeling the PDF file, please include your first and last name, category (e.g., Best Ph.D.), and name of your university. The final application must be submitted by the student’s department head/chair using the online submission system:

<https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

- [Statement of Intent form](#) – The final application must be submitted by the student’s department head/chair using the online submission system by **February 1, 2021**

- Cover letter that includes a brief synopsis of academic training, any food industry experience, and/or research experience and career interests and goals
- Letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor
- A copy of the dissertation/thesis/case study

For more information:

Please visit the FDRS website at www.fdrsinc.org

or contact FDRS's Vice President of Education: Dr. Kathy Kelley at KathyKelley@psu.edu

2021 Scholarship Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the 2021 Scholarship Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing. Broadly defined, this area encompasses all economic functions that occur between the farm gate and final consumer.

Eligibility

- The competition is open to all undergraduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system.
- Please note: 1) applicants are limited to applying for each category only once and subsequent submissions will not be considered, 2) only one submission will be accepted per university per category each year, and 3) applications must be submitted by February 1, 2021, there will be no deadline extensions, by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system: <https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

Award

- A travel stipend of \$1,000 to attend the 2021 Annual Conference for the best Undergraduate Student Research Paper
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2021 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX.

Application steps

Students should save the following, in order, as one PDF file. When labeling the PDF file, please include your first and last name, outstanding undergraduate category, and name of your university. The final application must be submitted by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system:

<https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

- [Statement of Intent form](#) – The final application must be submitted by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system by **February 1, 2021**
- Cover letter that includes a brief synopsis of academic training, any food industry experience, and/or research experience and career interests and goals.
- Letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor.
- The complete research paper. Write the research paper following the formatting guidelines provided on page 2 and 3.

For more information:

Please visit the FDRS website at www.fdrsinc.org

Or contact FDRS's Vice President of Education: Dr. Kathy Kelley at KathyKelley@psu.edu



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