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AAEA News

Register for the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting

The early registration deadline has passed, but it is not too late to register to join us in Boston. Register now to avoid a future price increase.

Registration: Attendees will have access to concurrent sessions, plenary sessions, the Poster Reception and Welcome Reception on Sunday night, and the Closing Reception on Tuesday night. Tickets for the [luncheons, reception](#), and [Pre-and Post- conference Workshops](#) are not included with the main registration fee, but can be purchased online until July 8, (or until the maximum registration for workshops are reached) or by contacting the AAEA Business Office at (414)918-3190. To register, please visit the [2016 AAEA Annual Meeting Site](#).

[Register Online](#)

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2016 July 31 - August 2



Registration Prices:

Type	Advanced (Now- July 8)	On-site (After July 8)
Professional Member	\$480	\$555
Professional Non-Member	\$630	\$705
Senior Member	\$370	\$445
Senior Non-Member	\$490	\$565
Graduate Student Member	\$140	\$180
Graduate Student Non-Member	\$265	\$310

**Undergraduate registrations done via telephone, (414) 918-3190.*

Renew Your AAEA Membership for 2016

You can now renew your AAEA membership for 2016 on the [AAEA website](#). Simply log in to the “My Account” section to renew. Completing your renewal online saves you time by filling out most of the information for you automatically.

The benefits of your AAEA membership only last through the spring of 2016, so be sure to renew

soon to ensure you keep receiving services from AAEA throughout the upcoming year.



Register for the 2016 Employment Center

Registration is now open for the **2016 Employment Center** taking place July 31–August 2, during the [2016 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in Boston, MA. The Employment Center offers a great opportunity for highly qualified candidates to connect with a number of employers during the Joint Annual Meeting. This year's Employment Center features a simplified registration and posting process that is now integrated into the newly updated [AAEA Job Board](#). Applicant registration is **FREE**.

For more information please visit the online [Employment Center](#). If you have any questions please feel free to contact [Sarah Kenner](#). We hope to see you in Boston!

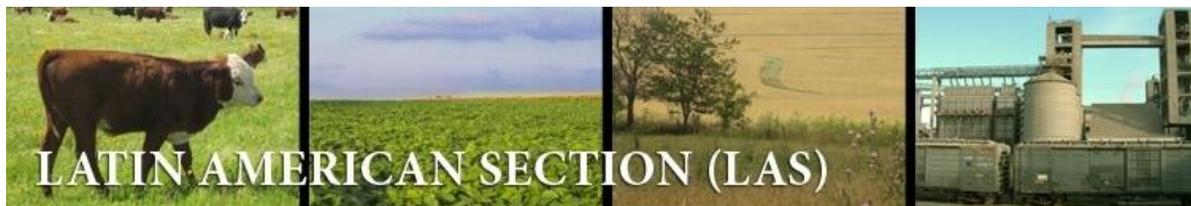


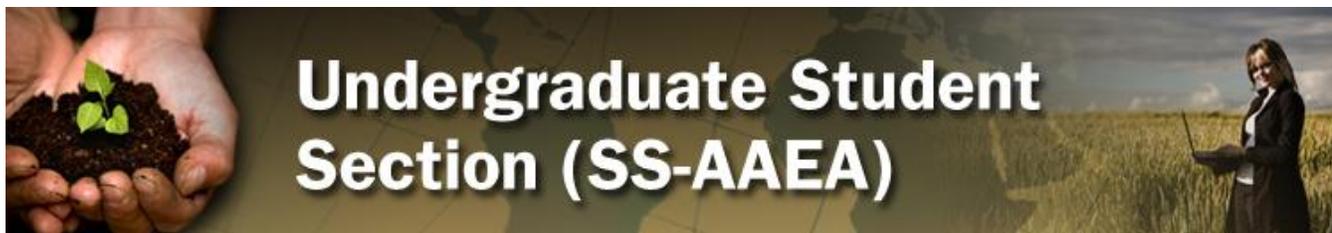
Call for Nominations

Latin American Section (LAS) Outstanding Selected Research Paper Award and Selected Poster Award

The AAEA Latin American Section is pleased to accept applications for the 2016 Outstanding Selected Research Paper Award and Selected Poster Award, which are awarded annually for outstanding research on *Latin American issues* presented at the 2016 AAEA annual meetings. Application packages will be accepted until **June 15, 2016**.

For application steps and more information, please visit <https://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/las/annual-meeting>. Or feel free to contact Dr. Carlos Carpio (carlos.carpio@ttu.edu), LAS Chair.



**Undergraduate Student Section:*****2016 AAEA Annual Meeting Activities***

On behalf of the [Undergraduate Student Section](#) of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, we cordially invite you and your students to attend and participate in the AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston (July 31–August 2, 2016). Our section offers a wide variety of professional development opportunities for undergraduate students of agricultural and applied economics:

- Academic Bowl Competition
- Student Paper Competition
- Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition
- Outstanding Chapter Competition
- Creative Club Competition

In addition to the aforementioned competitions, students can interact with representatives of major graduate programs in our profession to discuss MS and PhD programs. Our reception on Sunday night (July 31, 2016) is a great opportunity for your students to meet and forge lifelong friendships with other students from over 20 domestic and several Canadian universities. On Monday night, immediately following the final round of the Academic Bowl Competition, we recognize and celebrate student accomplishments at the Awards Ceremony. Additionally on Monday night, in our section's business meeting, students have the opportunity to run for elected student leadership positions within our section.

To encourage participation, the student registration fees this year are only \$20 per student. As a further incentive to participate, there is a total of \$1,800 in prize money, various award plaques, and—of course—bragging rights to be national champions in a given competition. All of the required registration forms, competition rules, and overview of the Undergraduate Student Section may be found at <http://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea/>. If you have any questions, please contact me at Tyler.Mark@uky.edu.

Sincerely,

Dr. Tyler Mark, *Assistant Professor*, University of Kentucky

Faculty Leadership:

Dr. Tyler Mark (Senior Advisor)
Dr. Timothy Meyer (Junior Advisor)
Dr. Maria Bampasidou (Sophomore Advisor)
Dr. Andrew Wright (Freshman Advisor)

Student Leadership:

Luke Benton (President)
Macy Herzog (Vice President)
Destinie Marshall (Secretary)
Andrew (Treasurer)
Hollie Koester (Public Relations)

Call for Judges:***SS-AAEA Academic Bowl***

The Student Section seeks judges for the 2016 SS-AAEA Academic Bowl. The Academic Bowl is held during the AAEA annual meeting; this year's event runs from July 31–August 2 in Boston, MA. The actual competition will run from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Monday, August 1. The highest demand for judges takes place early in the day when we are operating in three rooms for the competition. Depending on the number of teams competing, we should require just two rooms from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Please email timothy.meyer@sdstate.edu if you are able to judge and list your time preferences/availability in the following time slots:

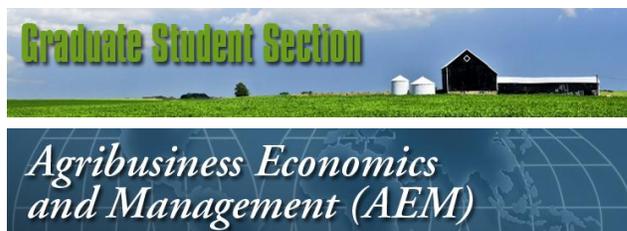
- 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
- 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

If your university is bringing a registered team or two to compete, please let me know how many students you intend to bring. Finally, if you cannot judge, but know someone who can who is not a recipient of this email, please pass on the information.

Please consider making this small time commitment; it is a great investment in the future of Applied and Agricultural Economics. Email Timothy Meyer at timothy.meyer@sdstate.edu with your availability at the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

Call for Participation:***AEM/GSS Sections Case Study Competition***

The AEM/Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition allows graduate students to test their communication skills and their ability to apply their knowledge of agricultural economics and agribusiness subjects to practical situations. Students competing in the competition will receive a copy of the case study at least two weeks in advance of the AAEA annual meetings.

**Rules**

Each team should prepare an oral summary of their solution to the case that will last no more than 15 minutes. Presentations lasting longer than 15 minutes will be penalized. After the presentation, teams should be prepared to answer questions from the judges on their interpretation of the case.

Teams can be comprised of up to three graduate students. Students may either compete as a team from the same school, or may choose to be mixed with students from other schools. If there is only one student from a school that wants to participate, the student can compete on their own, or he/she can be matched with other students. In the case of teams that are matched with individuals from different universities, competitors will be notified of their teammates as soon as possible, but no later than the same day the case is announced.

Prizes

The top three teams will receive plaques and cash prizes.

- **First Place:** \$300
- **Second Place:** \$200
- **Third Place:** \$100

Specific Information

The number of rounds will be determined by the number of teams entered. The final round will be composed of the top 3 teams. In addition to plaques and cash prizes, the three finalist teams will also be recognized during the AAEA Awards Ceremony.

- **Sunday, July 31, 8:00am – 3:00pm:** First Rounds of Competition
- **Monday, August 1, 1:30pm – 4:00pm:** Final Round
- **Monday, August 1, 6:30pm – 7:30pm:** Awards Ceremony

*Students participating in the case study competition need to be registered for the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting AND the Case Study Competition.

Students should register for the AAEA Annual Meeting through the 2016 Annual Meeting Registration Form which is available online at <http://www.aaea.org/meetings/2016-aaea-annual-meeting/registration>.

Each team must also complete the Case Study registration form identifying their teammates and send it to AAEA no later than **June 13, 2016**. The form can be accessed online at <http://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/gss/case-study-competition>.

Please direct any questions regarding the 2016 AAEA Case Study Competition to Dr. James Sterns (jasterns@oregonstate.edu) or GSS Section Chair, Clint Neill (clinton.neill@okstate.edu).



2016-2 GTAP 101 Course

“Introduction to Computable General Equilibrium Modeling”

September 12 – October 28, 2016



The 2016–2 GTAP 101 Course is being organized by the [Center for Global Trade Analysis](#) and will be delivered fully online, led by [Dr. Mary Burfisher](#).

Objective: The objective of the GTAP 101 course is to engage participants in an active, team-based process of learning about the GTAP computable general equilibrium (CGE) model and its use in applied economic policy analysis. The curriculum emphasizes an intuitive and graphical treatment of economic theory in the CGE model, and provides structured experiences in manipulating and running the standard GTAP Model within the RunGTAP software environment. RunGTAP is an intuitive, menu-driven CGE model that minimizes technological hurdles and allows students to quickly begin to focus on their economic thinking and experimentation. The curriculum is geared to advanced undergraduates, graduates, and professionals. At the end of the course, participants will be entry-level modelers and more informed consumers of CGE-based analyses. The course also serves as an entry point for developing the technical skills required for the [GTAP Short Course](#).

During the online course, participants will:

- Review core economic theories from macro, micro, trade, and public finance, and observe how they are operationalized in an applied general equilibrium model;
- Learn to recognize, control and interpret the theoretically consistent behavior of consumers and producers in the model;
- Observe the aggregated, macroeconomic impacts of microeconomic behaviors;

- Define model experiments that represent real-world issues and problems; and
- Learn to interpret general equilibrium model results by calling on and integrating their knowledge of multiple fields of economic study.

Structure: The course is fully delivered online, and is supported by the textbook, [Introduction to Computable General Equilibrium Models](#) (Burfisher, 2011), which will be provided to all participants. Additional learning resources include audio lectures, guided video simulations, and assessments. Much of the learning will take place through active discussions among the participants and instructor, which are carried out as asynchronous, threaded conversations on the classroom bulletin board. Topics covered in this course include: Database, Demand, Supply, Factor Markets, Trade, and Taxes. The course culminates in a group research project which provides participants with a hands-on opportunity to carry out a model experiment and analyze its economy-wide effects.

Application: Individuals interested in taking this course must apply on the GTAP website **April 1–June 26, 2016**. Applications will be reviewed after the deadline and those individuals accepted will receive an email detailing how to register and submit payment in August. Please note that application does not guarantee acceptance.

Cost: The registration fees for this course are detailed below and include the course textbook as well as instruction during the online course.

- \$1,400 (*Standard Rate: Developed Country Professionals*)
- \$600 (*Discounted Rate: All Current Students and Developing Country Professionals*)
- \$100 (*Scholarship Rate: A limited number of scholarships are available to applicants residing in a [developing country](#).*)

For further information or to apply, please visit the course homepage on the GTAP website at: <http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/GTAP101/2016-2/>.

***New* Government Relations Update Emails**



View the June 2016 Issue and check your communications preferences in your "My Account".

Call for Grant Applications:

Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems

The Feed the Future Livestock Systems Innovation Lab (LSIL) is based at the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida and it works in partnership with the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI). The LSIL is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through a five-year Leader with Associates Cooperative Agreement Award **No. AID-OAA-L-15-00003**.

The aim of LSIL is to improve the nutrition, health and incomes of the poor by sustainably increasing livestock productivity and marketing and consumption of animal-source foods. This aim will be achieved using by introducing new location-appropriate technologies, by improving management practices, skills, knowledge, capacity and access to and quality of inputs across livestock value chains, and by supporting the development of a policy environment that fosters sustainable intensification and increased profitability of smallholder livestock systems.

The target countries for this RFA are Ethiopia, Nepal and Rwanda.

The Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems (LSIL) will draw on the expertise of target

country, U.S. and foreign universities, institutes and organizations through competitively-funded long-term, multi-disciplinary, integrated applied research and capacity-building projects. The competitive subaward projects will address country-specific research and capacity building priorities that were developed in a participatory manner with key local and national stakeholders in each country.

Types of Grants

The following types of grants will be funded:

1. Reach Grants: These are longer term large grants with a project period of up to four years starting in October 2016 and a budget of up to \$1,000,000.
2. Focus Grants: These are smaller grants for proof of concept studies or research for development bridging studies providing immediate or near-term (within one year) impact. These projects will last for 3 months to 1 year and will have budgets of up to \$100,000.

Request for Applications

Please click on the following link for the RFA and supporting documents:

<http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/innovation/lab.shtml>

Important Dates

Deadline for submission of Reach grant concept notes	June 23, 2016
Deadline for submission of selected Reach grant concept notes as full proposals	August 5, 2016
Deadline for submission of Focus grant proposals	July 2, 2016

Submission Guidelines

All Concept Notes and Full Proposals must be submitted via the Piestar website at <https://proposals.piestar.com/login>. You will need to create an account at <https://proposals.piestar.com/opportunities/livestock> and follow the detailed submission instructions. If you have technical difficulties with submission click on "Help."

Contact Information

To contact LSIL, please send an email to livestocklab@ufl.edu

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Job Opportunities

- [Research Associate – Level A](#)
The University of Adelaide
(Posted: May 30)
- [Agricultural Economist/Economist \(GS-9/11/12/13\)](#)
**USDA Animal and Plant Health
Inspection Service** (Posted May 26)
- [Agricultural Economist/Economist \(GS-9/11/12/13\)](#)
**USDA Animal and Plant Health
Inspection Service** (Posted May 26)
- [Evaluation Specialist/Econometrician](#)
**International Initiative for Impact
Evaluation, 3ie** (Posted: May 24)

*These current positions and more can
be found on the [AAEA Job Board](#)*