

AAEA News

Call for Membership Selfies!

AAEA is looking into ways to update our website, specifically the [Membership page](#), with photos that better represent our diverse membership. The best way to represent our membership is with our members!

In a Zoom centric world, AAEA is requesting a “Zoom Selfie” from its members. The goal is to create a collage of virtual members.

Submissions

1. JPG or PNG format
2. Horizontal preferred
3. Big Smiles!

If taking a selfie with your mobile devices, please turn the device to the side. The image capture may be pasted into an email, or attached to an email and sent to info@aaea.org.

If taking a selfie using your computer, open Zoom or any software that is using your computer’s camera, and hit the button on your keyboard “PrtScr”. Then open Paint, Word, or an email and right click “paste” or ctrl + v. Then send that file to info@aaea.org.

**By submitting a photo you are consenting AAEA the right to use your image on the AAEA website.*

If you have any questions, please reach out to Allison Ware at aware@aaea.org. The deadline for selfie submissions is **March 31, 2021**.

2021 AAEA Travel Grants

2021 Travel Grants are now open for applications. These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2021 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, August 1–3, 2021. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. There are Travel Grants for both International and Domestic travel.

The deadline for the 2021 Travel Grants is **May 20, 2021**, applications will be available soon. Notifications will be sent in June.

- [Domestic Applications](#)
 - [International Applications](#)
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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, “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.

Call for Papers

Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR)

Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR) is an online, open access, and peer-reviewed professional publication series. The aim is to provide an inclusive outlet for research, teaching and Extension education scholarship encompassing but not limited to research articles, case studies, classroom games, commentaries, experiential learning, and pedagogy. The goal is to support and advance teaching and Extension education within the scholarly areas of agricultural and applied economics, and agribusiness economics and management. AETR seeks to publish articles that are diverse in both scope and authorship. It serves as a platform for addressing and contributing to our understanding of important societal issues, including inequality and discrimination, as well as how shifts in pedagogy (e.g., growing reliance on remote and hybrid learning modalities) may impact accessibility and inclusion.

AETR encourages submissions on a wide variety of topics, including social inequality and discrimination; remote learning; hybrid learning; curriculum development; teaching innovations; classroom games; and case studies. Guidelines for submission can be found at: <https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources/aetr-manuscript-submission-guidelines>. All submissions will go through a blind peer-review process with no charge for submission or publication. You can directly submit a manuscript at: <https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources>.

Please email if you have any questions or inquiries; send to aetr.editor@gmail.com. We look forward to your submission!

Call for Papers

Special Issue, “Fostering Diversity and Inclusion in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics Classrooms and Departments”

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources is calling for manuscripts on teaching methods, curriculum development, and programs to foster diversity and inclusion in agribusiness and agricultural economics classrooms and departments. Across the academy, researchers have documented the adverse effects of racial and economic inequality, gender discrimination, stereotype enforcement, and social polarization on university students in the United States. Less has been documented about these issues within agribusiness management, agricultural economics, and related undergraduate and graduate university programs. The goal of this special issue is to further our understanding of educational inequalities for students of different economic, racial,

sexual, and cultural backgrounds. Further, we seek articles that report on classroom, department, college, or multi-institutional programs designed to foster and support students from diverse backgrounds.

The special issue will highlight instructor, department, and college-level programs and policies which have resulted in improvements or exacerbated challenges in enhancing the learning experience and outcomes for underserved and under-represented graduate or undergraduate students. The issue will inform faculty and administrators approaches to creating a safe and caring space for inclusive student learning. Authors may also report on lasting impacts of programmatic shortcomings or innovations on minority students, alumni, faculty, and the profession. We encourage research that implements the collective trauma recovery framework, weaver-leader framework, active and learner-centered pedagogy, traditional and remote classroom environments, and personal or group narratives. We welcome research papers, methods papers, case studies, or commentaries. Authors may employ qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods approaches in researching both shortcomings and successes of programs.

Special Issue Editors: Dr. Mariah Ehmke, University of Wyoming (mariah.ehmke@uwyo.edu), and Dr. Kenrett Jefferson Moore, North Carolina A & T University (jykenret@ncat.edu).

Submissions will be accepted for the special issue through **December 31, 2021**. We encourage submissions sooner to be able to help readers benefit from accepted submission. All articles will go through a double-blind peer review process and be available online via Advanced Access for readers once accepted.

Manuscript submissions can be made on the AETR submission page at:

<https://www.aea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources>. Please read and follow submission guidelines. When submitting the manuscript, make sure to select the "Special Issue" option upon submission. If you have any questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors. Questions about the review process and submission to AETR can be made to editor at aetr.editor@gmail.com.

Help Support the Economics Labor Market with Quality Data: The O*NET Data Collection Program and AAEA members

The O*NET Data Collection Program, which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor, is seeking the input of expert Economists on our own job market characteristics. As the nation's most comprehensive source of occupational data, O*NET is a public resource for millions of job seekers, employers, veterans, educators, and students at www.onetonline.org.

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association encourages you to volunteer to complete and return the O*NET questionnaires. Please be assured that your decision regarding participation in O*NET will not impact your standing with our organization and is completely voluntary... The AAEA leadership encourages you to participate so that there is accurate and rich information available about our sector.

You are considered an Expert Economist if you meet any of the following criteria:

- Conduct research, prepare reports, or formulate plans to address economic problems related to the production and distribution of goods and services or monetary and fiscal policy. May collect and process economic and statistical data using sampling techniques and econometric methods.
- You are currently active in the occupation (practicing, supervising, teaching and/or training) and based in the U.S.

- You have at least 5 years of experience with the occupation. (Includes those who are now supervising, training, or teaching IF you have at least one year of practice during your career)

How to Participate

If you meet these criteria and are interested in participating, please contact Matt Robinson at RTI International, the O*NET data collection contractor, at mrobinson@onet.rti.org or 919-926-6617.

Please provide the following:

- Full Name
- Company Name and Title
- Daytime Phone Number
- Email Address
- Address with City and State

Process and Participation Incentive:

A random sample of experts responding to this request will be invited to complete a set of questionnaires. Experts who are selected and agree to participate will receive \$40.00 and an oak-framed certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Department of Labor.

2021 AAEA Mentoring Research Workshop

[Post-Conference Workshop \(PC54\)](#)

August 4-5, 2021

Austin JW Marriott

See below schedule for times each day

Registration fee: TBD

Space is limited

The objective of this workshop is mentor junior faculty (less than 5 years) to transition to agricultural and applied economic departments by providing an orientation to expectations for research, teaching and outreach and develop effective strategies for success. The workshop will focus on constructively criticizing research in progress. Mentoring will include networking, information about the profession, and discussion of current research trends and topic areas.

Mentees will be divided into small groups assigned to one or more mentors. Small group sessions will involve short research presentation by each mentee followed by feedback on their research by the group.

To apply for this workshop, submit a 250 word description of motivations for participating and desires for learning outcomes via email to mannen@aaea.org. If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen at 414-918-3190.

Mentors (subject to change)

- Titus Awokuse, *Michigan State University*
- Stephen Devadoss, *Texas Tech University*
- Deacue Fields, *University of Arkansas*
- Madhu Khanna, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign* (organizer)
- Jayson Lusk, *Purdue University*
- Jill McCluskey, *Washington State University*

- Rudy Nayga, *University of Arkansas* (organizer)
- Junjie Wu, *Oregon State University*
- David Zilberman, *University of California, Berkeley* (organizer)
- Julie Caswell, *University of Massachusetts Amherst*
- Robbin Shoemaker, *Retired NIFA*

INITIAL AGENDA	
Wednesday, August 4	
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<i>Registration/Check-in and Breakfast</i>
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Welcome
9:15 am – 10:15 am	General Session 1 – Orientation to an Agricultural and Applied Economics Department: Research, Teaching and Outreach Expectations
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	Small Group Sessions – will involve presentations by mentees about their working papers and feedback from mentors and other participants
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	General Session 2 – How to Develop an Effective Research Program in an Ag and Applied Economics Department: Strategies for Making an Effective Transition, Publication, and Tenure
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Small Group Sessions – will involve presentations by mentees about their working papers and feedback from mentors and other participants
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Networking, Mentors meet with their mentees
6:30 pm	<i>Dinner</i>
Thursday, August 5	
7:00 am – 8:00 am	<i>Breakfast</i>
8:00 am – 9:00 am	General Session 3 – Big Research Questions in Agricultural and Applied Economics by field that can attract Grant Funding
9:00 am – 11:00 am	Small Group Sessions – will involve presentations by mentees about their working papers and feedback from mentors and other participants
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Concluding Session: Wrap-up on Key Takeaways

Call for papers: Food for Thought: Economic Analysis in Anticipation of the Next Farm Bill

[AAEA Post-Conference Workshop, August 4, 2021 \(PC 53\)](#)

The AAEA Extension Section and Senior Section, along with the USDA Office of the Chief Economist and Texas A&M Agricultural and Food Policy Center are sponsoring a post-conference workshop following the AAEA 2021 meetings to encourage and highlight economic analysis in anticipation of the next Farm Bill.

The 2018 Farm Bill will expire in 2023, and typically ideas for a new farm bill begin to percolate a couple of years in advance. This post-conference workshop is intended to focus our profession on relevant topics so that our work will be useful to the debate that is likely to get underway later this year.

The workshop aims to engage AAEA members with policy professionals in a format organized around key program areas covered by the Farm Bill and will join analytical paper presentations by AAEA members with discussants experienced in policy analysis and farm programs. Our goal is to bring together knowledge and experience of the policy process with new approaches and ideas, across a wide spectrum of experience with policymaking.

We are looking for papers that are forward-looking and that engage in innovative ways with long-term and emerging policy issues that have surfaced over the last few years. While papers should be based on rigorous analysis, they should be accessible to a lay audience and should consider the practicalities of implementation as much as possible.

All papers will be made available on a shared access website, and a selection committee will choose up to three papers per session for presentation during the workshop. Selected papers will be posted on the Extension Section website for broad access and distribution. Papers presented at the post-conference will be eligible for publication in *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy (AEPP)*, subject to review. Authors will need to submit their manuscripts for consideration after the conclusion of the meetings.

All policy areas generally included in the Farm Bill may be considered as presentation topics—the final workshop session organization will be determined based on available papers. Example topic areas may include: commodity programs/crop insurance, conservation programs, other farm and production related topics, nutrition and food systems, research and extension, and rural development.

Proposals should include title, one-page proposal, and affiliation and contact details of authors.

Proposals are due **March 31** and should be sent to Anne Effland (anne.effland@usda.gov) and Josh Maples (josh.maples@msstate.edu). Deadline for final papers will be June 15.

Call for Applications

The Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics (CWAE) and the Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics (COSBAE) are pleased to announce our new mentoring program, Building the Pipeline. Upper-level undergraduate students from under-represented minorities, as well as female-identifying and non-binary individuals, with a strong interest in graduate education in applied and/or agricultural economics are invited to apply. Applications from 1890 and 1994 land grant institutions are particularly encouraged. For additional eligibility and application information, click [here](#).

International Section's Best Publication Presentation on an International Topic Award

2020: "[Can insurance alter poverty dynamics and reduce the cost of social protection in developing countries?](#)"

written by: Sarah A. Janzen, Michael Carter and Munenubo Ikegami

Honorable mention: "[Global food waste across the income spectrum: Implications for food prices, production and resource us](#)," written by Emiliano Lopez Berrera and Thomas Hertel

FSN and FAMPS Post-conference Workshop

We are planning a post-conference workshop on data linking. Please take this 15-minute survey to help us tailor the program specifically to the needs of its participants, and be entered to win a \$50 gift card. Multiple gift cards are available.

Click [here for the survey link](#).

Here are some additional details about the workshop:

Applied economists are at the forefront of evidence-based policymaking, which is more essential than ever given many concurrent challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic, the recession, inequality, and climate change. One of the best ways to tackle these immense policymaking challenges is through the strategic use of quantitative and qualitative data. However, the technical and logistical skills needed to leverage the data revolution may be a barrier for many applied economists, even when contextual, econometric, and disciplinary knowledge is already present. Applied economists now have access to more data than ever before, but often a complete analysis requires the knowledge, use, and integration of multiple datasets and there are few resources available to help train applied economists in using available data.

Your participation in this survey is critical. The results of the survey will be used to tailor the programming of a post-conference workshop aimed at filling this training gap, specifically to the needs of its participants. The post-conference workshop is titled: "Evidence-Based Policymaking for Applied Economists," and is co-sponsored by the Food and Agricultural Marketing and Policy (FAMPS) and the Food Safety and Nutrition (FSN) sections of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA). More information is available at <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2021-aaea-annual-meeting/events/ticketed-events/pre--and-post-conference-workshops>

AAEA at ASSA

Call for Submissions***AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2022 ASSA Annual Meeting***

President-Elect Madhu Khanna is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2022 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in Boston, MA, January 7-9, 2022.

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

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

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

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

Proposed formats for the 2-hour sessions may include either three papers with one discussant or else four papers with no discussant. All proposals must include a plan for fostering participant interaction. Proposals should include the session title and paper titles, as well as the names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the session organizer, moderator, paper presenters, and discussants. Proposal text should begin with a short justification of the session, followed by one paragraph abstracts describing the objective and contributions of each paper. The organizer is responsible for ensuring that all individuals identified in the proposal are willing to participate.

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

Please send proposals by **May 26, 2021**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aea.org.

AAEA Sessions at ASSA 2021 Available on YouTube

Sunday, January 3

[The COVID-19 Pandemic: Insights from Agricultural Economists](#) (A1)

Chair: Craig Gundersen, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

[View the recording of this session on YouTube](#)

[Contracting in Agriculture](#) (A1)

Chair: Clark Lundberg, San Diego State University

[View the recording of this session on YouTube](#)

Monday, January 4

[Big Data and Near-Real-Time Monitoring of Food Emergencies](#) (A1)

Chair: Rob Vos, International Food Policy Research Institute

[View the recording of this session on YouTube](#)

[Food Quality Inspection, Certification, and Disclosure](#) (A1)

Chair: John Bovay, Virginia Tech

[View the recording of this session on YouTube](#)

Tuesday, January 5

[The Impact of COVID-19 on Rural Economies](#) (A1)

Chair: Heather Stephens, West Virginia University

[View the recording of this session on YouTube](#)

Other News

31st International Conference of Agricultural Economists—Moves Virtual

The IAAE Board of Directors wishes to announce that the 31st ICAE Conference, initially scheduled for New Delhi in August 2021, will now be a **Virtual Event**, tentatively from August 17–31. This extended period is to accommodate our participants from diverse time zones.

Online conferences have their challenges, but we hope the new software solution we have identified will allow us to try a range of new and exciting options that will enhance the benefits to our members.

Contributed Papers and Organized Symposium submissions: The deadline for submission of papers and symposia has been extended to **Tuesday March 30, 2021** to allow more time for submissions. All proposals

already submitted for review remain eligible for selection. To that effect, we are extending the opportunity to those who may wish to update and/or revise their submissions until the above deadline.

While we are still finalizing the registration fee, the good news is that the fee will be substantially lower than usual. We are also still exploring fundraising opportunities to help sponsor participation by early-career academics and professionals, especially those from low- and lower-middle-income countries.

Further announcements on the conference format will follow soon.

For more information and updates about this announcement and subsequent announcements, contact *Jeffers Miruka: Director of Communications*, at communicationsdirector@iaae-agecon.org. Also check frequently on our [website](#), and follow us on our social media platforms below for continued updates.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IAAEAgEcon/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/iaae-agecon>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/IAAEAgEcon>

Specialty Crop Supply Elasticity Estimate User Survey

Your input requested! If you use or produce specialty crop price elasticity of supply estimates in your work, please take this less than 15 minute survey developed by Dr. Zoë Plakias (Ohio State University) and Dr. Daniel Tregeagle (North Carolina State University).

We would like your and your colleagues' input on our Specialty Crop Supply Elasticity Estimate User Survey. Our overall aims for this survey are to:

- Better understand how specialty crop supply elasticities are used
- Identify issues with existing estimates
- Identify user needs to guide future work in this area

This survey is targeted to applied economists, policy analysts and other users and producers of estimates of *supply elasticity* for *specialty crops*. The questions in the survey will ask you about your *use* and *production* of specialty crop supply elasticities.

- By *specialty crops*, we mean fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops (including floriculture), following the USDA definition.
- By *supply elasticity*, we mean the own-price elasticity of supply.
- By *use*, we mean incorporating an existing supply elasticity estimate into work that does not have production of a supply elasticity estimate as its goal (e.g., welfare analysis).
- By *production*, we mean conducting a project with an intermediate or end goal of producing a novel supply elasticity estimate.

This survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. [Link to Survey](#)

If you use or produce specialty crop supply elasticity estimates, we would be grateful for your participation by Friday, April 2, 2021. *Also, please share this blog post and survey link with anyone within or outside your organization to whom you think it may be relevant.*

Member Benefits

- [Membership Directory](#)
- [Members in the News Highlights](#)
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- [AJAE Advance Access](#)
- [AEPP Advance Access](#)
- [2020 Virtual Meeting FREE Member Access \(Registration Required\)](#)

The Exchange

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Submissions to *The Exchange*:

email: aware@aaea.org

or

info@aaea.org

www.aaea.org



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Open Jobs

- [Assistant or Associate Professor, Animal Systems Management](#)
The Ohio State University (Posted: 03/05/2021)
- [Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness](#)
University of Arkansas at Monticello (Posted: 03/05/2021)
- [Assistant/Associate Professor, Agricultural Financial Management](#)
University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign (Posted: 03/04/2021)
- [Postdoctoral Research Associate](#)
University of Florida (Posted: 03/01/2021)

View Job Openings on the [AAEA Job Board](#)

Working with the Media

What research are you working on? Want to be an expert source for journalists working on a story? Contact Allison Ware at AWare@aaea.org [View all Press Releases HERE](#)

Member in the News

Do you know an AAEA Member who has made statewide, national, or international news?

Send a link of the article to Jessica Weister at JWeister@aaea.org or info@aaea.org.

[View other Members in the News HERE](#)

Anti-Harassment and Code of Conduct Policy

AAEA is committed to the fair, ethical treatment of all of its members and all other individuals participating in AAEA activities or activities connected with, or related to, AAEA activities, while providing an atmosphere that promotes a variety of research, teaching and extension/outreach activities.

AAEA has zero tolerance for, and prohibits any type of, discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment, either within the organization, at professional meetings, in the field, or anywhere professional activities are conducted under the aegis of the AAEA.

View the [policy](#) here.