

President's Column

March 2024

The AAEA Teaching Academy is set to debut at the 2024 AAEA Meetings Pre-conference on Saturday, July 27th, from 8 am to 5 pm. This initiative aims to elevate teaching standards within our profession by providing comprehensive teacher training and mentorship opportunities for students and early career professionals. The academy's mission is to foster consistent and dedicated efforts across our discipline to enhance teaching skills. This is open to all AAEA members including graduate students, faculty, and early career professionals. To join, please visit <https://www.aetrjournal.org/teaching-academy>. Steering the Teaching Academy are Na Zuo, Jason Bergtold, Hannah Shear, Jennifer Clark, Ross Pruitt, Rui Chen, Jerrod Penn, and Kathleen Liang.



The AAEA and AERE boards are proposing a virtual fall workshop centered on actionable economic research for policy-making, structured around sessions dedicated to specific agencies such as CEA, USDA, EPA, OMB, and the Federal Reserve. Each session will feature discussions with panelists who have either served or currently serve in these agencies, addressing key topics such as the working environment, acquisition and utilization of economic research, opportunities for early career researchers, relevant research types, and future directions for economic research. Panelists will share insights on funding opportunities, visibility of research within agencies, the evolving role of data and computing power, perceptions of economists by policymakers, and the influence of economics compared to other social sciences in governmental policy-making. Committee members are Karen Fisher-Vanden, Amy Ando, Valerie Mueller, Ariel Ortiz-Bobea, Gabe Lade, Kent Kovacs, and Gabe Sampson. We will keep you posted.

The AAEA Trust is the non-profit fundraising arm of AAEA. It is an important entity of our association since it supports the work of agricultural and applied economists by funding programs and initiatives designed to advance our profession. To donate, please visit <https://www.aaea.org/trust/donate>. One of the important programs it is supporting is the Early Career Professional and Graduate Student Travel Grants to help attendance at the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans and to foster inclusivity. The deadline for submissions is May 24, 2024. To apply, please visit <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2024-aaea-annual-meeting/registration-travel/travel-grants>

Lowell Randel, our government affairs representative, Kristen McGuire, and I recently convened with Chairs/Heads of Agricultural/Applied Economics Departments to deliberate on initiatives aimed at advancing our profession and fostering additional funding avenues for AAEA members and the profession at large. Among our ongoing endeavors is our request to the Department of Homeland Security to reclassify agricultural economics and agribusiness as a STEM field, which is still pending. Additionally, the department chairs underscored the importance of intensifying our efforts to secure funding not just for USDA agencies but also from other governmental bodies like the Department of Energy and the EPA to broaden the funding opportunities for agricultural and applied economics research. If you have additional ideas, please feel free to reach out to me, Kristen or any member of the AAEA Executive Board.

Registration for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans as well as registration for Luncheons and Pre-/Post-conference Workshops are now open. You can take advantage of early bird registration discounts if you register on or before May 31, 2024.

Rudy Nayga
AAEA President

AAEA News

President-Elect Seeks Volunteers for AAEA Committees

Members interested in shaping the future of the AAEA can play an essential role by serving on an association committee. Committee service also offers an excellent opportunity for developing contacts and increasing professional networking.

Beatty will make appointments to the following 2024–2025 committees in June 2024:

- AAEA Trust
- Awards
- Case Study Invited Paper
- Communications
- Employment Services
- Fellows Selection
- Finance
- Galbraith Forum and Award
- Membership
- Mentoring
- Nominating
- Selected Presentations
- T.W. Schultz Lecture



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For information about these committees and a list of their current members, please visit <http://www.aaea.org/about-aaea/aaea-committees>.

Any AAEA member interested and willing to serve on a committee should contact Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org or (414) 918–3190 by **May 3, 2024**.

2024 AAEA Annual Meeting Schedule

Start planning your travel! Below is the preliminary schedule for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. *Schedule is subject to change.*

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 28

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section Meetings 2. Committee & Journal Meetings 3. Employment Center 4. Gordon Rausser Keynote Address (Aaron Clauset) 5. Welcome Reception 6. Reunions & Receptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Various Times 2. Various Times 3. 9:30 am – 5:00 pm 4. 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm 5. Immediately following Gordon Rausser Keynote Address 6. 8:30 pm – 10:30 pm
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Monday, July 29

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AAEA Business Meeting 2. Presidential Address (Timothy Beatty) 3. Employment Center 4. Concurrent Sessions #1 5. Luncheons (Pre-ticketed Event) 6. Concurrent Sessions #2 7. Concurrent Sessions #3 8. Poster Reception 9. Academic Bowl Finals 10. AAEA Awards & Fellows Recognition Ceremony & Appreciation Club Ceremony 11. Reunions & Receptions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 8:00 am – 8:30 am 2. 8:30 am – 9:30 am 3. 9:30 am – 5:00 pm 4. 10:00 am – 11:30 am 5. 11:30 am – 1:00 pm 6. 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm 7. 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm 8. 4:15 pm – 5:30 pm 9. 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm 10. 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm 11. 8:30 pm – 10:30 pm
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Tuesday, July 30

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fellows Address (Bruce McCarl) 2. Concurrent Sessions #4 3. Galbraith Forum (Catherine Wolfram) 4. Concurrent Session #5 5. Concurrent Session #6 6. Concurrent Session #7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 8:30 am – 9:30 am 2. 10:00 am – 11:30 am 3. 11:45 am – 12:45 pm (**NEW TIME**) 4. 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm 5. 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm 6. 4:30 pm – 6:15 pm
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The 2024 AAEA Room Block is OPEN**[New Orleans Marriott](#)**

555 Canal Street
 New Orleans, LA 70130
 (504) 581-1000

Guest Rooms for Single/Double \$179 per room per night

Taxes are a total of 16.2% (9.45% State Tax, 5% Federal Tax, and 1.75% Tourism Tax) plus a \$3 per night occupancy fee.

Please reserve your room using the following link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50476455>

Cut-off Date: Thursday, June 27, 2024 or when sold out.

Please note that all annual meeting sessions and the majority of activities will take place at the Marriott.

2024 Registration is OPEN!

You may register for a Pre- and Post-conference Workshop while registering for the annual meeting or by calling the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190.

Register Online

Paper Form

	Early Bird (on or before May 31)		Advanced (June 1–July 18)		On-site (July 19 and after)	
	Member	Non-member	Member	Non-member	Member	Non-member
Graduate Student	\$105	\$300	\$140	\$335	\$180	\$380
Professional	\$475	\$650	\$560	\$720	\$635	\$795
Senior	\$365	\$505	\$450	\$580	\$525	\$655
Guest	\$75		\$75		\$75	

**Guests include any interested party not professionally in or a student of the fields of agricultural or applied economics, or a related discipline. Guest fees include the welcome reception, plenary sessions, and all concurrent sessions (Guests under the age of 16 are free, and don't need to register).*

**Cancellation: Cancellations of meeting registrations are subject to a \$50 processing fee. After July 5, no refunds will be given for meeting registrations or special event tickets. To cancel your Annual Meeting registration and/or special event tickets, contact the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190 or info@aaea.org. Website: www.aaea.org. If AAEA cancels the meeting any paid meeting registration fees will be fully refunded.*

2024 AAEA Travel Grants

These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, July 28 – 30, 2024. 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 AAEA Trust is accepting applications for Travel Grants to the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

[International Travel Grant Applications](#)

[Domestic Travel Grant Applications](#)

Preview of AAEA 2024 Annual Meeting Workshops & Luncheons

You may register for a Pre- and Post-conference Workshop while registering for the annual meeting or by calling the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190.

Pre-Conference Workshops**Saturday, July 27, 2024****[BEER Section Craft Industry Tour \(PC11\)](#)****\$100**

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

(Note: will depart Marriott at 12:00 pm)

*Light lunch included in tour**Limited space available***[COSBAE Section Historical Plantation Tour \(PC12\)](#)****\$115**

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Bus will depart Marriott at 8:00 am; meet at 7:45 am in lobby

Light lunch included

*Limited space available***[Demystifying Institutional Employment Opportunities for Economists \(PC13\)](#)**

\$30

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

New Orleans Marriott

AAEA Student Member Waivers available **Accepting applications, apply today****deadline to apply April 29th** Application is available [here](#).**[Engaging Industry and Academia on Agribusiness Research Topics and a Tour of a Grain Export Terminal \(PC14\)](#)****\$25**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Tour and pre-conference workshop

New Orleans Marriott

[AAEA Teaching Academy \(PC15\)](#)**Students & ECP \$25; General \$55**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

New Orleans Marriott

Lunch included

GSS and ECP AAEA Member Travel Grant Available up to \$1,000 Accepting applications, apply today
The application deadline is March 15, 2024. Click [here](#) to apply. Read more at the AETR Teaching Resource [webpage](#)

[Transformative Trends in U.S. Agriculture: Unraveling the Dynamic Competitive Landscape \(PC16\)](#)

9:00 am – 4:30 pm
New Orleans Marriott
Lunch included
Students & ECP \$25; General \$55

Post-Conference Workshops

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

[Extension Section Agricultural Tour \(PC51\)](#)

\$100
Additional details coming soon

[Post-Conference Workshop on Food Prices and Forecasting Sponsored by ERS \(PC52\)](#)

Note: 2-day workshop
Wednesday, July 31 from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm;
Thursday, August 1 from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm
New Orleans Marriott
Students & ECP \$25; General \$55

AAEA Student Member Travel Grant Available up to \$1,000 Deadline to apply is May 19th
Complete this [application form](#) by May 19th (*20 travel grants available – Restricted to AAEA Graduate Student Members and Early Career Professional Members*)

[Workshop on NIFA's Agricultural Economics and Rural Communities Awarded Projects \(PC53\)](#)

Wednesday, July 31
8:00 am – 5:00 pm
New Orleans Marriott
\$35

[Speaker Luncheons Preview](#)

Luncheons are a ticketed event and will occur on Monday, July 29th. Additional details available [here](#)

Extension Section Lecture & Luncheon (SP31)

Monday, July 29th
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
New Orleans Marriott
\$74

COSBAE and Africa Section Speaker Series & Luncheon (SP32)

Monday, July 29th
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
New Orleans Marriott
\$74

Announcing 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting – Invited Paper Sessions

- 1. Innovations in Characterizing Rural Economic Activity
Session #3757
- 2. New Developments in Assessing Global Food Security
Session #3758
- 3. Leveraging multiple-data sources and methods to better inform food policies and market strategies
Session #3759
- 4. When Efficiency Matters: Incentivizing Right Agent, Right Behavior, and Right Compensation to Improve Conservation Outcomes
Session #3790
- 5. Burning Issues in Agricultural Trade Policy
Session #3798

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Announcing 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting – Organized Symposia Sessions

- 1. Challenges and Solutions in Measuring Household Food Loss and Waste for Use in Policy Analysis
Session #3765
 - 2. Reflecting on Key Dimensions of the Interdisciplinary Research Process
Session #3767
 - 3. Teaching new and existing courses for students from other fields
Session #3777
 - 4. Learning about various transitioning opportunities from the academic to the professional environment
Session #3780
 - 5. Tales from the Dark Side: Insights for Ag and Applied Economists from Administrators
Session #3781
 - 6. Applying for USDA-NIFA Funding for the Area of Agricultural Economics and Rural Communities
Session #3782
 - 7. Best Practices for Furthering Innovation and Capturing the Benefits of the Bioeconomy
Session #3783
 - 8. Overcoming Challenges and Constraints to Growth in Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness, and Related Programs at 1890 Land-grant Institutions
Session #3784
 - 9. Examination of Agricultural Labor Policy Options
Session #3785
 - 10. The State of Academic Profession of Agricultural & Applied Economics
Session #3789
 - 11. Strategies for Health & Wellbeing in Agricultural Economics
Session #3795
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Announcing the 2024 Extension Competition for Graduate Students at the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting

The AAEA Extension Competition for Graduate Students provides an opportunity to develop and/or get feedback on programs that communicate research and practical information to Extension (usually non-economist) audiences. Entries can be based upon graduate student research for a thesis, dissertation, or other academic work. The competition is sponsored by the Extension and Graduate Student Sections.

[Read more >>](#)

Undergraduate Student Section 2024 Competitions

- 12. The Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition
- 13. Student Paper Competition
- 14. Outstanding Paper Competition
- 15. Creative Club Competition

Read more about each competition here: <https://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea/aaea-annual-meeting>

Register for the 2024 Academic Bowl

Each year, SS-AAEA sponsors an academic bowl competition for undergraduate students at the [AAEA Annual Meeting](#). Students compete on teams of three, which are affiliated with their school. The finals of the competition are held immediately preceding the AAEA Awards Ceremony, with an audience of all meeting attendees. The winning team receives \$500.

The Academic Bowl Competition will be held on Monday, July 29 at 8:00 am – 2:00 pm followed by The Finals at 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm prior to the Awards Ceremony at the [2024 AAEA Annual Meeting](#).

[Read more >>>](#)

Nominations Call: HES Best Publication of 2023 Award

Nominations are now open for our Health Economics Section Best Publication of 2023 Award.

We invite you to nominate a paper for this award. Self-nominations and nominations of others' papers will be accepted.

Please submit the nomination to Bhagyashree Katare, bkatare@purdue.edu, by **March 31, 2024**.

Eligibility for the Health Economics Section Best Publication Award

Any article related to health policy published in an academic peer-reviewed journal in the 2023 calendar year. Submissions may include papers related to animal, human, and/or environmental health. Theoretical or empirical research papers will be accepted. The submission of high-impact research that demonstrates innovative and original contributions is highly encouraged.

Preference will be given to research led by an emerging scholar.

Submission deadline: **March 31, 2024**

Submission process: Email your nomination with a PDF of the publication attached to Bhagyashree Katare, bkatare@purdue.edu.

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Call for submissions: AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2025 ASSA Annual Meeting

President-Elect Tim Beatty is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2025 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, January 3–5, 2025.

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 22, 2024**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aea.org.

Special Issue: Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics Use in the Classroom and Academy

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources is calling for manuscripts about use of artificial intelligence (AI) and data analytics in undergraduate and graduate education in the classroom and across the academy. Submissions of case studies, teaching and extension scholarship and research, educational innovations and methods, extension education innovations and methods, and commentaries about use of artificial intelligence, including use of large language models (LLMs) and platforms, such as ChatGPT, Bing AI, Bard, amongst other, and data analytics in undergraduate and graduate education, extension education, and other learning venues in institutions of higher learning. This special issue is open to a wide array of topics related to artificial intelligence and data analytics across the agricultural and applied economics and agribusiness and management economics disciplines. Topics may include but are not limited to innovative use of AI and data analytics in the classroom; innovative data analytic teaching modules and teaching case studies; teaching case studies about the impact of AI on agriculture, the agricultural industry and society; ethical and academic concerning the use of AI in the academy; assessments of AI for different learning outcomes and tasks; and use of AI and data analytics in extension education programming.

Special Issue Timeline:

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If you are interested in making a submission to the special issue, please submit a 300 word abstract to Dr. Jason Bergtold (bergtold@ksu.edu) by **June 30, 2024**, at the latest. The abstract should describe the overall theme/topic of the manuscript, how it relates to the special issue call, and how it can be used for educational purposes. Your abstract will be reviewed once submitted and you will then be informed if you will be invited to submit a submission to the special issue.

Full papers for accepted abstracts must be submitted through AETR at www.aetrjournal.org. All papers will go through a double-blind peer review process and be available online via Advanced Access for readers once accepted. All submissions will need to follow the AETR submission guidelines at: <https://www.aetrjournal.org/contribute/submission-guidelines>. If you have questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors.

Other News

NBER Conference on Competition in the US Agricultural Sector

To promote research on competition in the agricultural sector and the consequences of the industrial organization of this sector for consumers as well as input suppliers, the National Bureau of Economic Research, with support from the Economic Research Service of the US Department of Agriculture, will convene a research conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on December 12, 2024. The conference will be organized by James MacDonald (University of Maryland) and Fiona Scott Morton (Yale University and NBER).

More details on the conference may be found at this link: <https://www.nber.org/calls-papers-and-proposals/competition-us-agricultural-sector>. The deadline for submissions is September 3, 2024, and submissions should be of complete, or nearly complete, papers.

VIII Beeronomics Conference

The 2024 Beeronomics Conference will take place at University of Milan Bicocca, Italy, 19–22 June. Main panels and sessions will be held at the University of Bicocca main campus located in the heart of the city. The Conference Organising Committee, led by Christian Garavaglia, welcomes all high-quality research on the economics of beer and brewing. With a strong interest in interdisciplinary research, we are looking for submissions covering topics including:

- Trends and driving forces in local and global beer production, consumption, distribution
- Management, marketing, market structure and industrial dynamics
- Individual beer choice and health
- Policy and regulation
- Impact of beer on society and culture
- Environmental issues affecting beer and brewing
- Others: food industry and alternatives to beer

Please find the official Conference Flyer/Call for Paper attached. Additional information about abstract submission and event details can be found on the conference's webpage:

<https://beeronomics2024.unimib.it/>

If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact: beeronomics2024@unimib.it. If you know of someone who might be interested in attending the conference, please pass this message on and as ever, apologies for cross-posting.

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email: aware@aaea.org

or

info@aaea.org
www.aaea.org



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Open Jobs

1. • [Assistant Professor / Associate Professor / Professor](#)

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Bhopal, INDIA (Posted: 03/12/2024)

2. • [Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics](#)

Montana State University (Posted: 03/08/2024)

3. • [Assistant Professor / Associate Professor / Full Professor](#)

Bay Area International Business School, BEIJING NORMAL UNIVERSITY (Posted: 03/07/2024)

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

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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 **Austin Sparbel** at asparbel@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.