

AAEA News

CHOICES

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Call for Applications:

Editor of Choices Magazine

The AAEA Board is seeking applications for two (2) editors of *Choices* magazine to help further the strategic goals of the publication as a resource for readers interested in the policy and management of agriculture, the food industry, natural resources, rural communities, and the environment. *Choices* magazine currently reaches over 2700 non-member subscribers, but there is room to grow.

As an online-only publication, *Choices* magazine is well positioned to evolve along with advances in communication channels and tools. As such, the AAEA Board is interested in considering innovative approaches to the development and distribution of content via *Choices* magazine.

Applications

Applications should include a narrative describing innovative approaches to the development and distribution of *Choices* content. Additionally, applicants should provide a statement of support from their host institution and a current CV. AAEA will provide a small honorarium and financial assistance for *Choices*-related travel.

Applications should be sent electronically in a single document to Brian Mondragón Jones, AAEA Executive Director, at bmjones@aaea.org by **April 4, 2016**. Third-party nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

Choices editors are responsible for the development and coordination of all content published in the e-magazine. The editors provide leadership, coordination, and oversight of all aspects of publishing in conjunction with the *Choices* Editorial Council and the AAEA Business Office. Once new editors are selected, the editors will divide the editorial responsibilities as appropriate.

Terms and Membership Requirement

Editor terms will be determined at the time of appointment but will not exceed four years. Terms will be staggered in order to smooth the transition of future editors. According to AAEA policies, all editors must maintain current AAEA membership while serving as an editor.

Call for Applications:***Managing Editor of the Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy***

The AAEA Executive Board invites applications for one Managing Editor for *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy* (*AEPP*). The degree to which candidate's expertise complements that of the continuing editors, will be considered in the selection process. AAEA is particularly interested in candidates who will bring ideas and innovations for helping *AEPP* to further its mission. Information about *AEPP*, its policies and mission is available at www.aaea.org/publications/aepp.

APPLIED ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES AND POLICY

Formerly *Review of Agricultural Economics*

Managing Editor Responsibilities

The Managing Editor will work with an editorial team comprised of two additional Submitted Article Editors to manage the manuscript review process. The Managing Editor responsibilities include:

- Development and management of Featured Articles
- Submitted manuscript management which includes but is not limited to monitoring review timelines and distribution of submissions
- Oversight of special projects such as special issues and supplements
- Manage communications between editors
- Liaise on behalf of the journal with OUP and the AAEA Board

The *AEPP* editorial process employs electronic submission of manuscripts and interchange between editors and reviewers. An electronic system that tracks manuscripts through submission, review, and editorial decision is used by the editors for managing work flow. Authors can also query this system for email reports on the status in the editorial process of a submitted manuscript. The editors also oversee the work of Oxford University Press in preparing copy for printing and reviewing proofs.

The new editor should be prepared to begin on January 1, 2017. There may be some training and coordination work starting around November 1, 2016.

Application Requirements

Applications should include:

- A statement of editorial philosophy and ideas for furthering the journal's goals
- Indication of the candidate's principal areas of expertise to support the *AEPP*'s mission
- Curriculum vitae
- Statement of administrative and financial support to be provided by the host institution

AAEA will provide financial assistance to defray some portion of the editor's time and most expenses. Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Brian Mondragón Jones, Executive Director, at bmjones@aaea.org by May 1, 2016. Decisions will be made by early June.

Third-party nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

Call for Applications:***Editorship of the Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy***

The AAEA Executive Board invites applications for one Editor for *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy (AEPP)* to serve from 2017 through 2019.

This call for applications is for an editor to manage Submitted Articles which contain original research results addressing real-world problems with sound research approaches and/or have strong policy relevance within the subject matter of the journal. The degree to which candidate's expertise complements that of the continuing editors will be considered in the selection process. AAEA is particularly interested in candidates who will bring ideas and innovations for helping *AEPP* to further its mission.

Submitted articles will meet the normal standards for scholarly publication, but should also be accessible to the broader audience of agricultural and applied economists working outside academia. Submitted articles should emphasize one or more of the following: a) practical implications for public policy; b) clarification of research implications so as to maximize accessibility and cross-fertilization across specific areas of research; c) empirical comparison of competing theories, explanations, and approaches that can refine future research; and d) development of fruitful directions for future research. Additional information about the *AEPP*, its policies and mission is available at www.aaea.org/publications/aepp.

The editor will work with an editorial team comprised of another Submitted Articles Editor and a Managing Editor to manage the manuscript review process. The Submitted Articles Editors are

responsible for day-to-day issues relating to submitted articles, assisting with development of the Special Issues, and revising editorial policy. The *AEPP* editorial process employs electronic submission of manuscripts and interchange between editors and reviewers. An electronic system that tracks manuscripts through submission, review, and editorial decision is used by the editors for managing work flow. Authors can also query this system for email reports on the status in the editorial process of a submitted manuscript. The editors also oversee the work of Oxford University Press in preparing copy for printing and reviewing proofs.

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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.



Join AAEA at the
**2017 Allied Social
Science Association
Annual Meeting**

JANUARY 6-8, 2017
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Call for Submissions

2017 ASSA Annual Meeting

President-elect Jayson Lusk is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2017 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, January, 6–8, 2017. Preference will be given to those proposals that add to knowledge on public issues of national and international importance or expand capabilities and tools for economic research.

Objective

AAEA sessions at the ASSA Annual Meeting share new knowledge with members of other economics associations as well as with AAEA members. Sessions may be jointly sponsored with other ASSA member associations. AAEA encourages sessions that will draw widely from ASSA attendees. Therefore, preference will be given to proposals that jointly serve the interests of the AAEA and other economists more broadly.

Publication in AJAE

Papers in these Invited Paper sessions will be considered for publication in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE)* in August 2017. Preference will be given to proposals that reflect a commitment to furnish a high-quality collection of papers suitable for publication. Papers will go through a review process, and it is not guaranteed that all papers in an accepted session will be published. Papers submitted for review should be in their publish-ready state because there will not be time for multiple versions and reviews. Discussant comments will not be published. Authors will be contacted by the *AJAE* editors regarding style and length of manuscripts to be submitted to the editors for publication consideration.

Format

Proposed session formats with three papers and one discussant or four papers without a discussant are permitted. Proposals for sessions without a discussant must include a clear plan for ensuring and fostering participant interaction. Please note that sessions at ASSA are two hours in length.

Submitting Proposals

All submitted proposals should include:

- Proposed session title
- A brief (approximately two pages) justification of the session
- Paper titles
- One paragraph abstract describing the objective of, and new knowledge generated by, each paper
- Names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of the session organizer, moderator, paper presenters, and discussants

It is the responsibility of the organizer to ensure that all individuals identified in the proposal are willing to participate.

All presenters/speakers/discussants must be members of AAEA. A membership waiver request can be included in the proposal in the case of extenuating circumstances. In addition, participants need to register for the ASSA meeting. AAEA cannot grant registration waivers for the meeting.

Submission Deadline

Please send proposals by **May 1, 2016**, in Word or PDF format to AAEA Senior Meetings Manager, Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org.

Selection Process

Proposals will be reviewed and selected by a subcommittee of the AAEA Board. Notifications of acceptance will be distributed in June.

People Section

University of California, Berkeley

- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Patrick Baylis**, Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia; **Lei Cheng**, Assistant Professor, Wuhan University; **Walter Graf**, Associate, The Brattle Group; **Angeli Kirk**, Staff Economist, Premise Data Corporation; **Daley Kutzman**, Assistant Professor, Northwestern University; **Eduardo Montoya**, Associate, Cornerstone Research; **Moon Parks**, Senior Economist, United States Government Accountability Office; **Obie Porteous**, Assistant Professor, Middlebury College; **Zhen Sun**, Assistant Professor, Tsinghua University; **Dilek Uz**, Assistant Professor, University of Nevada, Reno; **Yang Xie**, Assistant Professor, University of California, Riverside
- Award: **Sylvan Herskowitz**, AAEA, 2015 Luther G. Tweeten Student Scholarship
- Visitor: **Xiaolu Liu**, Associate Professor, Renmin University, China, Visiting Scholar, February 22, 2016–February 21, 2017

***University of California, Davis***

- Appointment Changes: **Tim Beatty**, Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics; **Katrina Jessoe**, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics



- Awards: **Gabriel Lade**, National Center for Sustainable Transportation, 2015 Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year; **Emilia Tjernstrom**, PhD, 2015 Gordon A. King Award for Best Dissertation
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates; **Zoe Plakais**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics, The Ohio State University; **Abbie Turiansky**, PhD, Researcher, Mathematica Policy Research, Center for International Policy Research and Evaluation; **Gabriel Sampson**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics; **Jisang Wu**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Kansas State University, Department of Agricultural Economics; **Diane Charlton**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Montana State University, Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics; **Wenbo Zou**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Nankai Experimental Economics Laboratory, Nankai University, China; **Jacob Marder**, PhD, Economic Consultant, Robins Kaplan LLP; **Christine Carroll**, PhD, Assistant Professor, College of Agriculture, California State University, Chico; **Justin Beaudoin**, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, University of Washington at Tacoma
- Leaves: **J. Edward Taylor**, October 1, 2015 – July 1, 2016; **Aaron Smith**, November 1, 2015– July 1, 2016; **Leslie Butler**, January 1, 2016– April 1, 2016; **Lovell Jarvis**, October 1, 2015– April 1, 2016
- Visitors: **James Eaves**, Associate Professor, Department of Management Pavillon Palasis-Prince QC, Canada; Visiting Scholar, September 1, 2015– August 30, 2016; **Andrea Dal Bianco**, PhD. Research Fellow, Tesaf Department, University of Padua; Visiting Scholar, November 2, 2015– May 31, 2016; **Arnar Buason**, PhD Student, School of Economics and Business, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Visiting Student, September 1, 2015– August 31, 2016

University of Connecticut



- New Appointments: **Emma Bojinova**, Lecturer; **Tatiana Andreyeva**, Associate Professor; **John Bovay**, Assistant Professor
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Alessandro Bonanno**, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University; **Rebecca Cleary**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Pennsylvania State University's Northeast Center for Rural Development; **Diouma Faye**, Chief of Production & Marketing at the National Program of Agricultural Areas Community, Senegal; **Tsvetan Tsvetanov**, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Kansas; **Erin Pirro**, Agricultural Business Consultant, Farm Credit East; **Chen Zhu**, Assistant Professor, College of Economics and Research Management, China Agricultural University
- Retirement: **Marilyn Altobello**, 36 Years of Service
- Resignation: **Ben Campbell**
- Visitors: **Yuanhong Liao**, China Agricultural University, August 2015 – July 2016

Economic Research Service-USDA

- New Appointment: **Gregory Astill**, Research Economist, Crops Branch, ERS-USDA



- Appointment Changes: **Erik Dohlman**, Director of Fibers, Peanuts, and Tobacco Analysis Group, FSA-USDA; **Keithly Jones**, Senior Cross Commodity Analyst, ERS-USDA

International Food Policy Research Institute

- New Appointments: **Kimsey Savadogo**, Senior Research Fellow; **Jose Luis Figueroa**, Associate Research Fellow; **Bob Baulch**, Senior Research Fellow
- Awards: **Ousmane Badiane**, Yara International, 2015 Yara Prize; **John McDermott**, International Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics, Peter Ellis Award; **Alemayehu Seyoum Taffesse**, Modernizing African Food Systems Consortium, Agricultural Role Model
- Honorary Position: **Apurba Shee**, Associate Editor, Agricultural Finance Review Journal



University of Maryland

- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Rubaba Ali**, PhD, Economist, Fannie Mae
- Award: **Paul Goeringer**, UMD College of Agriculture Alumni Association, Excellence in Extension Award



University of Missouri

- Awards: **Pat Westhoff** and **Peter Zimmel**, Texas A&M University, Vice Chancellor's Award of Excellence; **FAPRI**, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Outstanding Extension Program; **Pat Westhoff**, USDA Economist Group, Bruce Gardner Visiting Economist Award
- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Iddisah Sulemana**, PhD, Lecturer of Economics, Business School, Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration
- Visitors: **Julien Cadot**, Professor, International Business School – Paris, France, Visiting Researcher, February 22– March 11, 2016; **Mary Carey**, Fulbright Scholar, University College Dublin (Ireland), Visiting Scholar, January 18–May 17, 2016; **Erika Carnevale**, PhD Candidate, University of Bologna (Italy), Visiting Scholar, February 1– August 31, 2016



University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- Award: **Brad Lubben**, **Jessica Groskopf**, **Jim Jansen**, **Tim Lemmons**, **Robert Tigner**, **Monte Vandever**, **Allan Vyhalek**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Omtvedt Team Award for Extension Farm Bill Education, 2016.



The Ohio State University

- Honorary Positions: **Ian Sheldon**, Andersons Endowed Chair in Agricultural Marketing, Trade, and Policy, The Ohio State University, through August 31, 2020
- Visitors: **Shilei Liu**, Visiting Scholar, Peking University, China; **Chia-Yu Yeh**, Visiting Scholar, Taiwan



Purdue University

- New Appointment: **Nathan Thompson**, Assistant Professor
- Awards: **Marshall Martin**, Meritorious Service, Indiana Corporate Pork Board; **Joan Fulton**, 2016 Leadership in Action Award, Susan Bulkeley Butler Center for Leadership Excellence; **Jess Lowenberg-DeBoer**, College of Agriculture Professor of Excellence in International Entrepreneurship, Board of Trustees, Purdue University

PURDUE**Washington State University**

- Awards: **Jill McCluskey**, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences, Washington State University, Faculty Excellence in Research Award
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Gregory Astill**, PhD, Economist, Economic Research Service-USDA; **Paul Ervin**, PhD, Social Investigation Specialist, Ministry of Economic and Social Development – Paraguay; **Lyliana Gayoso de Ervin**, PhD, Senior Economist, Ministry of Economic Planning – Paraguay; **Zarrina Juraqulova**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Dension University; **Darlington Sabasi**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Beloit College; **Pitchayaporn Tantihkarnchana**, Instructor, Penn State University; **Dustin White**, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska, Omaha

WASHINGTON STATE
UNIVERSITY

Government Relations Update

Priorities and Solutions Workshop

Participants from academia, government, NGOs, and industry will meet in Washington, DC, May 2 and 3, to develop a consensus regarding the most important research questions, educational approaches, and anticipated outcomes for Agricultural and Applied Economics in the future. All readers are invited to participate in this *Priorities and Solutions Workshop*.

This workshop is the centerpiece of a strategic-visioning project to identify the agricultural and applied economics priorities for solving global challenges. The workshop participants will hear from national research, education, and extension leadership. Agricultural and applied economic visionaries will provide initial thoughts about the challenges facing society and the role of the profession in advancing solutions to these problems. Then, the participants will form discussion groups to consider the survey results, exchange ideas, and develop a consensus to report back to the total group in the afternoon. See a draft agenda [here](#).

The goal of this project is to influence future research and analysis, the dissemination of agricultural and applied economics knowledge, and its incorporation into curricula. The results will be shared at the [2016 AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA](#), on Tuesday, August 2, 2016. The workshop and the overall project are being coordinated by the [Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics \(C-](#)

FARE), in partnership with the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA). Learn more about the project by going to <https://farepriorities.wordpress.com/>.

We seek your ideas and input about agricultural and applied economics research and education priorities that will contribute solutions to critical problems facing society. Please register by **April 15**.

Jill J. McCluskey

Priorities Project Chair

A Gene Nelson, Project Director

Caron Gala, Project Manager

Other News

5th AAAE Conference

The African Association of Agricultural Economists invites you to participate during its 5th International Conference in Addis Ababa. The theme of the conference is "Transforming smallholder agriculture in Africa: The role of policy and governance." The meeting will take place at the United Nations Conference Centre – Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from September 23–26, 2016.

Lying in the heart of the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, also known as the capital city of Africa, the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC-AA) combines architectural elegance with the very latest technology and sheer practicality to offer the ideal venue for all your meetings and conferences.

Important Dates

- Submissions deadline for all contributions:
April 11, 2016
- Early Bird Registration Opens:
April 4, 2016
- Notification of Acceptance of Papers:
June 6, 2016
- Early Bird Registration Deadline:
June 20, 2016



- Presenting Authors Registration Deadline:
July 18, 2016
- Deadline for Revised Papers Submissions:
July 22, 2016
- 5th AAAE Conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia:
September 23–26, 2016

Preliminary Information

1. Full papers in English and French should be submitted electronically to
conference@aaae-africa.org
2. The manuscript should include an abstract at the beginning of not more than 250 words.
3. The text should be presented in Times New Roman 12 pt., 1.15 Line spacing in Microsoft Word with 2.54 cm margins on A4 paper size.
4. The title page should include the title, the name(s) of the author(s) and their affiliation(s).
5. Articles should not be longer than 7,500 words

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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](#).

What GTAP 101 "Graduates" Are Saying...

- *"I attended several CGE courses before and this GTAP 101 course is one of the best courses available. Mary has done a good job. This course is well organized and extremely informative. I would like to recommend anyone who is interested in CGE modelling to take this course."*
- *"Thank you for opening a new world of modelling."*
- *"The text book is very clear, detailed and the teacher excellent!"*
- *"It has been very nice experience to learn GTAP models with such an interactive way. I appreciate many advises for my questions. Thank you very much."*
- *"I really enjoyed the course and the class interactions. Mary and the entire GTAP 101 team were very helpful and professional."*

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/>.

Job Openings

Be sure to visit the [AAEA Job Board](#)! Our new platform allows employers to post open positions on the site and browse the resumes of qualified candidates. Applicants can apply for these positions online and upload their resumes anonymously, protecting their personal information



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