

AAEA News

2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago: Hotel & Registration



AAEA invites you to take part in our [2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago](#), July 30 – August 1, 2017. Our meeting will take place at the [Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile](#), located in the heart of the Windy City. Surrounded by the best theatres, shopping, dining and entertainment around, this is an ideal location. This is an event you are not going to want to miss. Make sure to [register now](#) as rates will increase.

Registration Rates:

Join AAEA or renew your membership to get the discounted registration rate by visiting www.aaea.org/membership.

AAEA Room Rates:

- Single: \$195.00
- Double: \$195.00

Guest Rooms Include: Internet at \$1.00 per day, access to 9,000 sq. ft. fitness center, trendy Chicago hotel rooms featuring clean lines with chic, comfortable bedding and furnishings, spacious yet stylish hotel rooms & suites feature HD flat screen TVs and ergonomic furnishings, and experience spectacular downtown city and lake views from your Magnificent Mile accommodation.

Registration is now OPEN

Registration Type	Early (Before & on June 7)	Advanced (June 8– July 5)	On-Site (July 6 and after)
Professional Member	\$415	\$490	\$565
Professional Non-member	\$565	\$640	\$715
Senior Member	\$305	\$380	\$455
Senior Non-member	\$425	\$500	\$575
Graduate Student Member	\$105	\$140	\$180
Graduate Student Non-member	\$240	\$275	\$320
Guest Registration*	\$55 per guest	\$55 per guest	\$55 per guest

*Guests include any interested party not professionally in 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).

Cancellations of meeting registrations are subject to a \$50 processing fee. After July 6, 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.

AAEA encourages attendees to make hotel room reservations early to avoid sold out rooms. Book your room at the Chicago Marriott Magnificent Mile through [online reservations](#) or by calling (877) 303-0104 and mentioning the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting.

2017 Travel Grants: The grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago, on July 30 – August 1. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. There are Travel Grants for both International and Domestic attendees. Click below to learn more.

- [2017 Calls for Applications: Travel Grants Domestic](#)
 - [2017 Calls for Applications: Travel Grants International](#)
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Register for the 2017 Employment Center

Registration is now open for the 2017 Employment Center taking place July 30–August 1, during the [2017 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in Chicago. The Employment Center offers a great opportunity for highly qualified candidates to connect with a number of employers during the Annual Meeting. The Employment Center features a simplified registration and posting process that is integrated into the [AAEA Job Board](#). Employer

registration is \$400 and includes unlimited job postings. Applicant registration is **FREE**, but participants must be registered for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting.

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 Chicago!

AARES-AAEA Young Professionals Exchange Award: 2017 HEADING NORTH AWARD

Applications are now invited for the 2017 Heading North award.

The Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) and the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) through the AAEA Trust will jointly offer this travel award to members of AARES or AAEA normally resident in Australia or New Zealand.

The objective of the award is to provide the winner with an opportunity for professional and personal development and international professional and cultural exchange. The award will have a value of US \$3,000 to be used to assist the winner to participate in the [2017 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) to be held in **Chicago, IL, from July 30 – August 1, 2017**. Applicants for the award must be a member of either AARES or AAEA.

Selection Process

The 2017 Heading North selection committee will be chaired by the President-Elect of AARES Professor Suzie Kerr.

Applications should include:

- a paper for presentation at the [2017 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in Chicago, for which the applicant is the sole or first author and which represents their original and unpublished work,
- a one-page biographical statement, and
- a one-page statement in support of their application, indicating what they would hope to accomplish through the award, why they would be deserving of the award, and confirming that they would be unable to attend the conference without this financial support.

Submission Deadlines and Details

Friday, March 31, 2017 (for travel in July 2017)

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

2017 AAEA Fellow:

Damona Doye



Damona Doye is an Extension economist, Regents Professor, and Rainbolt Chair of Agricultural Finance at Oklahoma State University (OSU). Her Extension career aims to help farmers and ranchers and those who work with them make informed decisions.

She has reached producers, educators, lenders and industry personnel nationally and even internationally through programs designed to enhance farm management skills. Her broad portfolio includes farm financial planning and transitions, land value analysis, cost of production, technology adoption, and software tools, to name a few. Damona has served as a leader in the profession: U.S. Vice-President of the International

Farm Management Association (IFMA); Chair of the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) Board of Directors; AAEA Board of Directors; SAEA President; AAEA Extension Section Chair; and Acting Department Head at OSU.

In 1986, Damona joined the OSU faculty as an Extension farm management specialist. She soon joined the Southern Extension Farm Management Committee (SEFMC), where she gained great mentors and collaborators for regional and national projects in record-keeping, integrated resource management, software tool development, and fostering better budgeting processes and applications through regional and national budget summits. She was later involved in the North Central Farm Management Extension Committee's development of nationally used leasing publications, webinars, and spreadsheets as well as committee collaborations to enhance the national

triennial farm management conference. She served as Chair of both of these regional Extension Farm Management Committees.

Damona's materials demonstrating the adaptation of Quicken, a personal finance software tool, for farm/ranch records have been adopted and adapted by Extension educators nationwide for more than 20 years. She was an early innovator in teaching "hands on" computer workshops and used her experience to help educators understand how to best teach similar workshops. She developed a website early on to make materials accessible and answer frequently asked questions. And, Damona continues to provide training for producers and educators, both in and out of state.

Damona's interdisciplinary collaboration has been impactful. A Beef Manual that she co-edits is widely used, with producers noting that it is a fantastic learning tool and an invaluable resource. In addition to having been sold in most states and several foreign countries, the Manual has been used as a textbook in universities and community colleges in five states. The Manual and complementary instructor materials are the foundation for a Master Cattleman program (co-led by Damona since its inception) that has won numerous awards, contributed to applied research, and helped producers reach production and profitability goals.

Damona has also contributed significantly to programs targeted to women in agriculture through leadership of a statewide conference for women in agriculture and Annie's Project workshops. With Extension assistants, she has been an innovator in farm management's use of social media, primarily Facebook (farm management and Oklahoma women in Ag). She leads other programs such as IFMAPS, providing one-on-one assistance in farm financial planning, and planning of a rural economic development conference. In 1992, she was an economic advisor in the Polish/American Extension Project.

Damona's stellar reputation with in-state clientele and Extension educators and specialists has led to recognitions such as the Distinguished Service Award from the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service's Outstanding Extension Program Award. Team efforts have garnered four SAEA and two WAEA distinguished Extension program awards. In 2013, she received the SAEA Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2016, she received the WAEA Outstanding Extension Career Award. She has advised graduate students and served on numerous committees for state groups, her department, college, university, regional Extension committees, SAEA, AAEE, C-FARE and IFMA.

2017 Teaching, Learning, and Communication Section: *Graduate Student Teaching Award*

The TLC is an active group of AAEE members interested in the theory, scholarship and practice of learning, teaching, and communication. Given that a large majority of AAEE members have responsibilities in these three areas, the TLC's activities are developed to enhance members' skills in the on-campus classroom, off-campus workshop, and in a presentation to a community group.

As graduate students are our teachers of tomorrow, the TLC has chosen to sponsor this award to recognize and encourage graduate students who excel in teaching agricultural or applied economics courses.

Any member of the AAEA may submit nominations and selection is made based on nominating materials. Re-nominations are encouraged, providing materials are updated and resubmitted. The Graduate Student Teaching Award is a criterion-based award and is reviewed by a committee of TLC members.

The successful nominee will be required to attend the 2017 AAEA Annual Meetings in Chicago. In addition, the winner of the award will participate as a presenter (10–15 minute presentation) in the TLC's track session on teaching tips. This session offers the opportunity for Teaching Award recipients to share teaching tips and have a dialogue with AAEA members. The goal of the session is to share ideas on what successful teachers are doing in and out of the classroom to facilitate learning.

Eligibility

The nominee must have been involved in course instruction (including one or more of laboratory, discussion sections, help section, and online courses) for a minimum of one year (2 semesters or 3 quarters or the equivalent). Nominee must have been a graduate student in good standing within the year before the nomination, i.e. cannot have graduated prior to August 2016.

Applicants must hold a current Graduate Student Membership in AAEA.

Selection Criteria

The following three major areas are considered in evaluating nominations:

1. Quality of teaching;
2. Personal commitment to teaching and self-development as a teacher; and
3. Involvement in undergraduate extracurricular activities.

Nomination Packet

Nominating materials should demonstrate that the nominee has outstanding ability and performance as a teacher of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the AAEA Vision Statement. The nomination packet shall include the following:

1. Award cover page, including membership status to address eligibility. The cover page should include the following information:
 - a. Name, title, professional address, telephone number, e-mail address of the nominator;
 - b. Name, title, professional address, telephone number, e-mail address of the nominee; and
 - c. "TLC Graduate Student Teaching Award Nomination" should be included on the cover page.
2. An essay by the nominee on his/her teaching philosophy, not to exceed five typewritten (double-spaced) pages;
3. A complete description of nominee's specific teaching involvement;
4. A self-evaluation of nominee's teaching activities;
5. A summary of student evaluations of teaching, and no more than two letters of support from current or former students;
6. Two letters of support from faculty, administrators, or others directly involved in the nominee's teaching activities;
7. A statement about nominee's involvement in activities related to teaching (clubs, review sessions, committees, etc.);
8. The nominee's resume/vita; and

9. Supporting materials may be submitted but are limited to three additional pages.

*All materials are to be submitted as a single electronic PDF file to the Teaching, Learning, and Communication Chair.

Please submit a complete electronic application packet by March 27, 2017 to:

Elizabeth Yeager

TLC Chair, 2016–17

eyeager@ksu.edu

2017 Extension Competition for Graduate Students

The Extension and Graduate Student Sections of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association announce a competition for graduate students for 2017. This competition, sponsored jointly by the Extension Section and the Graduate Student Section, provides graduate student competitors the opportunity to develop extension and outreach programs from their research. The development of education materials and presentations suitable for a general public audience is expected.

We encourage all departments with graduate students in agricultural economics, agribusiness, natural resource economics, community resource economics, applied economics or similar programs related to agriculture and/or the food system to inform their students about this important competition.

Purpose for the Competition

To provide incentives to graduate students to learn to prepare and present appropriate analytical results for an extension (usually non-economist) audience. This can be based upon the graduate student's research for a thesis or dissertation. Participation in the competition is expected to enhance the professional growth of the participating students regarding extension programs.

Eligible applicants are:

- Graduate students currently engaged in agricultural economics, agribusiness, natural resources, and community resource economics.

- Applied or similar economics MS or PhD programs related to agriculture and/or the food system.
- Those who graduated from such programs in 2016 or later.

Note: Participants must identify and work with a mentor with experience in outreach or extension activities.

Competition Application Information

Applications should be addressed to Maria Marshall and must include:

1. Student's name, university, department, address and contact information.
2. Title of the extension program to be delivered.
3. A summary of the proposed extension program. This should include target audience, delivery plans, communication methods and activities planned for distributing the information to the public such as with fact sheets, pamphlets, press releases, reports, web sites, streaming videos, spreadsheets, workshops, PowerPoint presentations and training activities to be conducted (4 page maximum).
4. A profile of the student applicant's background as well as the related thesis title and brief description of the research (maximum 1 page).
5. The mentor's name, address and description of the mentor's role in assisting the student with this project.

Submission Deadline

Applications must be submitted electronically no later than **5pm on May 31, 2017**.

Finalists will be selected to make a 15-minute extension/outreach presentation at the AAEA meeting in Chicago, IL on **Sunday, July 30, 2017**, to a panel of judges. Selection of the finalists will be based on the material submitted and the criteria listed below. Finalists will be notified by June 16, 2017.

Criteria for judging the finalist and winners will include:

1. Identification of a target audience.
 - a. An explanation of the issue/problem/opportunity being addressed
 - b. An explanation on how this target audience was identified
2. Development of an extension program for the target audience that includes:
 - a. An outline of the goals of the extension program
 - b. A summary and an explanation of the main elements of the thesis or dissertation results to be included in the extension program. Include a description of how the research results will address the issue/problem/opportunity and benefit the target audience.
 - c. A summary of the program in an extension report, or extension PowerPoint presentation, or other appropriate extension communication media that the audience can take home. This summary should be an explanation that would be effective in accomplishing the extension goals as identified in step 2a. above.
3. An explanation of extension team development and responsibilities in terms of program

development and delivery should be addressed, if appropriate.

4. Plans for evaluating the effectiveness of the extension program.

Each finalist must develop oral and visual presentations (15 minutes in length) for delivery at the AAEA meetings. Following the 15 minute presentation the judges will have 5 minutes of questions. The competition begins at 8am on Sunday, July 30th. The top three finalists are expected to make presentations during an AAEA Extension track organized symposium.

Cash awards will be given to those judged to be the top three graduate students in this competition. Award funding is provided by the AAEA Extension Section through membership dues and via support provided by the Farm Foundation, the National Crop Insurance Services Inc, the Southern Risk Management Education Center, the Western Extension Risk Management Education Center, The Center for Farm Financial Management, and FarmDoc. Awards are:

- First Place: \$1,000 and a plaque
- Second Place: \$300 and a certificate
- Third Place: \$200 and a certificate

Other finalists receive finalist certificates

The top 3 competitors selected will be recognized at the AAEA Awards ceremony and the winner will receive a plaque at the awards ceremony. All finalists are guests at the Extension Luncheon during the AAEA annual meetings. Luncheon tickets will be provided to all finalists. Submit Entries to: Dr. Maria Marshall (mimarsha@purdue.edu)



2017 AAEA Early Career Professionals Workshop Information

Who: This Workshop is for Early Career Professionals currently in a position in the academic or government fields. Topics include: teaching, service: learning when to say "NO", grant writing and project management, work-life balance, research and publishing, extension and outreach, successful communication, strategies and working with the media, navigating re-appointment, promotion and tenure, and advice on careers outside of academia.

Schedule

Register

Make Reservations

When:

May 31, 2017, from 7:00 am – 5:30 pm

June 1, 2017, from 7:00 am – 6:00 pm

Registration: \$85

- Registration to the two-day workshop
- Continental Breakfast on Wednesday and Thursday
- Lunch on Wednesday and Thursday
- Wednesday evening reception

Download the [registration form](#), fill out, and send to the AAEA Business office with payment by mail, fax (414)276-3349 or email to info@aaea.org

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Where: [Vail Marriott Mountain Resort](#)

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Vail, CO 81657
(970) 476-4444

- Hotel Group Rate: \$129
(Guest Room must be reserved by **May 1, 2017**)

The day begins at 7:00 am each day with breakfast. It is recommended you book your room at the Marriott so you can experience the full workshop. Please visit the [2017 AAEA Early Career Workshop](#) page for more information.

Call for Submissions:**2018 ASSA Annual Meeting**

President-Elect Scott Swinton is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the [2018 Allied Social Sciences Association \(ASSA\) Annual Meeting](#) in Philadelphia, January, 5–7, 2018.



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 *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. Authors will be contacted by the *AJAE* editors with manuscript submission details.

Proposed formats for the two-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 email 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 1, 2017**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org.

Other News

Call for Undergraduate Teams:**David Sparling Business Case Competition at CAES**

Deadline: Midnight (PST), April 13, 2017

The Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) is pleased to announce the new David Sparling Business Case Competition. This competition is a great opportunity to showcase the

next generation of business leaders in the agri-food industry. Teams will be required to work through a complex, real-world challenge related to sustainability in the agri-food value chain, develop

a creative, practical solution and present their findings and recommendations to a panel of judges made up of industry executives and academics.

The competition itself is only one aspect of the entire experience. Students will develop their ability to apply what they have learned in the classroom to find practical solutions to real-world business problems. Students will also develop their analytics, problem-solving, critical and strategic thinking, team work, and presentation skills that employers are looking for. Participants will also have the opportunity to network with collaborating organizations, faculty and fellow students. This competition is dedicated to the memory of David Sparling. [LEARN MORE](#)

Prizes

Winning and runner-up teams will receive cash prizes of \$3,500 and \$2,000, respectively, and be recognized during the CAES awards banquet on evening of June 19, 2017.

Dates and Times

By April 13	Register for the Competition
By April 25	Register for the Conference
By April 25	Become CAES Student Member
June 18 4:30–6:30 pm	Team Check-In
June 19 3:00–6:00 pm	Case Competition
June 19 7:00–9:00 pm	CAES Awards Banquet

Eligibility and Registration

This competition is for undergraduate students (from first to final year) enrolled in Agribusiness, Agricultural Economics, and/or Business programs. Up to six teams will be accepted during the registration period, on a first-come first-serve basis. Student teams will be formed at their respective universities. Each team will consist of three students and have an academic coach. The

coach will be responsible for the registration and will be the primary contact for communications.

To register your team, please submit the following information to Nicoleta Uzea, McGill University (nicoleta.uzea@mcgill.ca):

- Name and email address of team coach
- Name of University affiliation
- Name of team members

Note that a coach may initially register a team without naming student members. Student names may be specified at a later date, but not later than April 13, 2017.

Accepted students and their coach need to be members of the CAES and register for the conference by no later than April 25, 2017.

Competition Rules

The team and their coach need to check-in with the competition organizer on June 18, 2017, at 4:30 pm. The business case and detailed competition rules will be provided. Teams need to prepare a PowerPoint presentation with their solution to the case. On June 19th, each team will present their analysis in front of the judges for 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of Q&A.

Teams will be required to present in English.

Presentations will be judged based on criteria such as:

- Appreciation of the problem and its strategic implications
- Appropriateness and applicability of the "solution" to the problem
- Creativity and originality of solution
- Quality and professionalism of presentation
- Effectiveness of responses to judges' questions

Questions and Expressions of Interest

Please direct questions and submit expressions of interest to Nicoleta Uzea, McGill University (nicoleta.uzea@mcgill.ca)

Call for Proposals: WERA-72 Annual Meeting

The Future of Agribusiness Research, Teaching and Extension

June 12–13, 2017 in Boise, Idaho

The WERA–72 Committee will host its annual meeting on June 12–13 in Boise, Idaho. The Executive Officers are seeking proposals for program activities for the 2017 WERA–72 meeting. Agribusiness researchers, teachers, and extension specialists are invited to submit proposals for the following program activities:

- Selected papers (completed research)
- Selected posters (completed research)
- Research reports as a paper or poster (on–going research)
- Reports on agribusiness extension activities (as a published report only available to participants)
- Reports on agribusiness teaching initiatives (as a published report only available to participants)
- Suggested topic areas for selected paper and research reports include but are not limited to:
 - Coming Trends, Past Successes, and Lessons Learned in Agribusiness Teaching
 - Current Issues in Agri–Food Supply Chains (food safety, food security, sustainability, or bioenergy)
 - Risk management within Agri–Food Supply Chains
 - Food and Beverage Marketing
 - Agribusiness Entrepreneurship and Finance
 - Food and Agribusiness Production Models
 - Agribusiness Outreach and Extension

The WERA–72 meetings have a long tradition of “idea–sharing,” the discussion of works–in–progress, mentoring and the professional development of agribusiness faculty, and the inclusion and full participation of graduate students in program activities. Please consider submitting a proposal and plan on joining us in June!

This year’s WERA–72 meeting will be highly engaging with the group actively exploring what, and how, agribusiness faculty will need to address in the coming five years. The program will start with a few presentations from invited guests regarding their perspective on the demands on agribusiness research, teaching and extension/outreach efforts. The rest of the first day will be spent with participants and presenters looking for ways to address the future needs of our stakeholders. The second day will be spent hearing from selected participants and developing ideas for collaborative funding proposals in response to the previous day’s discussion. Please plan to join us in beautiful Boise, Idaho, June 12–13, 2017.

The purpose of WERA–72 and its Annual Meeting is to bring together agribusiness educators, researchers, and Extension specialists to exchange ideas, establish linkages, and support collaborative efforts. We look forward to seeing you in Boise and encourage you to begin thinking about educational strategies, research findings, or Extension programs that you’d like to share with your colleagues in anticipation of the forthcoming call.

Meeting sessions, including presented papers and the annual business meeting, will be held at the Hampton Inn and Suites Boise–Downtown. The meeting will include gathering for casual dinners,

receptions and other great opportunities to build better connections with agribusiness colleagues. Options for local field tours and/or recreational activities are being developed for Saturday and Sunday. Lodging arrangements will be available at the Hampton Inn and Suites Boise–Downtown at the nightly rate of \$130 (1 king or 2 queen beds) for the nights inclusive of June 10–13 with checkout on Wednesday, June 14. To reserve your room, please visit Hampton Inn and Suites Boise–Downtown’s WERA 72 webpage.

General questions about the meetings can be sent directly to the current Chair, Aaron Johnson, at aaronj@uidaho.edu. Specific questions about the proposal process and/or the program can be sent to Jason Bergtold at bergtold@ksu.edu.

Submitting Proposals

1. For proposals for selected papers, reports, and posters please submit an abstract (maximum of two pages, double-spaced) that summarizes the nature of the proposal. For research papers, preference will be given to abstracts that clearly and concisely address the following: motivation, objective, methods, likely results, and implications. If results are not yet available, the ability to complete the work by the June meeting date should be clearly indicated in the abstract if appropriate.
2. Attach a cover sheet to the proposal that includes: title, names of participant(s) and/or author(s), and name, address, phone, and email for the contact person. Regarding papers only, please do not identify the authors on the two-page abstract.
3. Please email proposals by **Monday, March 20, 2017** (in the form of an attachment), to Jason Bergtold at bergtold@ksu.edu. Please put “WERA 72 submission” in the subject line.
4. Individuals submitting proposals will be notified about acceptance for paper presentation by the beginning of April 2017.
5. Authors of selected papers should prepare a full paper using guidelines for submission to *The International Food and Agribusiness Management Review*. The final version of the paper should be available for distribution at the June meeting. Papers will be placed on the WERA–72 homepage.

Obituary

Raymond J.G.M. Florax 1956 – 2017



We are sad to report that on March 1, 2017, our dear colleague and friend Raymond Florax passed away, unexpectedly, in the middle of his teaching semester. Raymond was a true academic in all respects. He lived up to the opening sentence of the preface of his PhD thesis (p. xiii): ‘Knowledge is

increasingly regarded as one of the vital (aspects of) production factors in modern industrialised economies’. Characteristic for everything he did was his great eye for detail and his strive for perfection. This held true for his research, his education, and the many administrative duties he has fulfilled. He carried out his work with great passion and dedication.

Born in Heerlen (Limburg) on December 29, 1956, Raymond evolved over his lifetime into a global

citizen. Although every Dutch person would immediately recognize the characteristic Southern tongue of Raymond, and also his typical Southern cultural habits (amongst which the consistent use of no fewer than four initials), for Raymond the reality of these cultural differences never turned into barriers. He felt at home in many places. He talked passionately about Tilburg where his academic roots are, but also had fond memories of his time in Wageningen. He loved travelling and tasting the good life in different parts of the world during academic conferences and while being a visiting professor at universities in San Diego and Tucson in the United States, Barcelona in Spain, and Hamilton in New Zealand. Raymond got along with people very easily. Working with Raymond quickly turned into friendship; doing joint research and working together was fun.

For his research, Raymond will be remembered for his great methodological contributions to spatial econometrics and meta-analysis. Although his interest in topics was wide-ranging, from valuation of wetlands to economic growth and cultural diversity, his main passion was for methodological advances. This in particular was where he always pushed for perfection. This passion for methodology is clearly evident from his PhD thesis on universities as boosters of economic development, which he defended in 1992 at the University of Twente (under the supervision of Peter Boorsma and Henk Folmer), and for which he was awarded the first prize in RSAI's Dissertation Competition in 1993. This established his reputation as a leading scholar in spatial econometrics and subsequently resulted in several well-known and highly cited publications, often with Luc Anselin. His academic career got a renewed boost when he joined the department of Spatial Economics at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam in 1997, to lead the department's MASTER-point research group engaged in research

on meta-analysis in spatial, transport, and environmental economics. In a relatively short period in time, he became one of the leading scholars in the field of meta-analysis. Interesting and relevant applications went hand in hand with methodological refinements and fundamental discussions to make the tool of meta-analyses apt for applications in economics. In 2005, Raymond became full professor at the department of agricultural economics at Purdue University—the same department where his wife, Brigitte Waldorf, holds a full professorship. He retained a part-time position at the department of spatial economics at VU Amsterdam.

Raymond was a deeply respected supervisor of PhD students. He pushed his students to the limits, challenging them on all fronts. He loved to work in teams. His eye for detail and strive for perfection is also clearly visible in the many PhD theses that he supervised, and often explicitly expressed in their prefaces. Also as a lecturer, Raymond was appreciated by his students. His lecture material was always well developed, continuously improving, and his lectures were an important source of inspiration. For his students (as well as colleagues), Raymond was a role model in many respects.

Throughout his career, Raymond never shied away from administrative duties, and he carried them out with great dedication and eye for detail. He has provided great services to the field of Regional Science. He was Editor-in-Chief and European editor of "Papers in Regional Science" between 1997 and 2007, and he has furthermore been on the Editorial Boards of the "Journal of Regional Science", the "International Regional Science Review", "Papers in Regional Science" and "Regional Studies, Regional Science". He has organized several conferences, and he was always available for sharing his strategic insights for others

organizing academic events. His contributions to the Regional Science community were recently underlined by the EIB/ERSA award in 2014, and his election as Fellow of the RSAI in 2015. An election that confirmed Raymond being identified as one of the intellectual leaders of the 1990's generation by Andrew Isserman in the "Golden Anniversary Issue" of Papers in Regional Science. Also in university governance, he has made significant contributions, among which his position

as President of the University Council at Wageningen University, between 1994 and 1997, stands out. He was also fellow of the Spatial Econometrics Association, the Tinbergen Institute and the Wageningen School of Social Sciences.

Raymond was a wonderful scholar and great colleague. He will be dearly missed and warmly remembered.

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