



AAEA News

Call for Mentoring/Coaching Initiatives

The AAEA Mentorship Program Committee is now accepting proposals for mentoring and coaching initiatives.

A mentoring activity is defined as one where a senior member of the profession serves as an advisor on career decisions and challenges to a young or mid-career member of the profession. A coaching activity involves the development or improvement of specific skills; for example grant writing, new teaching methods, or engaging with industry in outreach activities.

The call is open to all AAEA members. The AAEA Mentorship Program Committee encourages collaboration across members, AAEA Sections, and also USDA regional groups to maximize participation and optimize the allocation of resources. AAEA expects to fund between 2 and 6 proposals in levels of \$5,000–\$10,000. The activities proposed and all expenses will need to be completed by the end of October 2019.

Selection criteria:

1. Clear description of the activity and justification of how it will benefit participants.
2. Number of beneficiaries.
3. Structure of the programmed activity and quality of the speakers/mentors.

4. Value for money.

Proposal submissions should include:

1. A cover sheet with name of applicant; applicant's mailing address, email, and phone number; title of the project; abstract of the project; timing, duration, and location of the project; and amount of funding requested.
2. A project description, not to exceed five double-spaced pages, including the purpose, scope, implementation procedures, the individuals responsible for management of the project, date/timing of the project, and location of the project.
3. An itemized budget, indicating costs to be borne by the grant and funding provided by other sources, if any.

Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file to Sinais Alvarado at salvarado@aaea.org by **Friday, November 30, 2018**, to ensure consideration for funding for the next year. Proposals will be reviewed by the AAEA Mentorship Program Committee, which will make recommendations to the Executive Board for action at the January 2019 Board Meeting.

Call for Applications

Editorship of the American Journal of Agricultural Economics

Editorship appointments for the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* are staggered such that two new appointments are made every two years. The AAEA Board now seeks applications for two editors to be appointed for a four-year term, beginning in January 2020. Each editor handles approximately one-fourth of the submitted

manuscripts and makes independent editorial decisions on these submissions. The degree to which candidate's expertise complements that of the continuing editors, Tim Richards and Terry Hurley, will be considered in the selection process.

In addition, editors share the administrative responsibilities of managing the AJAE. Each editor should plan to dedicate 25 to 40 percent of his/her time to AJAE editorial duties. AAEA will provide financial assistance to defray some portion of the editors' time and most expenses.

Transition Timing

The AAEA Board will make final selections by early 2019. The new editors should be prepared to begin the transition process at the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, July 21–23, 2019 and expect to be fully engaged in editorial duties by January 1, 2020. Interested candidates can consult the journal website for information on the journal at www.ajae.oxfordjournals.org/. Please note that all editors need to maintain their AAEA membership throughout their service to the journal.

Applications

Applications should include:

- a brief statement expressing interest which should include applicant's areas of expertise and editorial philosophy for the AJAE,
- curriculum vitae (including descriptions of previous editorial work),
- statements of administrative support from the candidate's department chair, dean or other appropriate administrative officer.

Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Kristen McGuire, Executive Director, at kmcguire@aaea.org by **November 30, 2018**. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

Selected Presentation Papers and Posters

Call for Abstracts

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. Selected Presentations are a submission category that represents both Selected Papers and Selected Posters. All submissions are reviewed and accepted together, and only after acceptance are the submissions designated as a paper or poster. At the time of submission, individuals will have the option for their submission to be considered as a poster only. There is no paper only option.

Submissions for Selected Presentations must include a two–page, single–spaced abstract that provides a clear explanation of what will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Authors should include in this abstract a discussion of the relevance of the topic,

research methodology, and potential for generating discussion during the meeting. Please *do not include your name or contact information in the abstract file.*

Abstracts must be received by **Wednesday, January 16, 2019**, and should be submitted using AAEA's online [Abstract Management System](#). Material previously presented at other meetings cannot be accepted, and the submitting author will be asked to



verify that the material has not been presented elsewhere.

Review Process

All submissions will be subjected to a common, double-blind review process. After the review process has been completed, topic leaders will construct coherent Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions based on a common topic. All remaining accepted presentations will be assigned as a poster. Presentation proposal acceptance notifications will be sent via email in March. Emails may be received in spam folders. Should you not find an email by mid-April, please feel free to contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Posters

Poster presenters should be available during their assigned interval during the meeting for questions and discussion. The event program and mobile app will list the poster titles, authors, locations, and presentation time. *Poster presenters must submit a PDF version of their poster to the AAEA submission site by May 15, 2019.* Please keep submissions under 4 MB. AAEA will upload these posters to the AgEcon Search. Posters that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program.

Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions

Up to 8 papers are included in a 90-minute Lightning Session, and up to 4 papers are included in a 90-minute Selected Paper Session. Therefore, each paper presentation in a Lightning Session is allotted 9 minutes, with 7 minutes to present and 2 minutes for discussion. Likewise, each presentation in a Selected Paper Session is allotted 20 minutes, with 15 minutes for presentation and 5 minutes for discussion.

*Presenters of Selected Papers must submit a full version of their paper to the AAEA submission site by **May 15, 2019**.* Please keep submissions under 4 MB. AAEA will upload these papers to the AgEcon Search. Papers that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. The full version of the paper has no length limitations, but less than 25 pages is preferred. Double-spaced, 8.5 by 11-inch, single-sided format is requested. Please follow the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* style guidelines, with the exception of the single table/figure per page convention. Questions, please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Invited Paper Sessions

Call for Proposals

AAEA welcomes proposals for Invited Paper sessions for the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. Papers in these Invited Paper sessions may be published in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE)* in March 2020, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using the [online submission system](#) by **Thursday, November 29, 2018**.

The most successful invited papers frame new areas of research, provide a systematic review of an existing area, or offer a novel perspective. Invited papers offer the opportunity for the *AJAE* to publish papers that do not fit the mold of a regular submission to the journal. Proposals that do not meet these criteria may be accepted for presentation at the meetings but will be asked to submit their papers to the journal via the regular submission process.

Proposed session formats must include either two papers with two discussants or three papers with one discussant. Four paper sessions will not be considered.

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- The proposed session supports the objective of the Association to further the development and dissemination of systematic knowledge of agricultural and applied economics;
- The importance of the session is well-justified;
- The proposed papers are timely and the topics are likely to generate meaningful discussion during the presentation, as well as interest in a published version;
- It is likely that the session format will be conducive to a clear, focused, and informative presentation of the topics proposed;
- The session theme and paper topics are not repetitive of themes and/or topics previously addressed in Invited Paper sessions;
- The paper topics are not ones that would be better served by being subject to the *AJAEs* normal review process.

The set of sessions will appeal to a broad spectrum of the membership.

Proposals should include session title and rationale, two-page abstracts and titles for each proposed presentation, and names and contact information of authors, discussants, and moderators.

The invited papers should be completed by **Thursday, April 10, 2019**. These completed versions will be reviewed by the invited paper sessions committee, and feedback to improve the papers will be provided to the author(s). Final versions of the invited papers must be submitted to AAEA by **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**. If the authors wish the invited paper to be reviewed for publication in the *AJAE*, it should also be submitted to the *AJAE* Editors via Editorial Express by **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**. Accepted papers will carry a footnote that indicates they were subject to an expedited review process.

If you have any questions about submitting an Invited Paper session proposal, please contact Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Track Sessions sponsored by AAEA Sections

Call for Proposals

The AAEA Executive Board invites Track Session proposals for the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. Initial proposals need to be submitted by **Thursday, November 29, 2018**, to Sarah Kenner at skenner@aaea.org. Final, detailed submissions associated with each session are due by **March 7, 2019**. The AAEA Business Office will work with each Section that submits proposals on their final submission.

Tracks are a set of multiple sessions submitted by AAEA Sections, scheduled throughout the meeting and devoted to a common interest area or topic. The AAEA President determines the number of sessions allocated to each section.

Section leaders are responsible for managing and submitting Track Session proposals. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a Track Session, please contact the chair of the Section for more information about the session topics that they are seeking. Proposals submitted to the AAEA Business Office by an individual will be referred back to the Section for approval and official submission.

Specific Track Sessions can also be considered as Invited Paper sessions. These sessions need to be submitted through the abstract submission system as an Invited Paper session (see the call for Invited Paper Sessions for more information), and included with the initial Track Session proposals due November 29, with an indication that it has also been submitted as an

Invited Paper Session. If the proposed Invited Paper session is not accepted, it will still be included as a traditional Track Session.

Please contact Sarah Kenner at skenner@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190 if you have any other questions about submitting or participating in a Track Session.

Pre- and Post-conference Workshops

Call for Proposals

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops at the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. The deadline for proposals is **Thursday, November 29, 2018**. Selections will be finalized at the AAEA Executive Board meeting in early January and organizers will be notified soon thereafter by the AAEA President.

Submissions will be judged on the merits of the proposal and the space and time available at the Annual Meeting. Organizers will work with the AAEA Business Office to develop a budget for final approval at the January Board meeting.

Proposals should be submitted using the Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal form available on the AAEA website, [Pre- and Post-conference Workshop](#) page. The form asks the proposers for the following information:

1. Title of proposed session and the proposed date and time that the workshop would take place (potential dates include **Saturday, July 20, and Wednesday, July 24**)
2. Objectives of the workshop, as well as the timeliness of the subject and why the content of the workshop is relevant to AAEA members/meeting attendees
3. Potential speakers, presenters, or panel members, and the total time required for these presentations.
4. Intended audience and expected attendance at the workshop
5. Contact information for organizers in charge of overall development and coordination (complete addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses)
6. Complete budget information, which includes: financial support expected, speaker travel expenses, stipends, honoraria, catering needs, administrative fees, and other income and costs. Detailed information will be needed, including any catering requests (e.g. boxed lunches, buffet, coffee breaks, etc.), so that a registration fee for the workshop can be determined
7. Any requests for membership and/or registration fee waivers that may be required in order to properly conduct the workshop
8. Any special software or electronic needs, including if the attendees will be required to bring a laptop

Incomplete proposals cannot be considered. Please include as much information as needed when submitting; there is no minimum or maximum length for the proposal.

Submit proposals using the [Pre- and Post-conference Workshop proposal form](#) available on the [2019 AAEA Annual Meeting website](#), by **Thursday, November 29, 2018**.

If you have any questions about submitting a proposal, please contact Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Organized Symposia***Call for Proposals***

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. Proposals are due by **Wednesday, January 16, 2019**, and should be submitted using AAEA's [online submission system](#).

Organized Symposium sessions highlight ideas or works-in-progress on a topic involving cooperative or competing efforts by two or more panelists. Symposia may involve panel discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, or other formats. Formal paper presentations are discouraged, nonetheless if such presentations are proposed, the organizer should explain how they will fit into a tightly coherent theme. In all cases, at least half of the session time should be reserved for discussion among the panelists and between the panelists and the audience.

Symposia may offer discussions of policy issues, research methods, emerging research results, teaching or outreach topics, issues in professional organization, or other matters. Proposals should include: session title, session rationale, names and contact information for the organizer and other participants, and a description of the symposium format that includes plans for discussion.

At least one proposer for the organized symposium must be a member of AAEA, and all presenters, speakers, and/or discussants at the Annual Meeting must be members of AAEA and registered for the Annual Meeting by **Wednesday, May 15, 2019**. If you have any questions about submitting an Organized Symposia session proposal, please contact Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Case Studies***Call for Proposals***

AAEA welcomes proposals for Case Studies for the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. Cases in this Invited Paper session may be published in the *Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR)* in January 2020, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using AAEA's [online submission system](#) by **Thursday, November 29, 2018**.

Proposals are requested for case studies that show how the application of economic principles to decision making in the public and/or private sectors leads to better decisions. Any topic area that illustrates the application of economic principles is acceptable. Topic areas focusing on emerging issues such as: renewable ingredients, energy economics, food safety, and company environmental policies (e.g., green scorecard) are encouraged.

Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Deals with a problem that has a high level of importance/interest/relevancy to members of AAEA
- Clear and concise teaching objective(s) and target audience(s) (e.g. undergraduate students, graduate students, extension audiences)
- Case summary that presents solutions and explanations of how the learning objectives are realized
- Leads to a better understanding of how the application of economic principles improves decision making
- A general description of the teaching plan for presenting the case to include expected student use of reference materials

Proposals should include case title, names, contact information of the authors, and a case outline that covers the company or situation profiled, as well as a detailed outline for the case study. The outline should be 3-5 pages

in length and a maximum of 2,000 words. The proposal must also contain an outline and ideas for a teaching note, although the teaching note will not be published with the case. Of the cases submitted, three winning case submissions will be accepted for presentation at the AAEA meetings by **March 13, 2019**.

Selected case studies (with teaching note when applicable) should be completed by **Wednesday, April 10, 2019**. These completed versions will be reviewed by the invited case study committee, and feedback to improve the cases will be provided to the author(s). Final versions of the cases must be submitted to AAEA by **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**. If the authors wish the case study to be reviewed for publication in the *AETR*, it should also be submitted to the *AETR* Editor by **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**. Accepted papers will carry a footnote that indicates they were subject to an expedited review process.

Examples of appropriate cases can be found in the agricultural and applied economics literature including the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (issues 94 (2) and 93 (2)), *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review* and the *Journal of the Food Distribution Research Society*. There are many ways to write a case. One set of guidelines for decision cases can be found at: <https://www.ifama.org/publications/journal/vol3/cmsdocs/369-379.pdf>.

If you have any questions about submitting a Case Study Proposal, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at vnicholas@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

The Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award recognizes outstanding impact on agricultural and related policy, based on sound foundations in economic theory, in the tradition of [Bruce Gardner](#). Policy issues are interpreted in their broadest sense. They may relate to either a national or international situation. Their focus may be but not at all necessarily on such issues as price and income policy, environment and land use issues, local government, rural poverty, community development problems. The purpose of the award is to encourage sound economic analysis of public policy issues that provides timely and relevant information for more effective public policy and program discussions. The award is intended to focus attention on important efforts in research, education or public service, which facilitate the policy process and improve public performance and understanding. A maximum of one award is given annually. The award will carry a cash prize of \$1,500 and plaque of recognition financed by the Bruce Gardner Memorial Special Purpose Fund of the [AAEA Trust](#). The Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy

Analysis Award Subcommittee is encouraged to generate nominations to assure that all outstanding policy contributions are considered.

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2019**.

Nominations may be submitted by individuals, groups, or institutions. An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2019 AAEA member. Winners will be selected on the basis of supporting materials showing major contributions within the previous five years. Re-nominations are invited provided the supporting materials are updated. To nominate, fill out the Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award Nomination Form linked below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the award nomination materials in the order listed below. Please save the PDF file as a nominee's "Last Name, First Name" (ex: Smith, John).

Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
 - Maximum of three single-spaced pages
 - Must include each nominee's name, affiliation, and email address, and the nominator's name, affiliation, and email address
 - Explains the nominee's or nominees' contributions in a general sense
- Documentary evidence supporting the nominee's or nominees' contributions to the understanding of public policy and related impact on the development of public policy

Electronic format is preferred

If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies of documentary evidence shall be submitted to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Nomination Form

Link: <https://form.jotform.com/42544715269157>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at vnicholas@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards

2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

The Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards recognize achievement of excellence in extension economics education programs. Awards may recognize not only individual programs, but also significant contributions of an individual economist to a larger, group program. Each year, one award for each of the following categories is given:

- Individual with fewer than 10 years' experience
- Individual with 10 or more years' experience
- Group*

**The Group Award recognizes the overall effectiveness, impact and contributions of a single program.*

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2019**. The nominator and the nominee(s), or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must both be 2019 AAEA members. The nominee(s) must have been active in extension education and/or outreach programs within one year of the nomination and the content of extension/outreach effort must be principally in an agricultural or applied economics field as defined by the [AAEA Vision Statement](#). Re-nominations are invited if supporting materials are brought up to date and resubmitted.

To nominate, fill out the Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award Nomination Form at the bottom of the page. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below. The form will also have an option to upload up to three media-type supporting materials.

Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
 - Maximum of three single spaced pages
 - Summarize the reasons why the nominee is worthy of the award
 - Focus on hard evidence that the nominee meets the criteria
- A short curriculum vitae of the nominee for individual awards
 - Maximum of four single spaced pages

- Up to three items (publications, videos, computer programs, etc.) of supporting materials

Electronic format is preferred

If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies of documentary evidence shall be submitted to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Evaluation

Each nominee will be evaluated on the quality of work indicated by the nomination letter and supporting materials relative to the following criteria:

- Ability to clearly define an important problem and target audience
- Proficiency in conceptualizing and applying educational approaches, which utilize appropriate qualitative and quantitative analysis, primarily economics, but with other relevant disciplines included if appropriate
- Effective communication, as measured by appropriateness of teaching materials to intended audience, quality of communication media, and innovation in communication methods
- Evidence of accomplishment and impact through improved understanding, decision-making, or behavioral change in the target audience

Nomination Form Link: <https://form.jotform.com/42543988036160>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact the Vanessa Nicholas at vnicholas@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Distinguished Teaching Awards

2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

The Distinguished Teaching Awards recognize and encourage meritorious performance in undergraduate and graduate teaching in agricultural or applied economics as defined by the [AAEA Vision Statement](#). These award winners will demonstrate to have outstanding ability and performance as a full-time professional teacher of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the AAEA Vision Statement. Each year, one award for each of the following categories is given:

- Less than ten years' undergraduate and/or graduate teaching experience
- Ten or more years' undergraduate teaching
- Ten or more years' graduate teaching

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2019**.

Nominators and Nominees must be 2019 members of AAEA. Re-nominations are encouraged, provided materials are updated and resubmitted. If a nominee

has previously won a Distinguished Teaching Award, the selection is based on activities subsequent to the previous award. Nominees must be actively engaged in teaching at a professional level during the 2018-2019 school year. To nominate, fill out the online Distinguished Teaching Award Nomination Form below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
 - Maximum of 3 single-spaced pages
 - It will be the centerpiece for evaluation and should contain a concise statement summarizing reasons why the nominee is worthy of the award. The letter of nomination should have itemized descriptions (each separated by subsection) of how the nominee

meets/excels the five criteria as listed in the evaluation section (see "Evaluation").

- Biography of the nominee emphasizing current and past teaching achievements
 - Maximum of 2 single-spaced pages
- Statement of teaching philosophy by the nominee
 - Maximum of 1 single-spaced page
- (Optional) Appendix devoted to evaluation of teaching quality
 - Maximum of 5 single-spaced pages
- (Optional) Supporting materials
 - Limited to three items (publications, videos, computer programs, etc.) of the nominee's best examples of quality work

Electronic format is preferred

If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies should be sent to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Evaluation

The following five major areas are considered in evaluating nominations:

- Quality of teaching
- Academic advising, counseling, extracurricular activities, and career support with students
- Campus participation in instructional, course, and curricular improvement efforts
- Professional development leading to improvement in teaching for benefit of self and peers
- Department/college/university teaching awards and other teaching related recognitions at national/international level

It is required that nomination packets explicitly address all 5 review areas.

Nomination Form

Link: <https://form.jotform.com/42544551714150>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at vnicholas@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

The Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award is given in recognition of development of professional excellence by persons writing doctoral dissertations in any field consistent with the [AAEA Vision Statement](#). A maximum of three awards are given each year, and a \$1000 cash prize accompanies each award.

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2019**.

- The nominator must be a 2019 AAEA member.
- One nomination may be submitted for every 12 doctoral dissertations of a department that was presented to a graduate school faculty in the calendar year preceding the year of recognition. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee. Departments should limit nomination consideration to dissertations in fields consistent with the vision statement.
- A published dissertation may be entered for the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award as well as other AAEA Annual Awards, but is only eligible to win one award that year.

To nominate, fill out the online Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award Nomination Form linked below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

Award Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
 - Maximum of three single spaced pages
 - Concise statement summarizing the reasons why the nominee is worthy of the award
- Copy of the dissertation

Electronic format is preferred

If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, nine copies of the publication should be sent to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Nomination Form

Link: <https://form.jotform.com/62315215474148>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at vnicholas@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Outstanding Master's Thesis Awards**2019 AAEA Annual Meeting**

The Outstanding Master's Thesis Award is given in recognition of development of professional excellence by individuals writing master's theses in any field consistent with the [AAEA Mission Statement](#). A maximum of three awards are given. A cash supplement of \$500 accompanies each award.

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2019**.

- The nominator must be a 2019 AAEA member.
- One nomination can be submitted for every 15 Master's theses of a department presented to a graduate school faculty in the calendar year preceding the year of recognition. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee. In determining eligible theses, departments should limit nomination consideration to theses in fields consistent with the AAEA Mission Statement.
- A published thesis may be entered for the Outstanding Master's Thesis Award as well as other AAEA Annual Awards, but is only eligible to win one award that year.

To nominate, fill out the online Outstanding Master's Thesis Award Nomination Form linked below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

Award Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
 - Maximum of three single spaced pages
 - A concise statement summarizing reasons the nominee/thesis is worthy of the award
- Copy of the thesis (or comparable document)

Electronic format is preferred

If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, nine copies of the publication should be sent to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Nomination Form

Link: <https://form.jotform.com/62314382882155>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at vnicholas@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Publication of Enduring Quality Award**2019 AAEA Annual Meeting**

The Publication of Enduring Quality Award is granted to encourage excellence in publications in fields consistent with the [AAEA Vision Statement](#). A maximum of one award is given each year for a publication with publication date falling at least ten years prior to the year of recognition (2009 or before). Entries are judged on the basis of the enduring quality of the publications to the profession.

Competition is focused on one specific publication by the author(s), one of who was a member of the Association at the time of publication, and not on the cumulative work of the author(s).

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2019**. Entries may be submitted by departments or other administrative units, by colleagues, or by the authors themselves. The author nominated, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must have been an AAEA member at the time of publication.

To nominate, fill out the online Publication of Enduring Quality Award Nomination Form linked below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
 - Maximum of three single-spaced pages
 - Document explaining the publication's contributions to the profession
- Copy of the publication

Electronic format is preferred

If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies of the publication should be sent to the AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Nomination Form

Link: <https://form.jotform.com/62314153388152>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at vnicholas@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Quality of Communication Award**2019 AAEA Annual Meeting**

The Quality of Communication Award is granted to encourage excellence in publications in fields consistent with the [AAEA Vision Statement](#). A maximum of two awards are given each year. Entries must demonstrate superior communication of concepts or knowledge in any subject matter of professional specialization (i.e., teaching, research, policy analysis or extension) in agricultural and applied economics as defined by the vision statement.

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2019**.

- An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2019 AAEA member. No requirements regarding number of authors or professional experience are imposed.
- Publications must have been published in 2018.
- A given article is eligible for only one award in either the Quality of Research Discovery or

Quality of Communication category.
Nominations should be submitted for only one category, which is clearly identified.

To nominate, fill out the online Quality of Communication Award Nomination Form linked below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

Award Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
 - Maximum of two single-spaced pages documenting the publication's contributions to the profession.
- Copy of the publication

Electronic form preferred

If materials must be submitted in hard copy form, seven copies of the publication should be mailed to the

AAEA Business Office at 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Evaluation

Seven major areas are considered in evaluating nominations as follows:

- Importance of topic
- Timeliness of topic
- Value of communication to its intended audience
- Significance of contribution to the literature or other media
- Organization and presentation of material
- Presentation of material
- Economic content of communication

Nomination Form Link:

<https://form.jotform.com/62314021876148>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at vnicholas@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Quality of Research Discovery Award

2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

The Quality of Research Discovery Award is granted to encourage excellent publications in fields consistent with the [AAEA Vision Statement](#). A maximum of two awards are given each year. Entries must demonstrate excellence in research methodology and may deal with conceptualization of researchable problems as well as empirical verification.

Nomination Guidelines

Nominations are due on **February 8, 2019**.

- An individual nominated for the award, or at least one individual in the case of a group nomination, must be a 2019 AAEA member. No requirements regarding number of authors or professional experience are imposed.
- Entries must have been published in 2018.
- A given article is eligible for only one award in either the Quality of Research Discovery or Quality of Communication category. Nominations should be submitted for only one category, which is clearly identified.

To nominate, fill out the online Quality of Research Discovery Award Nomination Form linked below. The form will ask you to upload one PDF file containing all the Award Nomination Materials in the order listed below.

Nomination Materials

- Nomination Letter
 - Maximum of one page single-spaced, 12 point font
 - Document the publication's contributions to the profession

- Copy of the publication

Electronic form preferred

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Nomination Form Link: <https://form.jotform.com/62314127872151>

If you have any questions about your nomination, or the nomination process, please contact Vanessa Nicholas at vnicholas@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

Post-conference Workshop

AAEA: Early Career Professional Mentoring Workshop

Application Deadline: **January 31, 2019**

The AAEA Early Career Professional Mentoring workshop is aimed at professionals in research positions in applied economics in academic and non-academic careers. The workshop will consist of a one and a half day program, beginning directly after the 2019 AAEA meetings in Atlanta, GA, starting on July 24 and ending by mid-day on July 25, 2019.

The workshop will provide mentoring on topics critical for professional success in research and teaching careers. These topics include effective strategies for management of research activity, including obtaining funding, timely completion of projects and publications; communicating in the classroom and with external stakeholders; networking; managing time and achieving work-life balance. The workshop will offer opportunities for mentees to interact in small groups with mentors in their research area of interest and obtain specific feedback on a completed draft of a research paper as well as more general guidance on strategies for success in their career path.

Potential mentees interested in applying to participate in this workshop should provide a 250 word description of their motivations for participating and desired learning outcomes and list two broad research areas that describe the working paper they intend to submit for feedback at this workshop. Examples of research areas include International Trade and Development/Production Agriculture, Prices, Finance, and Farm Management/ Agribusiness/ Environment and Natural Resources/Consumer Choice and Behavioral Economics/Applied Research Methods/Community and Regional Economics/Other.

Applicants with less than five years in their first professional position will be preferred. Attendees must arrange their own travel and lodging and pay a fee of \$85.

For questions about the program please contact: Madhu Khanna at khanna1@illinois.edu. Applications should be submitted via email to info@aaea.org with "ECP Mentoring Workshop" in the subject line.

We are excited about the opportunity to offer this workshop to mentor early career professionals. We hope you will apply, and look forward to seeing you at the workshop.

AAEA at the 2019 ASSA Annual Meeting

**T.W. Schultz Memorial Lecture & Reception**

Raj Chetty, Harvard University

Friday, January 4

6:15 pm – 8:45 pm

*Hilton Atlanta, Grand Ballroom C***"The Opportunity Atlas: The Geography of Economic Opportunity in America"**

Raj Chetty is the William A. Ackman Professor of Economics at Harvard University. He is also the Director of the Equality of Opportunity Project, which uses "big data" to understand how we can give children from disadvantaged backgrounds better chances of succeeding. Chetty's research combines empirical evidence and economic theory to help design more effective government policies. His work on topics ranging from tax policy and unemployment insurance to education and affordable housing has been widely cited in academia, media outlets, and Congressional testimony.

Chetty received his Ph.D. from Harvard University in 2003 and is one of the youngest tenured professors in Harvard's history. Before joining the faculty at Harvard, he was a professor at UC–Berkeley and Stanford University. Chetty has received numerous awards for his research, including a MacArthur "Genius" Fellowship and the John Bates Clark medal, given to the economist under 40 whose work is judged to have made the most significant contribution to the field.

Reception will immediately follow the presentation

AAEA Networking Reception

Saturday, January 5

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Hilton Atlanta, 205–207

Register for ASSA online at: <https://www.aeaweb.org/conference/>

AAEA Invited Paper Sessions***NAFTA Revisited – Moving Forward***

Friday, January 4

10:15 am – 12:15 pm

Hilton Atlanta, 401

Organizer: Andrew Schmitz, *University of Florida*Moderator: Andrew Schmitz, *University of Florida*

- **Renegotiating NAFTA? Evidence from U.S.–Mexico Suspension Agreements on Tomatoes and Sugar**
Troy G. Schmitz, *Arizona State University*, and James L. Seale, Jr., *University of Florida*
- **Role of Enabling Trade Indexes & Agreements on Production and Trade Efficiency: A Spatial Stochastic Frontier Analysis**
Saleem Shaik, *North Dakota State University*

- **Strategic Agricultural Trade Policy Interdependence and NAFTA: Does the Exchange Rate Matter?**
P. Lynn Kennedy, *Louisiana State University*
- **NAFTA: Trade and Water Needs in the South Texas–Mexico Border**
Luis Ribera, *Texas A&M University*

Ethics in Agricultural and Applied Economics Research

Friday, January 4

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Hilton Atlanta, 401

Organizer: Jeffrey Michler, *University of Arizona*Moderator: Jeffrey Michler, *University of Arizona*

- Towards a typology of ethics
Anna Josephson, *University of Arizona*
- “What do you mean by ‘informed consent?’”
Household survey ethics in development research
Melinda Smale, *Michigan State University*
- Ethics in econometrics
Travis Lybbert, *University of California, Davis*
- A discussion of ethical issues pertaining to media relations for agricultural economists
Craig Gundersen, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Exploring Mechanisms Underlying the Gender Gap: Promotion, Perceptions, and Professional Networks

Saturday, January 5

8:00 am – 10:00 am

Hilton Atlanta, 401

Organizer: Joyce Chen, *The Ohio State University*

Discussant: Shelly Lundberg, *University of California, Santa Barbara*

- Gender Gaps in Academia: Evidence from The Ohio State University
Daniel Crown, *The Ohio State University* and Joyce J. Chen, *The Ohio State University*
- Collaboration Networks Among Female Economists: An Examination of Coauthorship using the CSWEP Mentoring Data
Donna K. Ginther, *University of Kansas & NBER* and Rina Na, *University of Kansas*
- Expectations Bias and Gender
Jill J. McCluskey, *Washington State University* and Wen Chen, *Freddie Mac*

Pollination Economics: The Supply of Honey and Pollination Services in the Face of Pollinator Decline

Saturday, January 5

10:15 am – 12:15 pm

Hilton Atlanta, 401

Organizer: Brittney Goodrich, *Auburn University*

Discussant: Brittney Goodrich, *Auburn University*

- Does Colony Loss Reduce Honey Yields?
Peyton Ferrier, *USDA Economic Research Service*
- The Great Bee Migration: Supply Analysis of Honey Bee Colony Shipments into California for Almond

Pollination Services

Brittney Goodrich, *Auburn University*, Jeffrey C.

Williams, *University of California, Davis* and Rachael E. Goodhue, *University of California, Davis*

- Beekeeper Costs and Supply Functions for U.S. Honey and Pollination Services
Daniel Sumner, *University of California, Davis*, Antoine Champetier, *Agricultural Issues Center, University of California, Davis*
- Support for Native Pollinators among the Public vs Hobby Beekeepers
Jerrod Penn, *Louisiana State University*, Wuyang Hu, *The Ohio State University*, and Hannah Penn, *Louisiana State University*

Food Markets and Nutrition

Saturday, January 5

12:30 pm – 2:15 pm

Hilton Atlanta, 401

Organizers: Derek Headey, *IFPRI* and Will Martin, *IFPRI*

Discussant: Chris Barrett, *Cornell University*

- Why are nutritious foods so expensive?
Steve Block, *Tufts University*, Robel Alemu and Derek Headey, *IFPRI*
- Trade reform, dietary diversification and nutrition
Will Martin, *IFPRI* and David Laborde Debucquet, *IFPRI*
- Eggs before chickens? Poultry, poverty and nutrition in West Africa
Kwaw Andam, *IFPRI*, Channing Arndt, *IFPRI*, Faaïqa Hartley, *IFPRI*, Derek Headey, *IFPRI*
- The market for lemons ... and 95 other foods in rural Ethiopia
John Hoddinott, *Cornell University*, Kalle John Hoddinott, *IFPRI*, Derek Headey, *IFPRI*, and David Stifel, *Cornell University*

Agricultural Insurance in Developing and Emerging Economics: Demand, Impacts, and Future Prospects

Saturday, January 5

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Hilton Atlanta, 401

Organizers: Ashok K. Mishra, *Arizona State University* and Awudu Abdulai, *University of Kiel*

Discussant: Diego Arias Carballo, *World Bank*

- **Crop Insurance and Food Security in India: Evidence from a Nationally Representative Survey Data**
Thiagu Ranganathan, *Indian Institute of Management Nagpur* and Ashok K. Mishra, *Arizona State University*

- **Production Risks, liquidity constraints and Participation in Crop Insurance Programs in Ghana**
Renan Goetz, *University of Girona*, Awudu Abdulai, *University of Kiel*, Victor Owusu, *Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology*
- **Micro-Analysis on the Evaluation of the Impacts of Natural Disasters on Agriculture: Implications for Crop Insurance Programs in Taiwan**
Hung Hao Chang, *National Taiwan University*

Other News

Call for Abstracts

4th Agriculture, Nutrition & Health (ANH) Academy Week

(Deadline: January 6, 2019)

The ANH Academy invites the submission of abstracts for the Research Conference on research at the nexus of agriculture and food systems, nutrition and health to be held in India from June 24 –28, 2019 (city TBC). The conference program will include invited papers for oral presentations of various formats as well as poster sessions. We welcome papers from all relevant disciplines, e.g. economics, nutrition, public health, epidemiology, environmental sciences, agronomy, sociology, anthropology etc.

Key definitions for the purpose of this call:

Nutrition outcomes refer broadly to food consumption trends, food choice behaviors, dietary/feeding patterns, nutrient adequacy of diets, nutritional status (including double burden of malnutrition).

Health outcomes refer to diet-related chronic diseases, mental health, infectious diseases and health conditions associated with agricultural environments and food systems, including zoonoses and anti-microbial resistance, and food safety.

Agriculture and food systems include food production, distribution, processing, trade, marketing; and the resources, systems, stakeholders and institutions involved in these processes.

Nutrition/health pathways include upstream determinants of agriculture and food systems (examples: environment, land-use, ecology, governance, macro-economic policies) and their impacts-socioeconomic, distributional, cultural, agro-ecological, geographical, behavioral etc.-which have implications on nutrition and health outcomes. For instance, these could involve the pathway linking agriculture and food systems, household water security and infectious disease transmission; or the pathways linking food advertising, food cultures, diet quality and diet-related chronic conditions.

How to submit and submission deadline

Authors should submit abstracts through this Submittable link by January 6, 2019 at 23.59 GMT. Any queries can be directed to ANH-Academy@LSHTM.ac.uk.

Selection process

The ANH Academy Week Research Conference receives more abstracts than it can accept for oral or poster presentations. Therefore, abstracts will be reviewed by the ANH Academy Week 2019 Scientific Committee and selected on the basis of their scientific quality, originality and relevance to the themes and methods encouraged above. The panel will make a decision on whether an abstract is selected for an oral presentation or a poster session. All poster presenters will have the opportunity to present a one-minute summary of their poster during a Conference plenary session.

Abstracts can be submitted here via [Submittable](#).

Tenth Conference on "Industrial Organization and the Food Industry"
Call for Papers

June 6–7 2019, Toulouse, France

Keynote Lectures:

Roman Inderst, Goethe University Frankfurt
 Eugenio J. Miravete, University of Texas at Austin

The objective of the conference is the discussion of recent contributions in theoretical and empirical economics with a focus on understanding the functioning of food markets. Special attention will be given to (i) the formal analysis of firms' innovation strategies and their impact on businesses and consumers, (ii) the relationships between the agricultural sector, the food processing industry, and the distribution networks, and (iii) impact of food supply chain strategies (and public policies) on health and the environment.

Specific Topics to be covered:

- economics of food retailing
- market power in food markets
- contractual relationships in the agro-food chain
- cooperatives and contracts
- product quality, information, and food safety
- innovation and intellectual property rights
- food and sustainability (nutrition and health policies, environmental policies, etc.)

LOCATION: Toulouse School of Economics, Université Toulouse 1 Capitole, Manufacture des Tabacs, 21 Allée de Brienne, 31015 Toulouse cedex 6, France.

SUBMISSION: Paper(s) should be received by February 24, 2019 (by email to iofood2019@lists.tse-fr.eu).

DECISION: March 22, 2019.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: April 8, 2019

COSTS: The registration fee for the conference is 200 €. This covers meals (two lunches and a conference dinner) and coffee breaks.

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Call for Papers: Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research***Special Issue: Institutional Entropy: Causes, Consequences and Corrective Measures***

Guest Editors: Chennat Gopalakrishnan, University of Hawaii at Manoa, U.S.A; Jason Levy, University of Hawaii at West Oahu, U.S.A

Recent years have witnessed a significant increase in the decline and fall of natural resource (e.g., water, energy, forestry, minerals, fisheries) institutions in the U.S. and globally, due to the corrosive impact of institutional entropy. The purpose of this special issue is to examine in detail the causes and consequences of institutional entropy and also suggest possible corrective measures.

Gopalakrishnan (2005) defines institutional entropy as “the progressive decrease in effectiveness and efficiency (of the institutions) in performing the goals and objectives as originally envisioned and set–forth.” He goes on to point out that the intrusion of entropy “causes disarray in the inner workings of the affected institutions and, thus, renders them diminished in their ability to perform at peak efficiency.”

Entropy, slowly but surely, penetrates, corrodes, and compromises the efficiency and effectiveness of institutions and renders them dysfunctional, over a period of time. Gopalakrishnan, in his research–in–progress (2018), has identified the key elements of institutional efficiency and effectiveness. These include: 1) institutional resilience or adaptability, 2) institutional robustness or diminished vulnerability, 3) institutional autonomy, 4) institutional relevance, 5) institutional accountability, 6) institutional risk–taking, and 7) institutional innovation.

Institutions that fail to keep up with social, economic, technological, environmental, political, and cultural changes that inevitably accompany the passage of time, render themselves severely vulnerable to entropy. Depending on the intensity of entropy, several of the key attributes of institutional efficiency and effectiveness, noted above, are compromised and institutional sustainability is imperiled with the passage of time.

The objective of this special issue is to shed light on the process and progression of institutional entropy. We are seeking original contributions that will clarify and illuminate all aspects of institutional entropy, using historical surveys, institutional analysis, econometric investigations, empirical reviews, and more. Policy–rich, cross–disciplinary, and transnational papers, including case studies, are welcome.

Submit your paper online: Please prepare your paper in accordance with the guidelines posted at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/jnrpr> under “Instructions for Authors.” Inquiries may be directed to the Editor–in–Chief at: jnrpr@press.psu.edu. **Deadline: January 15, 2019.**

2018 International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science

Istanbul, Turkey

AAEA Members receive a 15% discount on Registration

[2018 International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science \(ICAFS 2018\)](#) in Istanbul, Turkey on October 28–30, 2018. (>>[General Information](#)). The conference is co-organized by Asia-Pacific Association of Science, Engineering and Technology, [Bahri Dağdaş International Agricultural Research Institute](#) and Celal Bayar University.

Topics – It has been designed to provide an innovative and comprehensive overview of agricultural and food science. A focus will be given on: 1. Agronomy, Agriculture and Plant Biotechnology; 2. Animal Biotechnology, Veterinary and Livestock Science; 3. Aquiculture, Fishery and Marine Biotechnology; 4. Forestry Science and Wood Research; 5. Food Science; 6. Agriculture Sustainable, Resources & Environment; 7. Related Engineering, Economic & Management, etc. (>>[More topics](#))

Conference Book and Program – All accepted abstracts will be published in conference abstract book after register. The conference will last two days, detailed [program please refer here](#).

Venue – Istanbul, historically known as Constantinople and Byzantium, is the most populous city in Turkey and the country's economic, cultural, and historic center. (>>[More about venue](#))

We look forward to an exciting meeting that promises great scientific debate and enjoyable interaction in Istanbul. (>>[Register here](#))

Please also bring this notice to the attention of any of your colleagues who may be interested in participating in the conference. ([Download Flyer](#), [Registration Form](#))

Animal Law and Policy Small Grants Program at UCLA Law

Thanks to generous funding from Bob Barker, UCLA Law School is pleased to offer the Animal Law and Policy Small Grants Program ("UCLA ALP Program"). The UCLA ALP Program exists to encourage new research, with the goal of developing better empirical bases from which to understand, evaluate, and pursue animal law reform. Applicants from a variety of academic disciplines – including economics, sociology, demography, social psychology, moral psychology, medicine, plant-based nutritional science, cognitive science, law, public health, and public policy – are encouraged to apply.

The UCLA ALP Program has two goals: Fostering sound empirical – quantitative or qualitative – knowledge related to human uses of animals, alternatives to uses of animals, and humans' relationship to animals, which animal law and policy academics and practitioners could use to develop animal law and policy reform applications. Supporting empirical research that enables animal law and policy academics and practitioners to develop increasingly more sophisticated understandings of the impact of public policies and laws that affect animals directly or indirectly. Read more here: <https://law.ucla.edu/centers/social-policy/animal-law-grants-program/about/> For questions, please contact the UCLA ALP Program through email: alp@law.ucla.edu. Applications must be received by **December 1, 2018**.

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