

## President's Column

### November 2023

We will have a good slate of [sessions at the ASSA meetings](#) in San Antonio on January 5–7, 2024. Upon the recommendation of the TW Schultz Committee, we invited Jeff Wooldridge of Michigan State University as the TW Schultz Memorial Lecture and Awardee. Jeff Wooldridge is a University Distinguished Professor of Economics at Michigan State University and a Fellow of the Econometrics Society. His TW Schultz lecture will be held on Friday, January 5, 2024 (typically starts at 6 pm) in San Antonio. The title of his lecture is “Regression–Based Strategies for Heterogeneous Treatment Effects with Staggered Interventions.” This would be of great interest to those interested in causal inference work. Jeff has more recently been working on extensions to two–way fixed effects. Lately, he has also been able to develop a framework that allows various estimators with extra cross–sectional controls or time period controls.



We will also have a great slate of AAEA Invited Paper sessions at the 2024 ASSA meeting:

- Integrated Assessment Models (IAMs) for Navigating the Intersections of Agriculture, Climate Change, Trade and Water Quality
- Evaluating the Medium– and Longer–Term Health and Economic Impacts of Sugar–Sweetened Beverage Taxes
- Research Frontiers in Agricultural Trade and Policy
- New Insights of the Role of Women in Agrifood System
- Farm Labor, Immigration, Wages, and Policy Impacts
- Encouraging Women’s Use of Agriculture–Related Financial Instruments

We would like to highlight the new AAEA Teaching Academy that will be led by a Steering Committee consisting of Jason Bergtold and Na Zuo (co–chairs), Hannah Shear, Rui Chen, Jennifer Clark, Kathleen Liang, Ross Pruitt, and Jerrod Penn. The goal is to provide an inclusive, innovative, effective, and evidence–based pedagogy, teaching methods, and learning tools. The AAEA Teaching Academy would consist of multiple elements that include pre– or post–conference workshops at AAEA on a rotating theme; virtual workshops held throughout the year to help participants build teaching and instruction skills; virtual conversations on teaching in agricultural and applied economics to reflect on workshops, share ideas, and build a community of practice in pedagogy; and a repository for teaching effectiveness and excellence, as well as scholarship of teaching and learning, hosted by [Applied Economics Teaching Resources](#) (AETR). In addition, the AAEA Teaching Academy will help connect graduate students and early career faculty with mentors. We also want to reach those at liberal arts and primary undergraduate teaching institutions; at 1890 and 1994 Land Grants; and those in primary teaching roles (lecturer, instructor, clinical professor, professor of practice, etc.) at 1862 Land Grants and other research institutions. That said, the workshops and resources will be valuable for faculty members at any stage who want to continue their own pedagogical education or freshen things up in the classroom.

The AAEA Mentorship Committee is working to assess the mentorship wants and needs of AAEA members at all career stages to develop future programming. They will be utilizing data collected via recent surveys, including the CWAE/COSBAE survey that many of you have completed. They will also be reaching out to a small group of individuals with focus group invitations to get more detailed input. Additionally, they are planning an in-person early career professionals' workshop for Summer 2024 and continuing the AAEA Listening to the Diverse Voices webinar series. Special thanks to members of the mentorship committee for all their efforts: Zoe Plakias (chair), David Zilberman, Jeffrey Alwang, Cesar Escalante, Alicia Rosburg, Madhu Khanna, and Andrew Sowell.

We recently convened a meeting with the leadership teams of AAEA Sections to enhance the quality of track sessions. Tracks sessions are a set of multiple sessions submitted by [AAEA Sections](#), scheduled throughout the meeting and devoted to a common interest area or topic. Sessions can be organized by a single Section or by multiple Sections to cover a wider range of topics. We explored ways to diversify topics across sessions, with suggestions including the organization of joint sessions and the introduction of standardized submission forms. To promote transparency and cohesion, we established a set of action items, including future implementation of a submission process using a consistent form across sections and creating a shared Google sheet to facilitate greater transparency and cooperation among Sections. In preparation for the Annual Meeting, we are also asking each Section to provide a paragraph write up/summary so we can help promote Sections during the meeting and at the registration desk. AAEA will also send this information out to new members.

The AAEA Chairs, Heads, Administrators Information Roundtable Section (CHAIRS), led by Lisa House, convened a series of meetings in Washington, DC on October 23–24. The chairs spent October 23rd at USDA–Economic Research Service with Spiro Stefanou and ERS leadership team, then met with leaders from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), Office of the Chief Economist (OCE), NIFA, and the Office of the Chief Scientist. The meetings resulted in productive discussions about ways that AAEA and its members can strengthen collaboration with USDA agencies and offices, the importance of data, and the role of economics within the overall USDA research portfolio. They also had the opportunity to discuss key issues impacting departments including student recruitment and mental health. On October 24th, the group visited Capitol Hill and had a full day of meetings with Congressional offices. Topics included the need for federal investment in agricultural research through appropriations, the Farm Bill and AAEA's request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to include agricultural economics on its STEM Designated Degree list.

I wish everyone a great winter season, and I'm looking forward to seeing those who will join me in San Antonio for AAEA Sessions at ASSA!

**Rudy Nayga**  
**AAEA President**

## AAFA News

### **Selected Presentations: Papers and Posters**

#### **Call for Abstracts**

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the [2024 AAEA Annual Meeting](#) in New Orleans, LA. Selected Presentations are a submission category that represents both Selected Papers and Selected Posters. All submissions are reviewed together, and only after acceptance will the submissions be assigned as a paper or poster presentation. 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.

All presentations are in-person, we will not have a virtual component.

Submissions for Selected Presentations must include a two-page maximum, 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, contact information, and sources in the abstract file.

Abstracts must be received by **Sunday, January 14, 2024**, at 11:59 PM CST, 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. When entering the title of your abstract, please be sure to submit the title as you would like it to appear in the program – with proper title capitalization and punctuation.

When submitting your abstract to the abstract system you will need to select three subject codes. The first subject code you select is the subject your abstract will be grouped in when being reviewed. This is an important step as it ensures your abstract will be reviewed by those with expertise in that particular subject. The second or third selected subject code may be used later during the scheduling process if your abstract is accepted.

To assist you with selecting a subject code the Selected Presentations Committee has created [keywords for each of the subject codes](#). We recommend you refer to the keywords for subject codes to help you determine the appropriate subject code for your submission.

If accepted, sessions are comprised of abstracts with the same subject codes. All accepted abstracts will be presented in person.

#### **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 posters. Presentation proposal acceptance notifications will be sent via email from the AAEA Business Office in late 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](mailto:info@aaea.org) or at (414) 918-3190.

## Posters

Poster authors should be available during their assigned intervals 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, 2024**. Uploads must be below 4 MB in size to be uploaded. AAEA will upload these posters to the AgEcon Search. Posters that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program.

All presentations are in-person, we will not have a virtual component.

## 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.

Authors of Selected Papers must submit a full PDF version of their paper to the AAEA submission site by **May 15, 2024**. You may submit an updated version later. Uploads must be below 4 MB in size to be uploaded. 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, apart from the single table/figure per page convention.

## Additional Important Information

If accepted, presenters of papers and/or posters must be a current 2024 member of AAEA and registered for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting by **May 15, 2024**. Presenters who miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. If your institution will be registering you for the annual meeting, please be sure to notify them of this deadline to ensure that you are registered by the deadline.

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## Invited Papers

### Call for Proposals

AAEA welcomes proposals for Invited Paper sessions for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Papers in these Invited Paper sessions may be published in the Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy (AEPP) in March 2025, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted by **December 3, 2023** and should be submitted using AAEA's online [Abstract Management System](#). The most successful invited papers frame new areas of research, provide a systematic review of an existing area, or offer a novel perspective.

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

All presentations are in-person, we will not have a virtual component.

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 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.

Final versions of the invited papers must be submitted to AAEA by **May 15, 2024**. If the authors wish the invited paper to be reviewed for publication in the AEPP, it should also be submitted to the AEPP Editors via Editorial Express by **August 25, 2024**.

Please visit the [AAEA Annual Meeting Website](#) for more information about the annual meeting.

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

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## Track Sessions

### Sponsored by AAEA Sections

#### Call for Proposals

The AAEA Executive Board invites Track Session proposals for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Initial proposals need to be submitted by Sunday, **December 3, 2023**, to Jessica Weister at [jweister@aea.org](mailto:jweister@aea.org). Final, detailed submissions associated with each session are due by **March 17, 2024**. 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. All Section leaders have been notified of their 2024 allocations.

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 need to be included with the initial Track Session proposals due in December, 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.

The same paper cannot be submitted to more than one track session proposal, across all Sections of AAEA.

Please contact Jessica Weister at [jweister@aaea.org](mailto:jweister@aaea.org) or (414) 918-3190 if you have any other questions about submitting or participating in a Track Session.

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### **Organized Symposia**

#### **Call for Proposals**

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Proposals are due by **January 14, 2024**, and should be submitted using AAEA's online [Abstract Management 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 **May 15, 2024**.

All presentations are in-person, we will not have a virtual component.

If you have any questions about submitting an Organized Symposia session proposal, please contact Mary Annen at [mannen@aaea.org](mailto:mannen@aaea.org) or at (414) 918-3190.

Please visit the [AAEA Annual Meeting Website](#) for more information about the annual meeting.

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#### **Call for Proposals:**

##### **Pre- and Post-conference Workshops AM24**

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops at the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. The deadline for proposals is **Thursday, November 30**. 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, <https://www.aaea.org/meetings>, Title of proposed session and the proposed date and time that the workshop would take place (potential dates include **Saturday, July 27, and Wednesday, July 31**

1. 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
2. Potential speakers, presenters, or panel members, and the total time required for these presentations.
3. Intended audience and expected attendance at the workshop
4. Contact information for organizers in charge of overall development and coordination (complete addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses)
5. Complete budget information, which includes: financial support expected, speaker travel expenses, stipends, and 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
6. Any requests for membership and/or registration fee waivers that may be required in order to properly conduct the workshop
7. Any special software or electronic needs, including if the attendees will be required to bring a laptop
8. If you are requesting funding from the AAEA Trust for the workshop, please visit [this](#) website for proposal submission details. Proposals are due **Monday, October 16, 2023**.

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 AAEA website, <https://www.aaea.org/meetings> by **Thursday, November 30**. If you have any questions about submitting a proposal, please contact Mary Annen at [mannen@aaea.org](mailto:mannen@aaea.org) or at (414) 918-3190.

## **Case Studies**

### **Call for Proposals**

AAEA welcomes proposals for Case Studies for the 2024 AAEA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Cases in this Invited Paper session may be published in the Applied Economics Teaching Resources ([AETR](#)) in January 2025, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using AAEA's [Abstract Management System](#) by **11:59 pm CST on Sunday December 3, 2023**.

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 17, 2024**.

Selected case studies (with teaching note when applicable) should be completed by **Wednesday, April 8, 2024**. 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 15, 2024**. 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 15, 2024**. 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 Michael Storey at [mstorey@aaea.org](mailto:mstorey@aaea.org) or at (414) 918-3190.

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

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

Special Issue Timeline:

If you are interested in making a submission to the special issue, please submit a 300 word abstract to Dr. Jason Bergtold ([bergtold@ksu.edu](mailto:bergtold@ksu.edu)) by **December 31, 2023**, at the latest. The abstract should describe the

overall theme/topic of the manuscript, how it relates to the special issue call, and how it can be used for educational purposes. Your abstract will be reviewed once submitted and you will then be informed if you will be invited to submit a submission to the special issue.

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

## Other News

### **Gund Institute Funded PhD Opportunities**

The [Gund Institute for Environment](#) at the [University of Vermont](#) (UVM) seeks exceptional PhD applicants to start Fall 2024 and conduct interdisciplinary research on global environmental challenges. Applications are due January 15, 2024.

The Gund Institute is a research center dedicated to understanding and tackling the world's most critical environmental challenges, where over 250 faculty, global affiliates, postdocs, and graduate students collaborate widely to understand interactions among ecological, social, and economic systems.

Driven by the belief that research should inspire action, we explore environmental issues at the interface of five pressing research themes—climate solutions, health and well-being, sustainable agriculture, resilient communities, and equity and justice—in partnership with government, industry, and broader society.

We are committed to ensuring an inclusive environment where diverse voices and perspectives are active and welcome. We encourage applicants who bring diverse perspectives to our community.

#### **CURRENT OFFERS:**

- Gund PhD Research Fellowships: We seek doctoral students to work on Gund research themes, especially the connections among them. Students will receive up to four years of funding, including an annual stipend of \$35,000, plus tuition.
- Gund/CEMS Barrett PhD Fellowships: This opportunity, supported by The Barrett Foundation, is open to applicants pursuing doctoral engineering degrees with environmental applications at UVM's College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences. Students will receive up to four years of funding, including an annual stipend of \$35,000, plus tuition.

All students are eligible for health insurance and additional funds for conference travel and research costs.

For more details and application instructions, explore [Gund PhD Fellowships online](#).

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### **28th ICABR Conference**

#### **Call for Abstract Submissions**

#### **Innovation, Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability of the Bioeconomy**

In 2021, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development released their report [Making Better Policies for Food Systems](#), which documented that since 1960, global food production increased 390%, while

the amount of land used to produce food increased by 10% and food systems account for 21–37% of GHG emissions. The OECD went on to say that agriculture is facing the triple challenge of providing adequate, affordable, safe and nutritious food for the growing population, providing livelihoods all along the food value chain and doing so while increasing the sector's sustainability and contributing to combatting climate change. Meeting these challenges will require innovations that improve crop productivity, as well as contributing to a circular bioeconomy.

With global agriculture tasked with higher sustainable food production, without lowering profitability, policies to incentivize greater investment into productivity increases will be fundamentally important. Additionally, risk appropriate regulations will be needed to encourage the development of efficient food and bioindustry food chains as well as mitigation and adaptation to climate change. To meet these multiple goals, policies governing the development and spread of innovations will be needed to ensure social benefits are maximized from these innovations, while ensuring excessive regulatory burdens do not constrict innovation pipelines and supply chains. Farmers consistently require access to innovative technologies that increase yields and income, reduce inputs and improve soil health while protecting the environment.

### **Types of Submissions for the Conference**

#### **1. Selected papers**

The 2024 ICABR conference is seeking abstracts for papers that address how economic sustainability benefits from innovations enhance productivity. Abstracts addressing the key themes highlighted are invited for submission.

- Abstracts should be up to 400 words in length and be structured. They must include the following headings:
- Context – describe the relevance of the subject matter and how it relates to the call for abstracts.
- Objectives – describe the objective or research focus of the paper.
- Methods – describe the method(s) utilized in the paper.
- Results – summarize the key results of the research.
- Implications – describe why are the findings important.

#### **2. Impact Assessment Case Studies**

The adoption of innovations, such as genetically modified crops, gene-edited crops, artificial intelligence, autonomous technologies such as sensors and drones and others, have all impacted adopters, markets and societies. Case studies should assess a discrete technology, within a defined setting, providing for a robust assessment of the resulting impacts. Case study submissions should clearly outline what is being assessed, what the control is, the time frame and data collection method.

#### **3. Panel Proposals and Organized Sessions**

Submissions need to identify the focus and objective of the panel or the session, as well as the panelists/speakers. Abstracts of up to 400 words should be submitted. For organized sessions abstracts for the papers to be presented need to be submitted as well.

### **Presentation Formats**

Lightning round presentations will be a key part of the 2024 conference, with many presentations given in this format. All graduate student presentations will be presented in this format and others may be as well. Presenters will be given 5 minutes to present their paper, which will be followed by a lunch hour poster session where presenters are expected to be available to discuss their posters.

Submissions will also be invited for oral presentations of 15–20 minutes in length. Presenters will only be allowed to make one presentation.

### Location and Venue

The conference is tentatively scheduled for June 11–14 in Ravello, Italy.

### Important Dates

Submission deadline: November 30, 2023

Notice of acceptance: December 20, 2023

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### 2024 NAREA Conference

June 9 – 11, 2024 | Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Program Committee: Chair and President–Elect Donna Ramirez Harrington (University of Vermont, [donna.ramirez-harrington@uvm.edu](mailto:donna.ramirez-harrington@uvm.edu)), and Selected Paper Committee Chair Christina McGranaghan (University of Delaware [cmcgran@udel.edu](mailto:cmcgran@udel.edu)).

NAREA invites abstracts for selected papers and posters to be presented at its 2024 Annual Meeting to be held in Rehoboth Beach, DE. We welcome submissions in all areas of resource, environmental, and agricultural economics and encourage submissions from a diversity of scholars—faculty, post-docs, students and other professionals— and especially from those who are under-represented in the economics profession.

Where to Submit: Abstracts for the annual meeting should be submitted through [NAREA's Annual Meeting submission system](#).

### Individual Selected Papers and Posters: Submission Deadline: **February 10, 2024**

All submitters will receive an automated electronic acknowledgment. We expect to notify the authors by mid-March 2024. All paper and poster presenters of accepted papers must be NAREA members and registered for the Annual Meeting by April 10, 2024.

Selected paper and poster submissions should include:

1. the title of the paper;
2. names and institutional affiliations of the author and all co-authors;
3. name and email address of the paper presenter;
4. an abstract of no more than 500 words; and
5. 1–2 topic areas.

The Selected Papers Committee will review abstracts in terms of significance to the field, strength of methodology/design, clarity of writing, and fit within conference topics. Some paper proposals may be invited to present as a poster instead of a paper. Although there is no limit to the number of abstracts an author may submit, each submission must have a different presenter to avoid conflicts in presentation.

Organized Session: Submission Deadline: **February 3, 2024, and February 10, 2024.**

If you would like to submit an organized session, the organizer must submit a session proposal by email to Donna Ramirez Harrington ([donna.ramirez-harrington@uvm.edu](mailto:donna.ramirez-harrington@uvm.edu)) and Christina McGranaghan ([cmcgran@udel.edu](mailto:cmcgran@udel.edu)) on or before February 3, 2024 . Organized session submissions should include:

1. a title for the session;
2. a list of all titles that belong in the session; including the names and institutional affiliations of the author and all co-authors; and
3. a brief one paragraph description of the session. If the proposed session is accepted, this description will appear in the conference program
4. a brief one paragraph description of the topical relationship among the papers in the session.

The Program Chair/President-Elect and Selected Papers Chair will review organized session proposals in terms of coherence with the proposed session title/topic, significance to the field, strength of methodology/design, and clarity of writing. The organized session may be accepted in whole, in part (and the accepted papers assigned to other sessions) or may be rejected. Session organizers will be informed by February 8 of this decision.

Individual authors of accepted abstracts must then submit by February 10, 2024 the following through [NAREA's Annual Meeting submission system](#)

1. The title of the paper;
2. names and institutional affiliations of the author and all co-authors;
3. name and email address of the paper presenter;
4. an abstract of no more than 500 words; and
5. 1-2 topic areas.

All paper and poster presenters of accepted papers must be NAREA members and registered for the Annual Meeting **by April 10, 2024**.

For questions regarding the annual meeting please contact Donna Ramirez Harrington ([donna.ramirez-harrington@uvm.edu](mailto:donna.ramirez-harrington@uvm.edu)) or Christina McGranaghan ([cmcgran@udel.edu](mailto:cmcgran@udel.edu)).

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### **2024 NAREA Annual Meeting Post-Conference Workshop**

Measuring and Enhancing Resilience of United States Rural Communities in the Context of Climate Variability  
June 11 - 12, 2024 | Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Organizers: Laura Paul (USDA ERS, [laura.paul@usda.gov](mailto:laura.paul@usda.gov)) and Jonathan Malacarne (University of Maine, [jonathan.malacarne@maine.edu](mailto:jonathan.malacarne@maine.edu))

Theme: Resilience describes the ability of an individual or community to anticipate, absorb, and recover from a negative shock. This workshop is motivated by the need to better understand the implications of increasing climate variability for the resilience of communities in the United States, acknowledging that implications can be either direct, such as the impacts of negative shock events on individuals and communities where they occur, or indirect, such as impacts on communities connected or adjacent to those experiencing shocks.

This workshop will bring together policy makers and researchers analyzing climate adaptation and mitigation of consequences for rural communities in the United States. The workshop focuses on (1) defining and

measuring resilience, (2) anticipating and identifying the direct and indirect impacts of climate variability, and (3) contributing evidence towards policies to improve resilience.

**Workshop Activities:** The objectives of this workshop are (1) to identify research priorities and opportunities related to rural resilience and (2) to disseminate research related to the resilience of rural communities.

Activities include:

Networking opportunities to develop new collaborations across government and academic institutions

Introductions to new and existing data products related to the measurement and implications of climate variability on rural communities in the US

Idea generation and constructive feedback on new and existing research projects

Round table discussions and keynote to disseminate the latest findings on measuring and enhancing rural resilience

**Call for Submissions:** We invite paper submissions that broadly address the following topics as they apply to rural communities in the United States (not an exhaustive list):

- Measuring resilience and adaptation in the context of climate variability
- Identifying community traits associated with vulnerability and resilience to natural hazards.
- Informing policy actions to improve resilience and adaptation
- Defining and measuring the economic impacts of climate risk and variability
- The above topics could be explored through the lens of (but not limited to): food security and access, environmental justice, managed retreat, broadband access, natural hazards preparedness, rural migration, and land use

Submissions must pertain to rural communities in the United States. All accepted draft manuscripts will be considered for a travel award to offset domestic travel costs to the NAREA Annual Meeting and Post Conference Workshop.

We encourage authors to also submit their draft manuscripts to be considered for inclusion in a workshop-themed special issue in *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* with a target issue publication date of December 2024. All submissions will receive an expedited (30 day) review and be considered for a publication fee waiver.

**Workshop Papers: Submission Deadline February 10, 2024**

Draft manuscripts should be submitted through NAREA's Annual Meeting Submission System

(<http://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/4ac2a6a4-958f-47d8-9225-3e2dbbf8bf8e>). All accepted authors and recipients of travel awards must be NAREA members and registered for the workshop by **April 10, 2024**.

Submissions must include:

- The title of the paper;
- Complete draft of the paper;
- Names and institutional affiliations of the author and all co-authors;
- Name and email address of the paper presenter;
- An abstract of no more than 500 words; and
- 1-3 topic areas.

To be considered for inclusion in a workshop-themed expedited review special issue in *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*, final manuscripts must be uploaded through the journal manuscript central submission portal (<https://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/arer>) by **May 30, 2024**.

Travel Awards for Early Career Scholars: Application Deadline **February 10, 2024**.

There are also limited funds available to provide travel awards for early career scholars (within 5 years of PhD) and graduate students who are interested in pursuing this field of research. Applications to be considered for an Early Career Scholar award to participate in the post conference workshop should be submitted through NAREA's Annual Meeting Submission System (<http://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/a2d110dd-e575-4b5d-a846-135ffa3534ba>). All recipients must be NAREA members and registered for the workshop by **April 10, 2024**. Applications must include:

- Name and email address of applicant
- Curriculum Vitae
- Statement of interest in workshop and relevance to field of study (no more than 1 page)

### **68th Annual Conference of the Australasian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society**

Date: February 6–9, 2024

Venue: Australian National University Campus, Canberra, Australia

Description: Theme: Grand Challenges at the Frontier of Applied Economics

The Australasian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) is the pre-eminent organization promoting applied economics research and policy engagement in agricultural and resources industries including, agribusiness, food systems, and the environment. Our journal, the Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AJARE) publishes original, high-quality, and interdisciplinary research and policy analysis pertaining to agriculture, the environment, and natural resources.

The theme of the AARES 2024 conference, "Grand challenges at the frontier of applied economics", will focus discussions on the cutting edge of applied economics. We endeavor to explore the grand challenges that are facing the Australasian region and beyond, such as biosecurity, climate change, environmental degradation, energy systems, and food security.

This conference will provide a forum for our Society to explore new opportunities for research and development, and policy practice that can address these grand challenges in securing efficient, effective, and equitable outcomes. Distinguished researchers and professionals will present keynote presentations to inspire and stimulate discussions at the AARES 2024 conference.

The 2024 Annual Conference of AARES is going to be held on the Australian National University Campus in Canberra. A dedicated conference website will be established closer to the event.

In mid-2023 the local organizing committee will call for proposals for:

- Pre-conference Workshops; these will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024
  - Mini-symposia and themed sessions, and contributed papers; these will be scheduled during the conference proper, February 7–9, 2024
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