This month’s column looks back at applied economists honored at the World Food Prize and forward to AAEA meetings ahead.

World Food Prize. It is truly humbling to see how members of our profession can creatively apply the economics of constraint alleviation, incentive design, and technology development to make the world a better place. Akinwumi Adesina, president of the African Development Bank, received the 2017 World Food Prize (WFP) in October. With the Rockefeller and Gates Foundations, Adesina found ways to partner with banks to extend credit to smallholder farmers. Later, as Nigeria’s Minister of Agriculture, he created the E-Wallet program that made personalized fertilizer vouchers available via cellphone, expanding smallholder access while circumventing corrupt middlemen. Last year, agricultural economist Jan Low co–won the 2016 World Food Prize for her survey research to inform plant breeding and diffusion of the biofortified, orange–fleshed sweet potato and later to measure its economic impact. Previous applied economists to win the WFP are Per Pinstrup–Andersen (2001) and Muhammad Yunus (1994).

Creatively shaping his message to the audience led Jayson Lusk to receive the Borlaug CAST Communication Award from the Council of Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST). At the WFP event, CAST lauded Lusk’s impact in communicating the benefits of agricultural technology to skeptical Americans. His most recent book, Unnaturally Delicious: How Science and Technology Are Serving Up Super Foods to Save the World, uses case studies to offer personal perspectives on technological benefits, in contrast to more formal academic approaches like economic surplus analysis.

ASSA in Philadelphia. AAEA has lots going on at the 2018 Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) meetings in Philadelphia, January 5–7, 2018. We’ll have opportunities to mingle at receptions on Friday, January 5, after the T.W. Schultz lecture, and on Saturday, January 6, at the AAEA Networking Reception. We plan to repeat last year’s successful mentoring match–up of early career and established members attending ASSA. To top it off, we have a great Schultz speaker and six sessions on timely topics:

- Behavioral and Experimental Economics: Insights for Agri–environmental Challenges
- E–commerce and the Agrifood Supply Chain
The Exchange

- Tax Reform and United States Farm Income
- Agricultural Production, Diets, and Health
- The Geography of American Despair and Declining Economic Opportunity
- Trade in an Environment of Increasing Economic Nationalism

Deadlines coming up. Looking ahead to the 2018 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., August 5–7, we welcome your contributions to the program. Here are deadlines for opportunities. Propose something!

Scott Swinton
AAEA President

Open Calls:
- **Call for Proposals: Case Studies**
  Deadline: November 30, 2017
- **Call for Proposals: Invited Paper Sessions**
  Deadline: November 30, 2017
- **Call for Proposals: Pre- and Post-conference Workshops**
  Deadline: November 30, 2017
- **Call for Proposals: Track Sessions (sponsored by AAEA Sections)**
  Deadline: November 30, 2017
- **Call for Abstracts: Selected Presentation Papers and Posters**
  Deadline: January 17, 2018
- **Call for Proposals: Organized Symposia**
  Deadline: January 17, 2018

Award Nominations Open:
- **Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award**
  Deadline: February 8, 2018
- **Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards**
  Deadline: February 8, 2018
- **Distinguished Teaching Awards**
  Deadline: February 8, 2018
- **Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award**
  Deadline: February 8, 2018
- **Outstanding Master’s Thesis Awards**
  Deadline: February 8, 2018
- **Publication of Enduring Quality Award**
  Deadline: February 8, 2018
- **Quality of Communication Award**
  Deadline: February 8, 2018
- **Quality of Research Discovery Award**
  Deadline: February 8, 2018
Members in the News Highlight

Uma Lele, Independent Scholar

TAAS to deliberate on scaling out innovations for smallholder farmers

By: Business Standard and Rural Marketing
October 28, 2017

Trust for Advancement of Agriculture Sciences (TAAS), a non-profit organisation, awarded the 9th Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award to Uma Lele, agriculture economist and former senior adviser to the World Bank.

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Read the entire article on Business Standard and Rural Marketing

Read other Members in the News Stories

Do you know an AAEA Member who has made statewide, national, or international news? Send a link of the article to info@aaea.org or ascheetz@aaea.org

Obituary

Emery Castle
1923-2017

Emery Neal Castle, distinguished agricultural and resource economist, died October 31, 2017, in Portland, Oregon.

Born in Greenwood County, Kansas, April 13, 1923, to Sidney and Josie (Tucker) Castle. He attended one-room county schools through the eighth grade and graduated from Oxford Rural High School in Kansas in 1941. He managed a general store for one year before enrolling at Kansas State University in 1942.

His education was interrupted by World War II. Emery joined the Army Air Force early in 1942 and became a radio operator on B-17s in the 8th Air Force, 100th Bomb Group. Based in England, he participated in thirty bombing missions over Europe and was awarded the Air Medal with Four Oak Leaf Clusters. He was discharged in 1945.

In the year following the war’s end, he married Merab Eunice Weber of Wichita, Kansas. He returned to Kansas State, earning bachelor’s and master’s of science degrees in 1948 and 1950.

Emery was awarded a PhD at Iowa State University in 1952 and became an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

Dr. Castle spent most of his professional career at Oregon State University, beginning in 1954 as an assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics. Subsequently he served as department head, dean of faculty, and dean of the Graduate School.
In 1975, he joined Resources for the Future (RFF), a public policy research institute in Washington, D.C. as vice president and named president in 1978. While at RFF, he guided the institute to financial independence from its founder, the Ford Foundation.

In 1986, Emery returned to Oregon State University as the first chair of a newly established University Graduate Faculty of Economics.

Throughout his career, he performed public service at both the state and national level, including appointments by five Oregon governors to various state boards and commissions, including the Water Policy Review Board and the Environmental Quality Commission.

He was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Agricultural Economics Association. He received distinguished service awards from both Oregon State and Kansas State Universities. In 1997, he was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Iowa State University and received the same degree from OSU in 2006. In 2006 the Rural Sociological Society bestowed its Distinguished Service to Rural Life Award, and OSU’s College of Agricultural Sciences conferred its Hall of Fame Award in October 2017.

An accomplished rose grower and exhibitor, he served as a consulting Rosarian and Accredited Rose Judge for the American Rose Society. He was instrumental in the development and maintenance of rose gardens in Avery Park and at the First United Methodist Church in Corvallis. While in Washington, DC, as president of RFF, he established a rose garden in the courtyard of the Resources and Conservation Center, which was dedicated in his name during RFFs 50th anniversary celebration in 2002.


He was preceded in death by his wife, Merab, and his second wife, Betty Thompson Burchfield Castle. He is survived by his daughter Cheryl Castle Rogers of Portland; brother Donald of Manchester, Massachusetts, his stepchildren Rick (Joan), Darcey, and Robert (Wendy); five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at the Corvallis First United Methodist Church at 3 pm on November 11, 2017, followed by a Celebration of Life at the LaSells Stewart Center at 4:30 pm on the OSU campus.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the charity of your choice or the OSU Foundation for the Emery N. Castle Chair in Resource and Rural Economics or the Emery N. Castle Scholarship to Graduate Students.
Cherry Industry Administrative Board

Request for Proposals for Promotion Program Review

Proposal Due Date: November 30, 2017

The Cherry Industry Administrative Board (CIAB), the administrative arm of the Federal Marketing Order for tart cherries, is composed of tart cherry growers and handlers in the United States, and requests proposals for a review of its promotional spending.

1. Summary of the Request for Proposals (RFP)

Through authority granted by USDA, and supported by referendum voting of growers and handlers (processors) of tart cherries in the U.S., the CIAB collects assessments for the purposes of promotion to increase returns to U.S. tart cherry growers.

With this RFP, the CIAB seeks to contract for a review of the promotion program, and specifically for a review of the returns to investment in the promotion program funded by the CIAB over the past 10 years. The successful contractor will demonstrate knowledge of the complexities of the U.S. tart cherry industry and provide a clear plan for development and delivery of an ROI study.

Successful applicants will provide clear development of a method for evaluating the ROI for promotion programs. This must include, but shall not be limited to, proof of expertise with and knowledge of modeling demand systems. Additionally, successful applicants must demonstrate an ability to convey complicated econometric concepts into useful decision making results. Successful applicants may suggest alternative methods of analysis with a clear theoretical and/or empirical justification as to why these might be preferable to an econometric approach.

2. RFP Questions (deadline November 15, 2017)

Clarification questions about the RFP must be emailed to woods@ciab.comcastbiz.net with subject “Tart Cherry FAIR Review” no later than November 15, 2017. Telephone calls or other communication requests will not be answered.

3. Scope of Work

The firm, consultant, or researcher will develop and execute a research plan and project. The final deliverable will be the presentation of a written report and oral report to the CIAB at its June 2018 meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Development of the research project will require extensive communication with CIAB staff and Board members, as well as with its promotion and public relations contractors. The work may require travel to Dewitt, Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, and possibly the Southeast Marketing Field Office in Winter Haven, Florida.

The project deliverable, as stated above, will be a written research report and oral presentation to the industry or its representatives.
4. Proposal Requirements
   a) Proposal submission cannot exceed 10 pages, must use Times Roman/Times font in the body, be no larger than 12 point in size or 9 point at the smallest, and have 1 inch margins throughout
   b) Consultant/Researcher Information (contact information with address and phone numbers)
   c) Proof of Qualification not to exceed 2 page(s)
   d) Research design outline
   e) Description of expected deliverables
   f) Clear timelines for project deliverables/milestones, and associated cost breakdown
   g) Reference(s)

5. Submission of Proposals (deadline November 30, 2017 5:00 PM EST)
CIAB is not responsible for any costs incurred in the development or submission of proposals for this RFP. The CIAB reserves the right to alter the scope of work or timing for this RFP, to not award a contract for the RFP and to contract with more than one vendor for this RFP. Under no circumstances is the CIAB obligated to accept any proposal for this RFP.

Electronic submission of proposals is required in PDF format to woods@ciab.comcastbiz.net.

6. Notification
The CIAB will notify all applicants who submitted a proposal of its final decision by email within 45 days of the close of this RFP.

7. Contract Terms
Successful applicants will enter into a contract to deliver a research study and results to the CIAB. The contract will be active for no longer than 9 months, but may be eligible for extension.

30th International Conference of Agricultural Economists
Call for submissions
Deadline: January 15, 2018
The ICAE 2018 (International Conference of Agricultural Economists) takes place on July 28 – August 2, 2018, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. The program is being organized by the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE). The conference website is now open for submission of Contributed Papers (oral and visual), Organized Sessions, the Eicher award, and more. Please go to http://www.icae2018.com and get regular email updates.

The ICAE is held every three years in major cities around the world and typically attracts nearly 1,000 participants from developed and developing countries. The theme for the 2018 Conference is New Landscapes and New Mandates for Agriculture. The Local Organizing Committee in Canada is planning a rich program of conference study tours catering to the diversity of interests among agricultural
The Exchange economists. There will be many professional networking opportunities. Vancouver and British Columbia offer innumerable exciting tourist activities in the summer.

Please visit the conference website [http://www.icae2018.com](http://www.icae2018.com) and keep up to date with Twitter@ICAE_2018

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**AARES 2018 Annual Conference**

**February 6-9, 2018**

The 2018 Annual AARES Conference will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on North Terrace in Adelaide, South Australia. The venue is close to public transport and there are numerous hotels within a 2–3 minute walk. The airport is approximately 20 minutes by car.

**Registration**

Registrations are open. For information on the rates, workshops available, social functions and to register, head to the Registrations page.

**Conference Program**

The Organising Committee, in conjunction with the incoming AARES President–Elect, is working on an exciting program to make this conference an outstanding success and one not to be missed. As the program is developed we will add particularly interesting or novel events to our Drawcard Events page.

**Accommodation Options**

Special conference rates have been negotiated at a number of properties for AARES conference delegates by booking through Premier Event Concepts (link provided in registration process).

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**Call for Chapter Proposals**

**“Selflessness in Business”**

Vernon Press invites chapter proposals on Selflessness in Business. The volume will be edited by Dr. Dominika Ochnik, Katowice School of Economics, Poland.

We invite submissions that explore the selflessness in relations with business and psychology of work. Possible contributions may include the following topics (non–comprehensive list, open to suggestions):

1. Selected aspects of business selfless actions at individual, organizational and social level
   - Psychological benefits and costs of selfless operations in business
   - Conditions of altruism
   - Selfless actions in the process of team building
   - Loyalty and selflessness in organization
   - Selflessness and organizational culture
   - Selflessness as a strategy of creating relations between organization and environment
   - Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

2. The role of selflessness in open collaboration
- The importance of selflessness in sharing knowledge with society (e.g. Wikipedia, social communities, and forums)
- The use of open collaboration in traditional business as a way to innovation

3. Business Ethics: possibilities and limitations
   - Selflessness in business as an ethical category
   - Selflessness as the value of work
   - Selflessness and the meaning of life in business

4. Volunteering as a manifestation of selflessness

Please submit one-page proposals including an annotated summary, a short biographical note, and (if available) a list of similar titles. Deadline for proposals: January 31, 2018.

For further questions or to submit your proposal, you can write to: Dominika.Ochnik@gwsh.pl or carolina.sanchez@vernonpress.com. Information also available on: https://vernonpress.com/proposal/24/8891c4fbb306dc2f3fc514173b7257d2.

A paper that has been published previously may not be included.

**Great Falls Montana Development Authority Chosen as a Montana Food & Ag Development Center**

*Designation by the Montana Department of Agriculture will boost economic development efforts in food and agricultural processing as well as renewable energy*

Great Falls, MT – October 31, 2017 – The Great Falls Montana Development Authority (GFDA) announced today it has been selected by the Montana Department of Agriculture as one of the state’s four Food & Ag Development Centers. This announcement comes on the heels of Great Falls businesses including Montana Specialty Mills and Montana Eggs expanding dairy and agriculture operations in the area.

Food and agricultural processing has long been a target industry to grow and diversify the Great Falls regional economy, support the creation of higher wage jobs and expand the region's tax base. Other Food and Ag centers in Montana include Havre, Joliet and Ronan.

"Montana ships about 85 percent of its agricultural production out of state without adding more value, creating tremendous opportunity for ingredient and product production," says Jolene Schalper, vice president and interim director of the new center. "We have enjoyed many successes in winning private investment in this critical industry sector, attracting businesses like MaltEurop, Timeless Seeds, The Front Brewing Co., Windrift Hill, Pasta Montana, Montana Specialty Mills, Cut Bank Creek Brewery, Montana Eggs, and more!"

"Montana farm and ranch earnings were down over 50% in 2016, making it even more important to create new local markets for our world-class agricultural production," says Kim Mangold, deputy director of the Montana Department of Agriculture.
“We are proud to have Great Falls join the statewide network.”

GDFA has partnered with the Montana Department of Agriculture to target niches in food and agricultural processing that offer growth opportunities for the Great Falls region.

With funding support from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the Montana Growth Through Agriculture program, the authority has published eight business cases in targeted niches. These include: Pulse Fractionation; Pulse Butters, Dips and Spreads; Pulse Snacks; Specialty Malting; Sprouted Grains; Specialty Pasta; Wheat Ingredients; and Barley Ingredients.

“We're using these business cases to help convince local entrepreneurs, existing businesses and companies outside the state that our region offers numerous market opportunities to process food and agricultural ingredients and products right here where it is grown,” continues Schalper. GDFA offers business coaching, technical assistance, gap and bridge financing, site selection and other assistance to businesses.

Cut Bank Creek Brewery worked with GFDA and recently opened in Cut Bank, Montana. "The service GFDA provided was invaluable. Without their help, Cut Bank Creek Brewery wouldn't be a realization. I don't know if we would have ever made it," says co-owner Louis Stoltz. "They are priceless to us," says co-owner Kim Stoltz.

In 2016, GFDA opened the Great Falls AgriTech Park to provide fully-served heavy industrial sites for food and agricultural processors, as well as other industry. The 197-acre AgriTech Park offers customized heavy industrial lots ranging in size from seven to 300+ acres. It’s the region’s first industrial park to offer ready to build lots with access to utilities and rail.

GDFA invested more than $8 million for the construction of the AgriTech Park. Earlier this year, the site was given an Excellence in Regional Transportation Award for its rail system by the National Association of Development Organizations and was certified by the BNSF as part of its Premier Parks Program.

Current AgriTech Park tenants include a cross section of local and foreign direct investments including Montana Specialty Mills, FedEx Ground, Pacific Steel & Recycling, and Japanese–owned Helena Chemical.

"Being recognized as a Food & Ag Development Center will boost our long–standing efforts to expand and diversify food and agricultural processing in Great Falls, the Golden Triangle and beyond,” continues Doney. "This designation will allow us to increase efforts to help existing businesses and entrepreneurial start–ups, and to attract out of state businesses to Montana."

**About the Great Falls Montana Development Authority**

Founded in 1992, the Great Falls Montana Development Authority is an economic development organization that works to create higher paying jobs and promote growth and diversification throughout the Great Falls region of Montana. The public–private partnership includes a trade area of 13 counties that extend from the Eastern slope of the Rockies to the Canadian border. The Great Falls Montana Development Authority sees its role as engaging, leading, guiding, and facilitating regional efforts to build a prosperous and sustainable future for its community.

http://www.GFdevelopment.org
About the Montana Food & Ag Development Center Network
The Montana Food and Agricultural Development Center Network helps Montanans innovate and grow businesses that produce and commercialize food, agricultural and renewable energy products and processes, creating wealth and jobs in our communities and on our farms and ranches. The centers – located in Great Falls, Havre, Joliet, and Ronan – operate as a statewide network serving community-based businesses throughout Montana.

The centers support economic development by ensuring that more of the state's food, agricultural and energy dollars circulate in Montana. The network provides training, coaching and technical assistance, including: product development, testing and analysis; regulatory compliance training; food processing; business planning and development; market research; business networking; access to financing; cooperative development; and education on industry dynamics and technologies.

http://agr.mt.gov/FADC

The University of Padova (Italy) and the University of Sydney (Australia)
“Food & Health” Winter School”

Lectures will be provided by professors from the University of Padova and the University of Sydney, as well as by FAO and Italian Anti-Adulteration and Health Unit experts.

The Winter School program focuses on the most relevant aspects of food quality and human nutrition in order to understand how they are related and how they affect human health through dietary habits. The focus is on the interaction between food, nutrition, and human health, in order to bridge the gap between different disciplines.

In the historic framework of Bo Building (Padova) and Villa Revedin Bolasco (Treviso), the Winter School will combine lectures with field trips to wineries and food industries, and social activities, thus providing an ideal setting for learning and networking.

The Winter School is open to a maximum of 40 advanced undergraduate and graduate students (10 places reserved for 3rd/4th year undergraduate students from the University of Sydney, and 10 for master students from University of Padova).

Students will be selected based on a motivational letter and on CV.

Applications need to be sent to Mara Thiene (mara.thiene@unipd.it) by November 22, 2017. Students will be awarded 6 credit points for participating.

Enrolment fees: EUR 800 (students from the University of Sydney and the University of Padova are exempted). Information can be found in the attached flyer and at:
**IMMANA Fellowships Call for Application**

The Friedman School of Nutrition at Tufts University and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine are pleased to announce the fourth and last round of Post-doctoral Fellowships for emerging leaders in agriculture, nutrition, and health research: funded with UK aid from the UK government through the Department for International Development (DFID) through their program on Innovative Methods and Metrics for Agriculture and Nutrition Actions (IMMANA). For 2018–19, IMMANA will award five 12-month Post-doctoral Fellowships to early career researchers who are using and developing or adapting these new methodological approaches with Mentors in ongoing research programs in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs).

Eligible candidates will have completed a doctoral degree (PhD, DPhil, DPH, MD, DVM or similar terminal degree) in any field related to agriculture, nutrition or health research and practice, and are seeking a career in research, education, and engagement at the intersection of two or more of these fields. Eligible candidates should have no more than three years of post-PhD experience prior to their proposed Fellowship start date. We anticipate that IMMANA Fellows will bring diverse perspectives to leadership in agriculture, nutrition, and health. IMMANA Fellowships will aim for equal representation of women and men, and we particularly welcome applications from citizens of LMIC countries.

Applicants must propose to conduct fieldwork or other research under the joint supervision of two Mentors, one from the applicant’s current or previous employer or academic institution, and one from a host institution where the applicant proposes to advance their work. At least one of the two mentors must be physically located in Africa or Asia. The two mentors need not have equal roles in the project, but having both involved should help accelerate research and sharing of ideas between the Fellow’s home and host environments. Selection will give preference to applicants who have research or faculty appointments in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, but applicants may be of any nationality and have earned their doctorate anywhere.

Applications are submitted in a two-stage process. Applicants are welcome and encouraged to submit a concept note to confirm eligibility and receive valuable feedback. Concept notes should be submitted as soon as possible, and will be accepted on a rolling basis until February 1, 2018. Applicants must submit a full proposal by March 1, 2018, and selected candidates will be notified no later than May 1, 2018. IMMANA Fellows must then begin their 12-month projects between the dates of June 1, and December 31, 2018. Both forms are available online at [http://immanafellowships.submittable.com](http://immanafellowships.submittable.com). Enquiries should be sent by email to immanafellowships@tufts.edu.
T.W. Schultz Memorial Lecture

Dave Donaldson, MIT

Friday, January 5
6:15 pm – 8:45 pm
Loews Philadelphia, Washington B
"Comparative Advantage and the Gains from Market Integration"

Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program

The 2018–19 Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program competition is now open. Opportunities are found in the newly redesigned Catalog of Awards. There are many awards in Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, and Chemistry, including:

- **Mauritius**: Renewable Energy and Sustainable Development
- **Australia**: Fulbright Senior Scholar in Resources and Energy (Curtin University)
- **Canada**: Research Chairs in Environment
- **United Arab Emirates**: All Disciplines (Teaching or Teaching/Research)
- **India**: Fulbright–Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Awards (All Disciplines)
- **Georgia**: Science, Technology and Engineering
- **Colombia**: Fulbright–Universidad Nacional de Colombia Distinguished Chair in Biodiversity and Sustainable Development

We would appreciate any suggestions you might have for reaching Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) members. Your perspective and engagement allows us to promote academic excellence and public diplomacy through Fulbright. Here are a few ways that you can help:

1. [Register your interest or refer colleagues](#) to receive information about the Fulbright Scholar Program. IIE/CIES contacts all referrals, providing valuable information about the award offerings and application process

2. Share this message; the following links will be useful for potential applicants:
   - **Application Guidelines**: including sample project statements
   - **Review Criteria**: to inform the various components of your application
   - **Eligibility Requirements**: to review program policies
   - **Outreach Events**: a schedule of conferences, workshops, and webinar
Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research

Call for Papers

Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research addresses a broad range of natural resource fields including water, minerals, energy, fisheries and forestry in a synthesizing fashion, rather than stand-alone specialty areas. It also publishes papers on the natural resource implications of climate change, natural disasters and biodiversity loss, among others.

We are looking for papers based on original research focusing on policy implications and planning and management. A sampling of suggested topics follows:

- Natural resource institutions – design and implementation
- Natural resource policy crafting – ownership, allocation, planning, development, markets and pricing, and conservation
- Natural resources and political externalities; public choice and rent-seeking
- Natural resource use and environmental quality
- Natural resource policy broadly defined – scope and dimensions
- Holistic vs. sector specific approach
- Policy framework – components, sequencing, linkages, integration, robustness
- Conceptual/theoretical paradigms – rationale and evolutionary perspectives
- Country studies, case studies, case histories, survey paper
- Natural resource policy modeling
- Public–private partnership issues
- Natural resources and institutional entropy
- Transboundary, transnational, and transgenic resources
- Natural resource policy – efficiency, equity, and sustainability
- Trigger issues – climate change, natural disasters, human disasters, deforestation, endangered species, invasive species, and environmental pollution

We are also looking for special issue proposals on topics in the natural resources policy field that are in the forefront of current discourse, such as integrated disaster risk management, and alternative energy sources with special focus on bio-energy, water privatization, climate change, and natural resource institutions.

Submit your papers online

Please prepare your papers 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.

Journal of Consumer Affairs & Financial Literacy and Education Commission

Call for Papers

The Journal of Consumer Affairs and the Financial Literacy and Education Commission announce a Special Issue and Symposium on: “Effective Financial Capability Interventions for Economically Vulnerable Individuals and Families”

Special issue editors:
J. Michael Collins, University of Wisconsin
Stephanie Moulton, The Ohio State University

The Journal of Consumer Affairs (JCA) and the Federal Financial Literacy and Education Commission (FLEC) invite papers for a special issue and a symposium on “Effective Financial Capability Interventions for Economically Vulnerable Individuals and Families.”
Vulnerable Individuals and Families.” Papers are sought that rigorously explore the effect of financial education or other financial capability interventions on changes in measurable financial behaviors or other outcomes. Ideally, papers should identify and evaluate programs or approaches for improving the financial capability and financial security of economically vulnerable individuals and families that can be feasibly replicated and implemented in other field settings.

The FLEC, established by the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act of 2003, is comprised of representatives of 23 federal government entities, and is charged with “improving the financial literacy and education of persons in the United States.” It is chaired by the Secretary of the Treasury and the vice chair is the Director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. The FLEC recognizes the importance of helping Americans gain financial capability throughout their lives in order to attain financial well-being and contribute to the overall economic health of the nation. The FLEC has found that this need is especially important for economically vulnerable individuals and families.

Given this focus, we are particularly interested in research that generates new insights for practice, including innovations that have the potential to increase the financial capability of economically vulnerable people. While submissions examining stand-alone programs are welcome, the FLEC has a particular interest in research on financial capability interventions that are integrated into existing platforms serving economically vulnerable individuals and families, such as social service and workforce programs; state, local or community-based programming; public health or health care delivery programs; housing; workplaces; and post-secondary educational institutions and other institutional settings. Papers that provide the greatest policy insights are likely to include:

- Identification of the particular barriers or challenges the intervention is meant to address
- A theory of change for the intervention that corresponds to empirically testable hypotheses, including expected impact on financial behaviors as well as longer term effects on financial outcomes and financial well-being
- For financial capability interventions embedded in existing platforms, a detailed discussion of the theoretical basis for, and empirical evidence of, how the financial capability intervention benefits the existing platform (e.g. outcomes related to employment, family stability, health, academic achievement, etc.)
- Discussion of the external validity of the research and implications
- Discussion of considerations for successful replication or expansion
- Analyses of strategies for implementing or operationalizing the approach at scale; the cost-effectiveness of the approach; and implications for private-sector implementation or self-sustaining support of the approach

High-quality studies using robust methods are encouraged, even studies with null findings, especially if the study offers insights for policy, practice or future research.

To facilitate the discussion of the research insights between academics and policymakers, the authors of articles selected for the special issue may be invited to Washington, D.C., to present their findings to a FLEC symposium expected to be held in Fall 2018.

Researchers in all relevant fields are encouraged to submit their work. Manuscripts may be submitted online through ScholarOne Manuscripts (http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/joca) or connect via the link on the Journal of
Consumer Affairs website). Style guidelines and publishing requirements can be viewed online at wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/JOCA. Please contact the issue editors or the Journal offices [joca@consumerinterests.org] for further information. Submission deadline: March 16, 2018.

The Economic Limits of Irrigation Water Reuse

Guest Editor
Prof. James Pease

Deadline
31 January 2018
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  (Posted: 11/03/2017)

- Assistant Professor
  Virginia Tech
  (Posted: 11/02/2017)

- Willard R. Sparks Chair in Agribusiness
  Oklahoma State University
  (Posted: 10/27/2017)
  These current positions and more can be found on the AAEA Job Board. Sign up for listserv emails regarding new positions HERE.

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What research are you working on? Want to be an expert source for journalists working on a story? Contact Jay Saunders at jsaunders@aaea.org.

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