President’s Message (Vlog)

Jayson Lusk's Presidents Vlog
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**2017 AAEA Annual Meeting: Abstract Submissions Now Open**

AAEA is now accepting abstract submissions for the **2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago**. There are a number of ways to participate and get involved in the 2017 program. The Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to organize a session, put together a pre- or post-conference workshop, and present your research. Please review the **2017 open calls** for important criteria, submission information, and important deadlines. To submit an abstract, please visit the [submission website](#).

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**2017 AAEA Annual Meeting: Award Nominations**

Award Nominations are open for submission now through February 9th. Award winners will be recognized at the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago during the AAEA Awards and Fellows Ceremony. Learn more about each annual award and how to submit a nomination at [http://www.aaea.org/about-aaea/awards-and-honors/aaea-annual-awards](http://www.aaea.org/about-aaea/awards-and-honors/aaea-annual-awards).

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**2017 Call for Proposals: Case Studies**

AAEA welcomes proposals for Case Studies for the **2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago**. Cases in this Invited Paper session may be published in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* in January 2018, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using AAEA’s [online submission system](#) by Thursday, December 1, 2016.

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 and 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, 2017.

Selected case studies (with teaching note when applicable) should be completed by Thursday, April 13, 2017. 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 24, 2017. If the authors wish the case study to be reviewed for publication in the *AJAE*, it should also be submitted to the *AJAE* Editors via Editorial Express by Wednesday, May 24, 2017. 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 Lauren Seward at lseward@aaea.org or at (414) 918–3190.

**2017 Call for Proposals:**

**Invited Paper Sessions**

AAEA welcomes proposals for Invited Paper sessions for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago. Papers in these Invited Paper sessions may be published in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* in March 2018, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using the online submission system by Thursday, December 1, 2016.

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 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 AJAE's 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 13, 2017. 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 May 24, 2017. 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 24, 2017. 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 Lauren Seward at lseward@aaea.org or at (414) 918–3190.

2017 Call for Proposals: 
Pre- and Post-conference Workshops

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops at the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago. The deadline for proposals is Thursday, December 1, 2016. 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 Annual Meeting website. 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 29, and Wednesday, August 2).
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 e-mail addresses).

6. 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.

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 AAEA website, www.aaea.org by Thursday, December 1, 2016. If you have any questions about submitting a proposal, please contact Mary Annen (mannen@aaea.org) or at (414) 918–3190.

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**Call for Proposals:**

**Organized Symposia**

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago. Proposals are due by Thursday, January 12, 2017, 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 24, 2017.

If you have any questions about submitting an Organized Symposia session proposal, please contact Lauren Seward at lseward@aaea.org or at (414) 918–3190.

**2017 Call for Abstracts:**

**Selected Presentation Papers and Posters**

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago. 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.

Abstract Submissions

Abstracts must be received by Thursday, January 12, 2017, 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. To submit an abstract, please make sure that you are a 2017 AAEA member or be ready to pay the submission fee of $25. You can renew your AAEA annual dues via the "My Account" section on the AAEA website.

**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 authors 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 24, 2017. Please keep submissions under 4 MB. AAEA will upload these posters to 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.

*Authors of Selected Papers must submit a full version of their paper to the AAEA submission site by May 24, 2017.* Please keep submissions under 4 MB. AAEA will upload these papers to 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.

Submit your Selected Presentation in the online Abstract Management System.

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**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 2018. Each editor handles approximately one–fourth of the submitted manuscripts and makes independent editorial decisions on those submissions. The degree to which candidate’s expertise complements that of the continuing editors, Timothy Beatty and Travis Lybbert, 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 2017. The new editors should be prepared to begin the transition process on August 1, 2017, and expect to be fully engaged in editorial duties by January 1, 2018. 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),
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- statements of administrative support from the candidate’s department chair, dean or other appropriate administrative officer.

PDF applications should be sent electronically Brian Mondragón Jones, AAEA Executive Director, at bmjones@aaea.org by December 1, 2016. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

2017 Call for Proposals:
Track Sessions (Sponsored by AAEA Sections)

The AAEA Executive Board invites Track Session proposals for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago. Initial proposals need to be submitted by Thursday, December 1, 2016, to Sarah Kenner at skenner@aaea.org. Final, detailed submissions associated with each session are due by March 14, 2017. 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 will be notified of their allocations in October 2016.

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 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.

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.
New Section Announcement:  
*Specialty Crop Economics Section*

The Specialty Crop Economics Section has just formed! This new section’s objective is to bring together and offer a forum for AAEA members interested in the topical areas of marketing and consumption, trade, policy, farm and agribusiness management, sustainability and risk management for specialty crops (fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, floriculture, and nursery crops). The section will recognize outstanding economic research and extension contributions related to specialty crops.

The section fee is $10 for regular members and free for student members. We encourage you to join and help shape the focus of this section!

2017 EAAE in Parma, Italy:  
*Call for Contributions*

Agri–food systems in Europe and elsewhere often face conflicting incentives and signals arising from markets and society, and need to make trade–offs. Sustainability advocacy groups are putting societal concerns like animal welfare, food safety, cultural heritage, food sovereignty, and carbon footprint on the agenda of policy makers and stakeholders in the food value chain. However, there are many challenges to overcome, especially when more sustainable food systems face conflicting goals, and households’ purchasing decisions are mainly price–driven.

Policy makers, therefore, face increasing challenges in balancing these concerns. The nature of challenges has changed over time with new technologies becoming available, with the ongoing innovation and transition to the bio–based economy, with an increasing share of the population living in urban areas, and with many markets becoming global. Some of these changes are subtle as borders between rural and urban areas are gradually disappearing, and cities are integrating agricultural activities within their boundaries.

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) scientific community is key to providing
insights into the economic challenges and opportunities arising from the changing expectations and requirements from markets and society on agriculture. The XV EAAE Congress aims to foster discussion and interaction among scholars with representatives from business, society and policy agencies.

The EAAE board has appointed the Program Committee to organize the scientific program of the Congress. The Local Organizing Committee and the Program Committee are striving to arrange a very stimulating and innovative Congress program consisting of organized sessions, organized panels, invited plenary presentations, contributed papers, posters, as well as field trips.

In particular, policy makers, societal stakeholders, and agribusiness representatives shall contribute to the program through organized panels which have an open format and do not require a scientific paper. Organized panels could be thought as sort of a “round table” discussion, moderated by an “external” figure to the presenting/debating panelists, which may also feature one or two presentations by academics. A formal scientific paper is not required to encourage the participation by NGOs, producer/industry groups representatives, or any other stakeholder who may not be accustomed to submitting a formal paper. A four-person panel, in which academia, industry, NGO/stakeholder/societal groups and policy representatives are present and deliver their presentation/speech for 15 minutes each, may be the best format. The remaining 30 minutes could be employed for discussion – solicited by the moderator – or for answering questions from the audience. In order to facilitate stakeholder participation to the organized panels daily participation fees will be foreseen, in case a one day presence is anticipated. Hopefully, the XV EAAE Congress in Parma will provide an interactive platform for researchers and representatives from non-academic institutions.

**Call for papers, organized sessions, and posters**

Contributed papers and posters as well as organized sessions are welcomed from all fields of agricultural, food, environmental and rural economics, and related disciplines.

The **deadlines for submission** are:

- Contributed papers: **January 31, 2017**
- Organized sessions: **March 15, 2017**
- Organized panels: **March 15, 2017**
- Posters: **April 1, 2017**

**Notification of acceptance:**

- Contributed papers: **April 14, 2017**
- Organized sessions: **April 21, 2017**
- Organized panels: **April 21, 2017**
- Posters: **April 21, 2017**

Final versions of contributed papers and posters due: **June 5, 2017**.

Meanwhile, you can also **Stay in Touch** with the organization on the social media referenced throughout the website or via the Newsletter.
Any help in spreading the word about the Call for Contribution and the Congress Social Media presence will be greatly appreciated!

**Contribution Submission and Registration**
Contribution submission and registration will be managed through ConfTool Pro, via the Congress website, or directly at [https://www.conftool.com/eaae2017/](https://www.conftool.com/eaae2017/).

Conference registration (at a later date) will be possible only by participants with a valid EAAE membership. Please note that this condition will be strictly enforced! To learn more about the benefits of and conditions for becoming an EAAE Member, please visit the Association [page](#).

The early opening of a ConfTool Pro account, besides the Congress Social Media and Newsletter, will guarantee you are up to date with any further detail on deadlines and the Congress itself.

The flyer containing the Call for Contributions, Deadlines for Submission, and other pieces of information related to the XV EAAE Congress is available for you to download and share here: [XV EAAE Congress Flyer](#)

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**Call for Applications:**
**IMMANA Fellowships**

The Friedman School of Nutrition at Tufts University and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine are pleased to announce the third of four planned rounds of Post–Doctoral Fellowships for Emerging Leaders in Agriculture, Nutrition, and Health Research (IMMANA Fellowships), funded with UK aid from the UK government through the Department for International Development (DFID). For 2017–2018, IMMANA will award six 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
The two mentors need not have equal roles in the project, but having both be 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, 2017. Applicants must submit a full proposal by February 28, 2017 and selected candidates will be notified no later than May 1, 2017. IMMANA Fellows must then begin their 12-month projects between the dates of June 1, and December 31, 2017. Both forms are available online at http://immanafellowships.submittable.com. Enquiries and other documentation should be sent by email to immanafellowships@tufts.edu.

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**Call for Submissions:**

**2017 Economics and Managements of Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resources Annual Meeting**

The SCC–76 “Economics and Management of Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resources” Group is soliciting submissions for the 2017 Annual Meeting, taking place March 30 – April 1, 2017, in Pensacola Beach, FL.

The objective of the conference is to provide a forum to facilitate the exchange of applied approaches to risk analysis, economics, and policy – both empirical and theoretical – as well as to nurture the development and application of dynamic and original research efforts related to agriculture and natural resources. Applied work in domains of government, industry, and academia are most welcome.

Abstracts should normally not exceed two double-spaced pages and should outline the research question, methodology, and results of the research. Authors are welcome to submit abstracts for finished papers as well as papers in the early stages of development. All papers relevant to risk in agricultural and applied economics and their constituent fields will be considered. When submitting a paper, please indicate whether you would like a discussant. Requesting a discussant means you agree to discuss another paper.

Abstracts should be submitted by email (PDF only) no later than **December 15, 2016**, to abstracts@agriskgroup.org. Authors will be informed whether their papers are accepted by December 23, 2016. If a discussant is requested, a draft paper will be due by March 1, 2017.

The group’s website is: [https://www.agriskgroup.org/](https://www.agriskgroup.org/)
Job Opportunities

- **Professor in "Agricultural and Food Business Economics" and Professor in "Environmental Economics and Agricultural Policy"**
  Technical University of Munich
  11/18/2016

- **Lecturer**
  Auburn University – Department of Agricultural Economics & Rural Sociology
  11/16/2016

- **Associate Research Fellow/Research Fellow, Egypt – DSGD (16–144)**
  INTERNATIONAL FOOD POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE
  11/16/2016

- **Extension Educator – Agricultural Systems Economist**
  University of Nebraska – Lincoln
  11/14/2016

These current positions and more can be found on the AAEA Job Board. Sign up for listserv emails regarding new positions [HERE](#).