

President's Column

October 2021

Following the meetings in Austin, it is great to see our Board, Committees and Sections engaged in organizing events for AAEA. We have an exciting program planned for the ASSA meetings, January 7–9, 2022 which are being held virtually. We have six sessions that cover a wide range of topics including the effects of land property rights on land use, the effects of COVID–19 on agricultural markets and trade, the relationship between food prices and affordability of healthy diets and the effects of climate change on agricultural production. Information about all of the sessions that AAEA is hosting at ASSA can be found here:

<https://www.aaea.org/meetings/aaea-at-assa-annual-meeting/aaea-at-2022-assa-annual-meeting>



We are delighted to have Lisa Schulte Moore, Professor of Landscape Ecology, Iowa State University, and a winner of the 2021 MacArthur Fellow Award as the speaker for the [TW Schultz Memorial Lecture at the ASSA meetings](#), on January 8, 2022. Lisa has done pioneering work on designing and implementing locally relevant approaches to improve the sustainability of row crop agriculture. Her leadership is advancing new transdisciplinary approaches to co–produce knowledge that can be mobilized for action. I hope you will tune in to hear her virtual presentation.

We are continuing efforts to engage AAEA with other professional societies and disciplines to promote research and action on moving towards a more sustainable agricultural system. An upcoming webinar on “Transforming Food Systems for a Circular Economy” on Oct 27, 2021 at 1 pm Central Time, organized in conjunction with CFARE will bring leading thinkers to share their perspectives on this topic. The speakers are Bruno Basso (Michigan State), James Jones (U. Florida), Charles Rice (Kansas State) and David Zilberman (UC Berkeley). More information and link to register is at https://illinois.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YPHikUxJSEeQvAfFwPiB-A Registration is free but required in advance for this webinar.

As emphasized by our strategic plan, the AAEA had committed to engaging with a broader set of stakeholders, as well as to more directly increasing diversity, equity and inclusion. To address these goals, we have partnered actively over the past year with Together We Grow (TWG), a consortium of some of the world’s largest agribusiness interests — major agricultural commodities companies, educational institutions, government agencies, and national nonprofits — focused on building the workforce of tomorrow and ensuring that the workforce is skilled, diverse, and inclusive. Past–president Dawn Thilmany will continue to liaise with that group this year, and in addition, Board member Andrew Muhummad and CWAE leader Kelly Grogan will join her in a transformational leadership training led by that organization over the next few months. Our plans for the new journal titled Journal of AAEA (JAEA) are moving forward under the leadership of Tim Beatty as Founding Editor. We have chosen a cover design and are currently setting up the Scholar One site in

preparation of issuing a call for submissions before the end of the year and bringing out the first issue in Spring 2022.

We have wrapped up the Austin Meeting by making the plenary talks available on the AAEA website. For those not able to attend this year, these talks can be found at

- Presidential Address: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2021-aaea-annual-meeting/events/plenary-sessions/presidential-address>
- Galbraith Lecture: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2021-aaea-annual-meeting/events/plenary-sessions/galbraith-forum>
- Fellows Address: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2021-aaea-annual-meeting/events/plenary-sessions/fellows-address>
- Gordon Rausser Keynote Address: <https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2021-aaea-annual-meeting/events/plenary-sessions/gordon-rausser-keynote-address>

We have started planning for the Annual Meetings in August 2022 in Anaheim, CA. Sections have been allocated their Track sessions, so you have likely received information (or will soon hear) from your leadership on ways to get involved with the 2022 program. We anticipate that some level of virtual participation will continue and hope to have more information on the format for the meetings in the coming months. There are several deadlines for proposals and fellowship applications approaching. This includes the call for proposals for funding from the AAEA Trust to support graduate student and early career professional development and other activities that broaden participation and make us more inclusive. There are a number of fellowships available to support mentoring activities and facilitate participation by members from low-income countries. The latest addition to this has been the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women from low-income countries. Please consider nominating colleagues for these awards and supporting junior colleagues by offering to serve as mentors.

Look for upcoming announcements to submit Selected Presentations, Organized Symposia, Invited Papers, and Award nominations. We welcome your contributions to our program and nominations of worthy colleagues for an Award.

Finally, thanks to all of you for keeping AAEA a vibrant professional community and staying connected despite the constraints of the Pandemic. Stay safe!

Madhu Khanna
AAEA President

AAEA News

AAEA Trust Call for Proposals

The AAEA Trust supports the work of agricultural and applied economists by funding programs, initiatives, activities or other creative endeavors designed to advance the profession. Proposals are chosen to receive funding based on their ability to accomplish at least one of the following goals:

- support graduate student and early career professional development
- enhance the AAEA Annual Meeting,
- broaden participation in AAEA across the year (beyond Annual meetings),

- address our strategic goal to be more inclusive through outreach to new groups,
- broaden the horizons of the current membership

Funds donated to the unrestricted and student and early career professional development categories of the AAEA Trust will be used to fund proposals approved by the AAEA Trust Committee and Executive Board. Proposals from AAEA Committees and Sections are encouraged. Please note that the Trust does not fund individual research projects, nor does it retroactively fund activities that have already taken place. Please contact Trust Committee Chair Dawn Thilmany at dawn.thilmany@colostate.edu if you would like to discuss your proposal ideas before submission.

Proposal submissions should include:

1. A cover sheet with name of applicant; applicant's mailing address, e-mail, and phone number; title of the project; abstract of the project; timing, duration, and location of the project; and amount of funding requested.
2. A project description, not to exceed five double-spaced pages, including the purpose (and how that aligns with the goals above), scope, implementation procedures, the individuals responsible for management of the project, date/timing of the project, and location of the project.
3. An itemized budget, indicating costs to be borne by the Trust and funding provided by other sources, if any. The AAEA Business Office may be a resource for budget information. For this year, please share if COVID provided disruptions to previously planned activities and if this proposal addresses challenges presented to members, sections or the AAEA during COVID.

Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file by **Friday, October 15, 2021**, to ensure consideration for funding for the next year. Proposals will be reviewed by the AAEA Trust Committee, which will make recommendations to the Executive Board for action at the January 2022 Board Meeting.

Proposals should be submitted to Mary Annen, via e-mail at mannen@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Mary or Dawn.

Call for Applications

Anthony Grano Fellowship Applications

The AAEA Trust is now accepting applications for the Anthony Grano Scholarship Award. Two scholarships of \$1,250 will be awarded to academically successful, highly motivated students in agricultural economics or a closely related discipline with an interest in agricultural policy and the policy formation process. The scholarship will support recipients to travel to Washington, DC to meet with senior staff from USDA, Congressional offices, and agricultural trade associations and commodity organizations.

Eligible applicants will be graduate students in either agricultural economics or economics with an agricultural emphasis in any U.S. university.

The application deadline is **Friday, October 15, 2021**.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter that expresses interest and includes applicant contact information
2. Essay on a current agricultural policy issue (2-5 pages)

3. Recent CV
4. A copy of university transcripts
5. Letter of recommendation from department head. Department Head must be willing to match the funds if their nominee is selected

Applications should be submitted in a single space, 12 Font Size, 1" margins, and PDF format to Mary Annen, AAEA Executive Director, at mannen@aaea.org. Failure to provide any of the required components of the application package will result in its rejection.

Call for Applications

Uma Lele AERA India/AAEA Mentorship Program

The AERA along with one representative from AAEA will play a facilitating role in the selection of Indian students/young professionals to participate in the mentorship program. The offer and themes for each year will be published in one of the issues of Agricultural Economics Research Review (AERR) and recommendation of the Association shall be sent to AAEA for Award of the grant. The following criteria were agreed for screening and recommendation of the candidate(s).

- a.) The program shall be open to doctoral and post-doctoral candidates and the maximum age of the candidate should not be more than 35 years
- b.) Masters/PhD degree in agricultural economics/economics with evident contribution to agricultural economics research
- c.) The candidate should give an undertaking to publish at least one research article in a journal of national/international repute as an outcome of the mentorship work
- d.) The candidate will attend the AAEA Annual Meeting
- e.) The candidate will work with an AAEA Member mentor

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates and nature of the research project and collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Recent CV
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant's participation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org by **Friday, October 15, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact Mary by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Call for Applications***Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship***

The Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship provides an opportunity for early career women scholars working on food, agricultural, or resource issues to collaborate with an established expert at another university, institution, or firm.

At least one (1) Fellowship of up to \$2,500 will be awarded for use during the 2022 calendar year. The funding is designed to cover the costs of travel and expenses for the awardee to work directly with the mentor on a specific project. Preference will be given to new mentoring relationships as opposed to continuing an existing one.

The application deadline is **Friday, October 15, 2021**.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates of collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Current CV for nominee
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that you will work on with your mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Mary Annen, at mannen@aea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Mary by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Call for Applications***McCorkle Scholarship Applications***

The AEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2022 Chester O. McCorkle Jr. Student Scholarship. This scholarship will support applied research by a graduate student on economic issues relating to agriculture. At least one (1) scholarship of up to \$2,000 will be awarded. Funds can be used for research related expenses, data collection, tuition and program related expenses such as fees, books, supplies and equipment, provided the items are required of all students in the program.

Applications are due **Friday, October 15, 2021**.

Applicants should submit:

1. Description of the proposed research (maximum of 5 pages)
2. Itemized budget
3. Letter of support from their major advisor; and
4. Graduate transcript.

Applications should be submitted as a single PDF file to the Mary Annen at mannen@aea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Mary by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Call For Applications***Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women***

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust is now accepting applications for the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women. The Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award for Women supports a mentorship relationship between an early career woman agricultural, resource and environmental economist from low income and lower-middle income countries, and a mentor who is a member of the AAEA. A complete list of qualifying countries is available under the headings “Low-income economies” and “Lower-middle-income economies” at: http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income.

The purpose of the award is to promote high quality research of a policy/problem solving nature, by fostering research collaboration between the scholar and mentor. Research topics should fall within the mission of the AAEA (www.aaea.org/about-aaea), but preference will be given to topics focusing on countries that are facing food and nutrition insecurity, and/or environmental pressures.

The total amount of the award is up to USD \$5,000. Of this, up to USD \$4,500 will be allocated to the scholar and up to USD 500 to the mentor. The award to the scholar is intended to cover travel, registration, and related costs of the scholar to attend a meeting organized by the AAEA or the ICAE where both the mentor and the scholar can meet. The award may also be used to cover travel costs to the mentor’s work place. The amount allocated to the mentor can be used for travel and other expenses during the fellowship period. The AAEA will waive registration fee for both the scholar and the mentor for the duration of the fellowship. AAEA will also waive annual membership fee for the scholar for the duration of the fellowship.

Women scholars, who are either within one year of obtaining a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or related field, or within five years of having completed Ph.D. and are citizens of and reside in a low income and lower-middle income country are eligible to apply. Ph.D. students studying in countries that are not considered low-income economies and lower-middle-income economies may also apply, but they must be close to completing their degree and planning to permanently reside in a low-income or a lower-middle-income country by the end of 2022. Mentors can reside in any part of the world, but they must be AAEA members.

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Recent CV
2. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages). Applicants are advised to discuss the proposal with a prospective mentor before applying.
3. Letter of recommendation from the applicant’s department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant’s participation
4. Name and details of the mentor. If the scholar has not yet decided on a mentor, they may state this and seek input from the selection committee. The selection committee will make every attempt to help identify appropriate mentors but will do so only for the selected applicants.
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor if the applicant already has a mentor.
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org by **Friday, October 15, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact Mary by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Call For Applications

Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust is now accepting applications for the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award. The Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award supports a mentorship relationship with a view to promote high quality research of a policy/problem solving nature in countries with food insecurity and environmental pressures. It is meant to promote collaboration between an early career scholar who is a citizen of and resides in a developing country and a distinguished mentor.

The award is intended to cover the costs of travel and expenses for a scholar and mentor to work together on a specific research project in a high priority area for the scholar's country. The maximum fellowship grant will be \$5,000. Up to \$4,500 can be allocated for travel expenses for the scholar to visit the mentor's workplace and/or to meet with the mentor at a professional meeting. Up to \$1,500 can be allocated for mentor travel and other expenses during the fellowship period. Research topics should fall within the mission of the AAEA (www.aaea.org/about-aaea).

Scholars should be professional economists who are citizens of and reside in a developing country. A complete list of qualifying countries is available under the headings "Low-income economies" and "Lower-middle-income economies" at: http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income. Scholars should either have completed their terminal degree or will complete it within the year. Students studying in countries that are not considered "low-income economies" and "lower-middle-income economies" may apply, but they must be completing their degree and planning to permanently reside in a "low-income" and "lower-middle-income" country by the end of 2022. Mentors can reside in any part of the world, but each must be an AAEA member.

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates and nature of the research project and collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Recent CV
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant's participation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org by **Friday, October 15, 2021**. If you have any questions, please contact Mary by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Call for Proposals:**AM22 Pre- and Post-conference Workshops**

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops at the 2022 AAEA Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. The deadline for proposals is **Thursday, December 2**. 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 30, and Wednesday, August 3**)

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

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, December 2**.

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

Call for Proposals:**AM22 Invited Paper Sessions**

AAEA welcomes proposals for Invited Paper sessions for the 2022 AAEA Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. Papers in these Invited Paper sessions may be published in the *Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy (AEPP)* in March 2023, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using the online submission system by **Thursday, December 2, 2021**. The system will open in early November.

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.

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.

The invited papers should be completed by **Thursday, April 7, 2022**. These completed versions will be reviewed by the invited paper sessions committee, and feedback to improve the papers will be provided to the author(s). Final versions of the invited papers must be submitted to AAEA by **Wednesday, May 18, 2022**. 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 **Wednesday, August 24, 2022**.

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

Call for Abstracts

AM22 Selected Presentation Papers and Posters

AAEA seeks submissions for Selected Presentations for the 2022 AAEA Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. 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. Abstracts must be received by **Wednesday, January 18, 2022 11:59 PM CST**, and should be submitted using AAEA's online Abstract Management System. The system will open in early November.

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. Presenting author and co-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.

Tips for selecting a Subject Code for your abstract

When submitting your paper to the abstract system you will need to select a subject code. The subject code you select is the category your paper will be grouped in when being reviewed based on a common topic. If accepted, sessions are comprised of abstracts with the same subject codes. To assist you with selecting a subject code the Selected Presentations Committee created [keywords for each of the subject codes](#). We recommend you refer to the [keywords for subject codes](#) to help you determine the subject code for your submission.

Abstracts must be received by Wednesday, January 18, 2022 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 it as you would like it to appear in the program – with proper capitalization and punctuation.

Review Process

All submissions are 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 to presenters in March. Emails may be received in spam folders. Should you not find an email by mid-April, please feel free to contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Posters

Poster presenters should be available during their assigned interval during the meeting for questions and discussion. The event program and mobile app will list the poster titles, authors, locations, and presentation time. Poster presenters must submit a PDF version of their poster to the AAEA submission site by May 19, 2022 11:59 PM CST. A cover page must be included before uploading. Please prepare a Cover Page using [this template](#) and append it to your pdf file before uploading. Please keep submissions under 4 MB. AAEA will upload these posters to the AgEcon Search. Posters that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program.

Selected Paper Sessions and Lightning Sessions

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

Presenters of Selected Papers must submit a full version of their paper to the AAEA submission site by May 19, 2022 11:59 PM CST. A cover page must be included before uploading. Please prepare a Cover Page using [this template](#) and append it to your pdf file before uploading. Please keep submissions under 4 MB. AAEA will upload these papers to the AgEcon Search. Papers that miss this deadline will be withdrawn from the program. The full version of the paper has no length limitations, but less than 25 pages is preferred. Double-spaced, 8.5 by 11-inch, single-sided format is requested. Please follow the American Journal of Agricultural Economics [style guidelines](#), with the exception of the single table/figure per page convention.

Submit your Selected Presentation in the online Abstract Management System. The system will open in early November.

Call for Proposals

AM22 Track Sessions sponsored by AAEA Sections

The AAEA Executive Board invites Track Session proposals for the 2022 AAEA Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. Initial proposals need to be submitted by **Thursday, December 2, 2021**, to Samantha Bilgrien at sbilgrien@aaea.org. Final, detailed submissions associated with each session are due by **March 16, 2022**. 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 2022 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 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 Samantha Bilgrien at sbilgrien@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190 if you have any other questions about submitting or participating in a Track Session.

Call for Proposals:

AM22 Organized Symposia

AAEA seeks submissions for Organized Symposia for the 2022 AAEA Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. Proposals are due by **Wednesday, January 18, 2022**, and should be submitted using AAEA's online submission system. The system will open in early November.

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 **Thursday, May 18, 2022**.

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

Call for Proposals:

Case Studies

AAEA welcomes proposals for Case Studies for the 2022 AAEA Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA. Cases in this Invited Paper session may be published in the *Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR)* in January 2023, subject to review. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using AAEA's online submission system by **Thursday, December 2, 2021**. The system will open in early November.

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 10, 2022**.

Selected case studies (with teaching note when applicable) should be completed by **Thursday, April 7, 2022**. 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 18, 2022**. 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 18, 2022**. 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 Hattie Salzman at hsalzman@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Institute for Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (iSEE) Congress Fall 2021 – Circular Food Systems

In the eighth iSEE Congress, we are readdressing the topic of feeding the world. A major challenge for agriculture in the coming decades: providing a secure and safe supply of food, feed, and fuel to an ever-increasing human population using agricultural practices that are ecologically sustainable and adaptable to climate change.

Over a group of one-hour sessions in October and November, “Circular Food Systems” will bring together speakers and panelists from different disciplines to dive deeper into the topic. Our modified “teach-in” event will introduce the Illinois campus and community to cutting-edge thinking from highly influential scholars on advancing sustainability of our agriculture and food systems. Achieving this sustainability while continuing to increase agricultural productivity is a critical national priority. Through this conference, we aim to raise awareness of the national dialogue on sustainable agriculture and pathways for scientists, economists, and policymakers to collaborate in transitioning our agricultural system to one that reduces, reuses, and recycles waste.

In early September, with COVID-19 uncertainties still prevailing, iSEE chose to transform the Congress from in-person to online. Once the sessions have been rescheduled, please click the links within their toggles to register for each of the Zoom webinars!

The iSEE Congress is an assembly of leading national and international scientists, researchers, educators, journalists, and activists who will present the latest scientific research and community action on grand world challenges of sustainability, energy generation and conservation, and the environment.

The Fall 2021 Congress organizing committee includes iSEE Associate Director for Education & Outreach Luis Rodriguez, former iSEE Associate Director for Education & Outreach Gillen D’Arcy Wood, and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign faculty members Carl Bernacchi, Adjunct Professor of Plant Biology and USDA Agricultural Research Service Plant Physiologist; Emily Heaton, Professor of Regenerative Agriculture in the Department of Crop Sciences; Don Fullerton, Professor of Finance; Andrew Margenot, Assistant Professor of Crop Sciences; and Vijay Singh, Distinguished Professor of Bioprocessing in the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering and Director of the Integrated Bioprocessing Research Laboratory. The Oct. 27 “Transforming Food Systems for a Circular Economy” session is *co-sponsored and co-hosted by the [Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics \(C-FARE\)](#) and endorsed by the [Agricultural and Applied Economics Association \(AAEA\)](#).*

AEPP Working Collection of Articles on COVID-19

These articles will appear in an upcoming special issue on COVID-19. Articles will be added to the collection as they publish online ahead of the special issue publication in early 2021.

View the collection here: [https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/\(ISSN\)2040-5804.special-collection-on-covid-19](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/(ISSN)2040-5804.special-collection-on-covid-19)

Call for Papers**Special Issue, “Agricultural and Applied Economics and Inequity and Discrimination Faced by African Americans in the United States”***Applied Economics Perspectives and Policy*

The editors of AEPP invite authors to submit articles for a special issue on inequities and discrimination faced by African Americans in the United States related to topics within agricultural and applied economics. AEPP publishes research related to agriculture; animal, plant, and human health; energy; environment; food and consumer behavior; international development; natural hazards, natural resources; population and migration; and regional and rural development. In this Special Issue, we are particularly interested in the intersection of these topics with inequities and discrimination faced by African Americans. Possible topics for papers in this issue include, but are not limited to:

1. Implications of the Pigford v. Glickman suit and related cases on Black farmer land loss
2. Funding differences in experiment stations and extension systems between 1862 and 1890 institutions and impacts on African American outcomes related to food and agriculture
3. Evaluation of differences in intergenerational mobility of African American students between 1890 and 1862 institutions
4. Implications of agricultural land loss on present-day wealth and wealth-related disparities
5. Racial disparities, property values, and Black and white farmers in rural America
6. Disparities in federal and state funding at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions. Specifically, inequality in the distribution of funding support for research, teaching, and 4-H programs at 1890 institutions
7. Disparities by race in human capital development, income inequality, family/community resiliency, or disaster preparedness and their impacts on population and migration and/or rural and regional development, with a particular focus on the African American experience
8. Disparities by race in food security, with a particular focus on the African American experience
9. Black farmers' access to financial capital
10. Examination of alternative farm policy frameworks that continue systemic racism with government support and emergency payments. Black farmer participation levels in local food systems could be assessed in this context.

If you are interested in contributing to the special issue, please submit your paper to our online submission system by **January 16, 2022**. General instructions for submitting to AEPP can be found here. Please select that you are submitting to the Agricultural and Applied Economics and Inequity and Discrimination Faced by African Americans in the United States special issue when selecting submission type.

Composition of the Issue

1. Invited versus Open Call: The issue will contain a mix of invited papers and papers received in response to this open call.
2. Perspectives versus Original Research Papers: We are interested in publishing both perspectives articles and original research articles in this special issue.

3. Timeline: Journal submission deadline: **January 16, 2022**

Communication

Questions about the special issue including questions related to fit of potential submissions can be directed to Mindy Mallory (mllmallor@purdue.edu).

Additional Information

Certainly, African Americans in the United States are not the only group to face inequities and discrimination related to topics in agricultural and applied economics. Future special issues will be organized around inequities and discrimination faced by other groups.

Call for Papers

Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR)

Applied Economics Teaching Resources (AETR) is an online, open access, and peer-reviewed professional publication series. The aim is to provide an inclusive outlet for research, teaching and Extension education scholarship encompassing but not limited to research articles, case studies, classroom games, commentaries, experiential learning, and pedagogy. The goal is to support and advance teaching and Extension education within the scholarly areas of agricultural and applied economics, and agribusiness economics and management. AETR seeks to publish articles that are diverse in both scope and authorship. It serves as a platform for addressing and contributing to our understanding of important societal issues, including inequality and discrimination, as well as how shifts in pedagogy (e.g., growing reliance on remote and hybrid learning modalities) may impact accessibility and inclusion.

AETR encourages submissions on a wide variety of topics, including social inequality and discrimination; remote learning; hybrid learning; curriculum development; teaching innovations; classroom games; and case studies. Guidelines for submission can be found at: <https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources/aetr-manuscript-submission-guidelines>. All submissions will go through a blind peer-review process with no charge for submission or publication. You can directly submit a manuscript at: <https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources>.

Please email if you have any questions or inquiries; send to aetr.editor@gmail.com. We look forward to your submission!

Call for Papers

Special Issue on Extension Education and Teaching (AETR)

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources (AETR) is calling for manuscripts on Extension Education and Teaching methods, program and curriculum development, program delivery and impact assessment. Additionally, manuscripts which document effective methods of educating future Extension professionals are welcome, as well as those which address the current and future trends and needs in Extension economics programming.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

1. What is Extension economics today, or what is the role of Extension economics today?
2. How has Extension changed and how might Extension position itself for future success?
3. Methods papers, such as best practices in addressing new subject matter, audiences,

delivery methods, and technology/tools, etc.

4. Highlighting innovative Extension programs, their effectiveness, impacts or results for target audience(s), etc.
5. Combining Extension programs and materials with teaching and research, or vice versa.
6. Educating future Extension professionals (undergraduate students, grad students, etc.)

Special Issue Timeline

- October 15, 2021 – Paper abstracts due to special issue editors
- October 20, 2021 – Authors of accepted abstracts notified
- December 20, 2021 – Draft full papers due to editors
- April 1, 2022 – Reviews and revision requests back to authors
- May 15, 2022 – Second drafts due to editors
- May 31, 2022 – Final edit suggestions to authors and publication decision
- June 30, 2022 – Final papers due to editors
- July/August 2022 – Technical edit and formatting
- September 2022 – Full special issue publication

Abstract Submission

To have your manuscript considered for the special issue, please email an abstract of 300 words to kynda.curtis@usu.edu. The abstract should describe the overall theme/topic of the manuscript, the connection between it and Extension teaching/education (students, adults, etc.), and how it addresses one of the topics (or a related topic) listed above.

Other Information

Special Issue Editors: Dr. Kynda Curtis, Utah State University (kynda.curtis@usu.edu), Dr. Amy Hagerman, Oklahoma State University (amy.hagerman@okstate.edu), and Dr. David Ripplinger, North Dakota State University (david.ripplinger@ndsu.edu).

Full papers for accepted abstracts must be submitted through AETR online by December 20, 2021. 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.aea.org/publications/applied-economics-teachingresources/aetr-manuscript-submission-guidelines>. If you have questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors.

Call for Papers

Special Issue, “Fostering Diversity and Inclusion in Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics Classrooms and Departments”

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources is calling for manuscripts on teaching methods, curriculum development, and programs to foster diversity and inclusion in agribusiness and agricultural economics classrooms and departments. Across the academy, researchers have documented the adverse effects of racial and economic inequality, gender discrimination, stereotype enforcement, and social polarization on university students in the United States. Less has been documented about these issues within agribusiness management, agricultural economics, and related undergraduate and graduate university programs. The goal of this special issue is to further our understanding of educational inequalities for students of different economic, racial,

sexual, and cultural backgrounds. Further, we seek articles that report on classroom, department, college, or multi-institutional programs designed to foster and support students from diverse backgrounds.

The special issue will highlight instructor, department, and college-level programs and policies which have resulted in improvements or exacerbated challenges in enhancing the learning experience and outcomes for underserved and under-represented graduate or undergraduate students. The issue will inform faculty and administrators approaches to creating a safe and caring space for inclusive student learning. Authors may also report on lasting impacts of programmatic shortcomings or innovations on minority students, alumni, faculty, and the profession. We encourage research that implements the collective trauma recovery framework, weaver-leader framework, active and learner-centered pedagogy, traditional and remote classroom environments, and personal or group narratives. We welcome research papers, methods papers, case studies, or commentaries. Authors may employ qualitative, quantitative, or mixed methods approaches in researching both shortcomings and successes of programs.

Special Issue Editors: Dr. Mariah Ehmke, University of Wyoming (mariah.ehmke@uwyo.edu), and Dr. Kenrett Jefferson Moore, North Carolina A & T University (jykenret@ncat.edu).

Submissions will be accepted for the special issue through **December 31, 2021**. We encourage submissions sooner to be able to help readers benefit from accepted submission. All articles will go through a double-blind peer review process and be available online via Advanced Access for readers once accepted.

Manuscript submissions can be made on the AETR submission page at: <https://www.aea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources>. Please read and follow submission guidelines. When submitting the manuscript, make sure to select the “Special Issue” option upon submission. If you have any questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors. Questions about the review process and submission to AETR can be made to editor at aetr.editor@gmail.com.

Government Relations & Washington Update

October 2021

FY 2022 Appropriations Update

On September 30th, the Congress sent a Continuing Resolution to President Biden that would avoid a government shutdown. Biden signed the legislation, which funds the government through December 3rd, giving Congress some additional time to complete work on appropriations for fiscal year 2022. Congress is also continuing to debate raising the debt ceiling, investing in infrastructure and advancing a budget reconciliation package that would invest up to \$3.5 trillion in a wide variety of programs.

Below is a summary of key accounts within the agriculture appropriations bill and how they currently stand in the House and Senate versions:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FY2021 FINAL</u>	<u>FY 2022 House</u>	<u>FY 2022 Senate</u>
▪ ERS	\$85.5 million	\$88.6 million	\$90.8 million
▪ NASS	\$183.9 million	\$189.2 million	\$191.6 million
▪ AGARDA	\$0	\$2 million	\$0
▪ ARS Salaries and Expenses	\$1.491 billion	\$1.637 billion	\$1.675 billion

▪ ARS Buildings and Facilities	\$35.7 million	\$126.5 million	\$45.4 million
▪ Hatch	\$259 million	\$265 million	\$275 million
▪ AFRI	\$435 million	\$450 million	\$445 million
▪ Smith Lever	\$315 million	\$320 million	\$330 million

Agriculture Research Included in House Version of \$3.5 Trillion Budget Reconciliation Package

President Biden has proposed \$3.5 trillion in a broad spectrum of investments to advance his priorities. The House has begun work on filling out their version of the sweeping package and House committees have met to approve the provisions under their respective jurisdictions. The House Agriculture Committee has approved the investment of over \$65 billion to support agricultural research, rural development and forestry. The [package](#) would invest \$7.75 billion in agricultural research to advance the American food and agriculture system's global competitiveness, innovation, infrastructure, food security, equity, and climate change resilience.

Highlights of the research investments include:

- \$3.65 billion Infrastructure through the Research Facilities Act
- \$100 million Research Equipment Grants
- \$380 million AGARDA (Agriculture Advanced Research & Development Authority)
- \$540 million Foundation for Food & Agriculture Research (FFAR)
- \$500 million Agriculture & Food Research Initiative (AFRI)
- \$500 million Sustainable Ag Research & Education (SARE)
- \$20 million Agriculture Genome to Phenome Initiative
- \$200 million OREI (Organic Research & Extension Initiative)
- \$600 million Smith-Lever (Extension)
- \$126 million Extension –1890s
- \$40 million Extension –1994s
- \$45 million Economic Research Service (ERS)
- \$14 million National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS)
- \$16 million Office of the Chief Economist

While these potential investments in agricultural research are very encouraging, the outlook for the budget reconciliation remains unclear. Some Senate Democrats have expressed concerns about the overall price of the \$3.5 trillion package. Because the Senate is evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, it would require all Democrats to support the package to ensure passage. As a result, leaders in the House and Senate are currently negotiating how to move forward. If the size of the budget reconciliation package is decreased, it is unclear what impact that would have on the agriculture section.

Other News

Call for Paper Proposals NCCC-134

The NCCC-134 Committee on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management will host its 2022 Conference on April 25-26, 2022 at the Holiday Inn St. Louis --- Downtown Conv Ctr, St. Louis, Missouri.

General Topics

Proposed papers should emphasize applied research. We encourage papers on commodity price forecasting, farm and agribusiness risk management, futures and options markets, as well as price analysis problems or issues. Please submit work that will be completed by April 2022 on these and the following topics in commodity markets:

- Supply, demand, and price behavior
- Improved forecasting methods
- Improved risk management procedures
- Futures and options markets

Proposal Format

Submit a two-page (double spaced) prospectus which contains the following.

1. Statement of the problem
2. Data and empirical procedures
3. Research objectives
4. Likely results and practical implications

Proposals SHOULD NOT IDENTIFY AUTHORS to protect their anonymity in the review process. Proposals should be Adobe Acrobat files (pdf) and the file names should not contain author names. An example proposal is posted at our website (<http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/nccc134/submissions.html>).

Submission Procedure

Authors should submit their proposals through online submission system by following that e link <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/NCCC1342022>. Submissions must be made by November 15, 2021.

1. If you have not submitted through this system in the past, you will need to create a user account by clicking the "Registration" tab in the online system.
2. After you log in to the system, click "+ Create new submission" in the Author Console.
3. Enter the title of your proposal.
4. The section "AUTHORS" should list your e-mail address, Name, Organization, and Country.
5. To add more authors, please enter the e-mail address of your co-author and click "+ Add." Fill in the fields to provide the name, organization, and country of your co-author and click "+ Add." Repeat this process to add more co-authors.
6. To upload your proposal click "Upload from Computer" and select the file.
7. Click "Submit."

Submission Decisions

Screening committee will notify all submitting authors of their decision **in December 2021**. Successful authors must complete and submit their research presentation by April 18, 2022. Completed manuscripts are due on June 1, 2022 for digital publication.

See you in 2022!

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