

President's Column

October 2022

We are deep in the busy season: classes, extension programming, grant applications, reviews, papers, and the list seems endless. In the midst of all of this busyness, I hope you find time for rest and reflection. Of course, we have deadlines and people waiting on us; we have personal goals to attain. However, it does not matter if we cannot care for our families, communities, and ourselves. In caring for ourselves, we can care for others.

In my presidential address, I asked the membership to consider how we can engage in justice work in our research, teaching, extension programming, and service. My hope is for us to find ways to use our work to uplift communities that have been underserved and marginalized both locally and in distant lands. Economics is a powerful tool. We can use it to do justice work. Folks working in developing countries to understand food prices and develop effective interventions for farmers and consumers are doing justice work. Colleagues who research food security policies or programs to support are doing justice work. Addressing climate change, expanding rural opportunities, and promoting effective and less distortionary policies are all examples of how we work toward justice. These examples reflect a small subset of the work that we do. Our position, context, and history can and should shape the justice work that we are to do. However, I challenge us to move beyond our current positions to see opportunities to collaborate with communities.

We must engage communities to understand their needs and share our skills. By stopping and listening to our stakeholders, especially new and underserved ones, we can begin the collaborative work that builds capacity and leads to lasting change. Similarly, we must also engage policymakers to engage in this justice work. One example of this engagement was the recent [White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health](#) (see [memo for the White House Conference](#)).

In the development of the Conference, we had members of the AAEA engage in listening sessions. We also had the Food Safety and Nutrition (FSN) section lead the development of a statement to the Conference about our food and nutrition policy work. Alessandro Bonanno, Kathryn Boys, and Travis Smith hosted a membership discussion and developed a statement we shared with the Conference. I am grateful for the thoughtful work of the FSN section in sharing this statement with the Conference. Additional thanks to Lowell Randel of the Randel Group and AAEA Government Relations Representative for supporting this effort.

Beyond our work with policymakers and communities, we need to share our insights and findings. Our next opportunity to engage each other's research is the [Allied Social Sciences Association](#) (ASSA) 2023 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, January 6–8. We have six sessions that cover topics from trade, climate, development, resources, and food retail. In different ways, these sessions reflect various paths to justice work. Thank you to the organizers and participants of the sessions at the ASSA. Your efforts help keep AAEA engaged in the



discussions at the ASSA. The meeting will be in person, with limited options for participants with health concerns. Unfortunately, no Zoom option is available for remote audiences.

We are preparing for the AAEA 2023 Annual meeting. Because sections are critical to the functioning of the meeting and the association, the AAEA Board looks to the sections to develop track sessions for the meetings. We have begun working with the section leaders on the allocation of sessions. As section leaders begin their deliberations of the sessions, please reach out to Kristen McGuire, AAEA Executive Director, or me for support. If you have not joined a [section](#), I encourage you to join at least one when [rejoining](#) the AAEA. The sections are important ways to connect to the other AAEA members, engage colleagues who work on related topics like you, and present papers in track sessions. Beyond the track sessions, AAEA members can submit abstracts for selected paper and poster sessions, which is another way to participate in the annual meetings. We will share information about submitting abstracts for selected papers and other sessions soon.

As we press toward the end of the year, I wish you rest and success in your endeavors. In your work, I hope that you heed the call to do the work of justice.

Norbert Wilson
AAEA President

AAEA News

Heading South Award

AARES and the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust jointly offer this travel award to facilitate the attendance of one AAEA or AARES member normally resident in North America at the AARES Annual Conference in February the following year in order to:

- facilitate contact and discussion among those studying problems or extending knowledge of agricultural and resource economics in Australia and North America
- stimulate comparative analysis and discussion of policies and programmes affecting primary industries, resources and the environment in both regions
- encourage co-operation with scientific and other organizations and institutions engaged in similar or related activities in Australia and North America.

Award recipients must attend and present a paper at the conference.

AARES will provide a grant of US\$1,500 to substantially reimburse the winner for conference registration, attendance at the Conference Dinner and other social events at the Conference, and accommodation for the duration of the conference. AAEA will provide a further grant of US\$1,500 to substantially meet the costs of a return economy class airfare to the conference.

Applicants must be members of AARES or AAEA and normally resident in North America. For more information about this award, please click [here](#).

Submit your application to office@ares.org.au by **November 15, 2022**.

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 a diverse group of applicants at the full professor level (or equivalent) by the start of the appointment for two co-editors to be appointed to replace current co-editors Amy Ando and Marc Bellemare for a four-year term beginning in January 2024. Each co-editor handles approximately one-fourth of the submitted manuscripts and makes independent editorial decisions on these submissions. The degree to which candidate's expertise complements that of continuing editors Jill McCluskey and Jesse Tack 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 2023. The new editors should be prepared to begin the transition process at the 2023 AAEA Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., July 23–25, 2023 and expect to be fully engaged in editorial duties by January 1, 2024. Interested candidates can consult the journal website for information on the journal at: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14678276>.

Please note that all editors need to maintain their AAEA membership throughout their service to the journal.

Applications

Applications should include:

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

Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Kristen McGuire, Executive Director, at kmcguire@aaea.org by **November 30, 2022**. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

AETR Call for Papers

Special Issue on Educational Materials About Industry and Market Developments

Applied Economics and Teaching Resources is calling for manuscripts that fit into Extension Education, Case Studies, and Interdisciplinary Narratives relating to innovative and impactful ways of:

- Communicating industry and market developments,
- Evaluating the delivery of government and private program educational training and how methods affect delivery and impact, and
- Training and learning methodologies in industry and non-governmental organizations.

New industry developments, the rollout of new government programs, applied economists' roles in educational programs led by producer interest groups, new models to deliver and assess one-on-one training sessions, and similar educational or extension initiatives are often not documented in the agricultural and applied economics literature due to a lack of hypothesis testing, statistical rigour, or theoretical foundations. Nevertheless, the AETR readership values sharing and communicating technical developments for enhancing learning and elevating training effectiveness for government program rollout and implementation, for communicating market and industry reports, and for methods to assess successes and failures of efforts to support programs and initiatives in government and industry. Such articles and information about educational methods and learning effectiveness may serve as models for adoption and modification by future industry, government and NGO members and serve as tools in the classroom for educational purposes.

Potential topics for this special issue include, but are not limited to:

1. Methods used to communicate new technologies or services to target audiences and measurement of educational success/failure, including how stakeholder targeting, reception, interaction with stakeholders, and barriers to information transfer affect learning and teaching effectiveness. Specific examples or general approaches are welcome.
2. Case studies of technical training related to improved agricultural production, with descriptions of audiences, trainers, delivery methods, learning objectives, and educational outcomes. Innovative approaches to interdisciplinary training methods are particularly welcome.
3. Examples of information and knowledge transfer of government programs supporting agriculture and the agri-food industry, including short-term COVID programs that emerged over the last 2 years. Details of interest could include program learning objectives, training needs and methods, and measurement of teaching effectiveness when measured in terms of interest/adoption and impact.
4. Industry case studies or reports describing the roadmap/ pathway/educational process starting post-discovery of product (e.g., irrigation technology, hemp, vaccines) or service (e.g., drone monitoring, online marketing platforms) to commercialization and market launch, including educational efforts targeting regulatory barriers, how enablers can learn to better facilitate adoption, and government support for training.
5. Industry and market case studies on how to educate about market trends and innovations, particularly if there are classroom teaching or Extension notes/assessments.
6. Extension programs and narratives describing audience, objectives and delivery, tools, and measures of success. For example, this could be an outlet for recent graduate student Extension competition finalists to publish their work.

We expect this special issue will be of broad interest to agriculture and agri-food industry stakeholders, including producers, agribusiness managers, producer support groups, input providers, processors, local to federal government agencies, and extension personnel. Students and educators of agricultural and applied economics, agribusiness economics and management and related agri-food disciplines interested in knowledge and information transfer will also be interested in this special edition.

The special issue will have a guest co-editor Dr. David Hall (dchall@ucalgary.ca) at the University of Calgary in addition to the AETR Editor, Dr. Jason Bergtold (bergtold@ksu.edu).

Special Issue Timeline:

If you are interested in making a submission to the special issue, please submit a 300 word abstract to Dr. David Hall (dchall@ucalgary.ca) and Dr. Jason Bergtold (bergtold@ksu.edu) by December 31, 2022 at the latest. The abstract should describe the overall theme/topic of the manuscript, how it relates to the special issue call, and how it can be used for educational purposes. Your abstract will be reviewed once submitted and you will then be informed if you will be invited to submit a submission to the special issue.

Full papers for accepted abstracts must be submitted through AETR online by **March 31, 2023**. 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-teaching-resources/aetr-manuscript-submission-guidelines>. If you have questions about the special issue, please email the special issue editors.

Choices Magazine Call for Articles Choices Themes, Single Articles, and Data Visualizations

The AAEA welcomes proposals for themes, and data visualizations and individual articles to be published in *Choices* Magazine.

Choices, a free, online-only publication, is the principal outreach vehicle of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA). *Choices* articles broadly communicate the results of quality economic analysis applied to issues and challenges faced by public and private sector decision makers in ways that enhance public understanding of and appreciation for the work of agricultural economists.

While *Choices* articles are based on economic concepts, the information should be presented in the context of a policy issue without using economic jargon. Articles must be written so they are easily understood by a general-interest audience.

Choices editors are looking for three types of submissions:

- Proposals for thematic groupings of papers,
- Individual articles on any food, farm, resource or rural community issue, and
- Data Visualizations.

All manuscripts are subject to peer review for publication consideration.

Theme groupings of papers allow for in-depth coverage of important topics and showcase the different perspectives of agricultural economics analyses. To submit a proposal for theme-based articles, please complete the [Theme Proposal submission form](#). Submitted articles must be prepared according to the [Manuscript Style Guidelines](#).

Single articles provide an opportunity to address timely and important relevant issues or to present new aspects of established issues. Please complete the [Individual Article submission form](#) and follow the guidelines for preparing articles for the review process. Submitted articles must be prepared according to the [Manuscript Style Guidelines](#).

Data Visualizations are appropriate when an author would like to share imagery of an issue that is a timely and important topic based on sound economics and logic. Infographics will be reviewed and published at the discretion of the editor. Please follow the [guidelines for preparing infographics](#) for the review process.

Submissions may occur any time. Reviewed and accepted Choices material is compiled into quarterly issues. Subscribers and AAEA members are notified of new material through email announcements and social media postings.

If you have any questions about submitting to Choices Magazine, please contact the editors: Alison Davis at Alison.Davis@uky.edu.

Government Relations & Washington Update

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AAEA Joins Coalition Letter in Support of Agricultural Research Funding

On September 30th, Congress cleared a short-term funding bill that was signed by President Biden, averting a government shutdown. The bill, which extends fiscal year 2022 funding levels through December 16th, passed with bipartisan support in the House and Senate. The continuing resolution give Congress additional time to reconcile differences between House and Senate spending proposals.

AAEA has joined with coalition partners in sending a letter urging Congress to provide strong support for agricultural research in the final fiscal year 2023 spending package. The letter requests that Congress provide \$1.768 billion for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture Research (NIFA) as recommended in the House Agriculture Appropriations bill and \$1.922 billion for the Agricultural Research Service (ARS) as recommended in the Senate Agriculture Appropriations bill. The letter also highlights specific program requests including:

- \$500 million in funding for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) as recommended in the House Agriculture Appropriations bill.
- \$2 million in funding for the Research Facilities Act (RFA) as recommended in the House Appropriations Minibus bill.
- Provide at least \$2 million in funding for the Agriculture Advanced Research and Development Authority (AgARDA) as recommended in the House Agriculture Appropriations bill.

AAEA also supports the Senate proposed levels for the Economic Research Service (\$96 million) and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (\$213.5 million), which would provide higher levels of funding than the House passed version.

White House Holds Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, Health

On September 28th, the Biden Administration hosted the [White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health](#). AAEA has been actively engaged with the White House throughout the planning process, participating in stakeholder listening sessions and providing detailed written comments in the lead-up to the event. The conference focused on five pillars: 1. Improve food access and affordability, 2. Integrate nutrition and health, 3. Empower all consumers to make and have access to healthy choices, 4. Support physical activity for all, and 5. Enhance nutrition and food security research.

In conjunction with the conference the Administration has released [a National Strategy](#) with actions the federal government will take to drive solutions to these challenges. Of particular interest is the section on

Pillar 5: Enhance Nutrition and Food Security Research. The National Strategy calls for improving nutrition metrics, data collection, and research to inform nutrition and food security policy, particularly on issues of equity, access, and disparities. The Biden Administration is committing to developing innovative, inclusive, impactful, and science-based, policy solutions to address nutrition and food insecurity. The federal government spends approximately \$2 billion on nutrition research each year, primarily through HHS National Institutes of Health (NIH). However, there are still gaps in the scientific understanding of nutrition and health. To expand nutrition, health, and food security research efforts and ensure equitable opportunity for marginalized groups to realize the benefits of research, the Administration is proposing to:

- Bolster nutrition research funding to support evidence-based policies
- Implement a coordinated federal vision for advancing nutrition science.
- Ensure diversity and inclusion in nutrition, health, and food security research.
- Expand and diversify the nutrition science workforce
- Invest in creative new approaches to advance research regarding the prevention and treatment of diet-related diseases.
- Bolster data collection to better identify trends.
- Evaluate federal assistance programs and innovative models to understand impact and areas for improvement and scalability.
- Better understand the SDOH to help achieve health equity.
- Research the intersection of climate change, food security, and nutrition.

AAEA will continue to engage with the White House and relevant agencies as implementation of the National Strategy moves forward.

Other News

IAAE Interconference Symposium SECOND CALL for Abstracts

The Argentinean, Chilean, and Uruguayan Agricultural Economics Associations along with the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) are delighted to invite you to the 2nd Inter-Conference Symposium, the 6to Congreso Regional de Economía Agraria and the 1st Latin-American Workshop on Productivity and Efficiency. These joint Meetings will take place on April 19–21, 2023, in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The overall theme is: “THE ROLE OF THE AGRIBUSINESS SECTOR IN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIES.” However, Abstracts focusing on broader agricultural economics, sustainability and productivity topics are welcome.

This collaborative effort seeks to provide an expanded regional network for agricultural economists from all over Latin America focusing on the sustainable development of our rural economies. Providing a platform for discussion, exchange, and networking, we are seeking to strengthen the profession throughout the region. The regional associations of agricultural economics in collaboration with the IAAE, invite all their members to submit abstracts. We plan to publish a special issue of *Agribusiness: An International Journal* with a selection of the best papers presented focusing on agribusiness topics.

The recently formed International Society for Efficiency and Productivity Analysis (ISEAPA), affiliated with the *Journal of Productivity Analysis (JPA)*, also encourages its Founding Members and regular membership to

participate in these meetings. The authors of the best papers presented related to Latin American efficiency and productivity will be invited by ISEAPA to submit a paper for possible publication in a Special issue of the JPA.

The abstract submission site opened on August 1st, 2022, and the deadline for reception will be November 15, 2022. However, Young Professionals applying for partial support need to submit no later than November 10th, 2022. The link for abstract submission is on the website.

For any questions, please contact the organizers via email here: iaae.montevideo2020uy@gmail.com

A link to the Conference website with additional information can be found here: <http://iaae-montevideo2020.com/>

We are delighted to announce our two confirmed keynotes lectures.

Call for Papers

Tata-Cornell Institute for Agricultural and Nutrition (TCI)

In celebration of its 10th anniversary, the Tata-Cornell Institute for Agriculture and Nutrition (TCI) is holding a [two-day conference](#) on the nexus between food, environment, and health. The conference will be held at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, from May 10–12, 2023. It is aimed at bringing together scholars working at the broader intersection of food, the environment, and health with cutting-edge methods and novel datasets to further our understanding of future food system challenges around the world.

The changing demand for food—influenced by and influencing the environment and ecosystem—with its nutritional and health implications, is increasingly becoming the most important challenge facing the global food systems. There is a greater need for more robust evidence on these complex interlinkages.

TCI invites extended abstracts (2,000 words or less) describing proposed research papers on the interrelated issues of food security, nutrition, the environment, and health. Submitted abstracts should clearly delineate the research question, data, and methods. We are particularly interested in quantitative research that uses novel datasets, and rigorous quantitative methods, from across developed and developing countries.

Please submit extended abstracts to tc-conference@cornell.edu with the subject “Conference Abstract.” Abstracts should be submitted no later than **December 7, 2022**. Applicants whose abstracts are accepted will be notified by December 21, 2022, and invited to present their full papers at the conference.

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The abstract submission site will open August 1, 2022, and the deadline for reception will be **October 31, 2022**. However, Young Professionals applying for partial support need to submit no later than October 15, 2022.

A link to our website with additional information will be sent out soon, along with the Second Call for contributed Abstracts.

Note: The original Abstracts, or an updated version if preferred, submitted for the 2020 Montevideo symposium can be resubmitted.

Food Distribution Research Society

The Food Distribution Research Society invites submissions of Research Reports, Research Updates, and Outreach Writing for its 2022 Annual Conference. The Annual Conference will be held concurrently with the [National Agricultural Marketing Summit](#) in Pensacola, FL from October 22–25, 2022. For more information, please visit the FDRS website: <https://www.fdrsinc.org/>

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AAEA has zero tolerance for, and prohibits any type of, discrimination or harassment, including sexual harassment, either within the organization, at professional meetings, in the field, or anywhere professional activities are conducted under the aegis of the AAEA.

View the [policy](#) here.