

AAEA News

Upcoming Track Sessions & Workshops, Organized Symposiums

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Register for a Track Session, Organized Symposium or Workshop by clicking on the Title.

Date	Time (CDT)	Event Title
October 16	1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Challenges and Opportunities for Agricultural Economists the Agribusiness
October 26	7:30 am – 2:00 pm	Handbook of Agricultural Economics
October 27	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Hemp: Identifying issues across the value chain
October 29	7:30 am – 2:00 pm	Handbook of Agricultural Economics Session 2

Previously Recorded Virtual Meeting Sessions

Date	Section(s)	Event Title
September 30	---	How can regional and rural development economists be more effective about informing public policy?
September 18	---	Measuring the Retail Food Environment and Analyzing Its Effects on Consumers
September 15	CRENET Track	Community & Regional Economics Extension: Searching for Sustainability
September 2	---	Hemponomics: What Does the Dismal Science Have to Say About the Emerging Trends in US Hemp Market?
September 1	---	Extension Grad Student Competition PART 1 – Molly DelCurto Extension Grad Student Competition PART 2 – Jose Enrique Velasco Extension Grad Student Competition PART 3 – Katie Wilts
August 31	EXECON/IBES Track	New Trends in Experimental and Behavioral Economics – 2020 Edition
August 28	COSBAE/CWAE Track	Mentoring Initiatives Research Presentations
August 20	---	Job Market Candidate Showcase
August 19	GSS Track	Navigating Stress, Diversity, and Inclusion in Agricultural Economics
August 18	1. CRENET Track 2. CWAE & EXECON Track 3. ---	1. Impacts of Rural Broadband, Broadband Policies and Programs 2. Behavior in the Commons: Evidence from Experimental Economics on Risk and Social Preferences 3. Climate Change and Agriculture's Response
August 17	---	Economic and Environmental Implications of Biofuels

August 14	EXT & ARA Track	Crop Insurance: Monitoring and Managing Agricultural Risk During the Growing Season
August 12	1. --- 2. EXECON, Econometrics, & International Track	1. Capacity for Food-Energy-Water Integrated Research 2. Ulysses' Pact of Ulysses' Raft: Using Pre-analysis Plans in Experimental and Non-experimental Research
Date	Section(s)	Event Title
August 11	--- ---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2020 Fellows Address ○ 2020 Galbraith Forum
August 10	---	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2020 Gordon Rausser Keynote Address ○ 2020 Presidential Address ○ 2020 AAEA Awards and Fellows Recognition Ceremony
August 6	TLC & GSS Track	Teaching Tips from AAEA Award Winners and Panel Discussion
August 5	ENV & TLC Lighting Session	Innovations in Teaching Environmental and Resource Economics

Congratulations to the 2020 Extension Graduate Student Competition Winners!

The winners:

1. First Place: **Katie Wilts**, University of Minnesota. Mentor: Joleen Hadrach
2. Second Place: **Molly DelCurto**, Montana State University. Mentor: Kate Fuller
3. Third Place: **Jose Enrique Velasco Ortiz**, Purdue University. Mentor: Ariana Torres

Honorable mention:

- **Elena Chin**, University of Arizona. Mentor: Russell Tronstad

Congratulations to the 2020 AEM-GSS Graduate Student Case Study Competition Winners!

- Kansas State University (Bailey Hinkle, Devin Brand)
- Colorado State University (Hailey Edmonson, Marissa Lee, and Kashyap Pratyooosh)
- University of Illinois (Jou-Han Tsay, Joel Tansey, Margaret Cornel)

2021 AAEA Mentoring Research Workshop

Rescheduled dates: May 26-28, 2021

Chicago, IL with a Registration Fee: \$40

All previously submitted applications will be held for the new May dates. We will also accept additional applications.

The objective of this workshop is mentor junior faculty (less than 5 years) to transition to agricultural and applied economic departments by providing an orientation to expectations for research, teaching and outreach, and to develop effective strategies for success. The workshop will focus on constructively criticizing research in progress. Mentoring will include networking, information about the profession, and discussion of current research trends and topic areas.

Mentees will be divided into small groups assigned to one or more mentors. Small group sessions will involve short research presentation by each mentee followed by feedback on their research by the group.

To apply for this workshop, submit a 250-word description of motivations for participating and desires for learning outcomes via email to mannen@aaea.org. If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen.

All events will take place at:

[University Club of Chicago](#)

76 East Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603

The Hotel Room Block has been secured at:

The Palmer House a Hilton Hotel

17 East Monroe Street
Chicago, IL 60603

Reservation link

<https://book.passkey.com/go/AAEAMRW2021>

Room Rate: \$179, Or call reservations at (877) 865-5321
and refer to group code: AAEA

Hearing the Diverse Voices of AAEA webinar

We invite you to join us for the very first Hearing the Diverse Voices of AAEA webinar. Our selected panelists will be sharing their unique stories about their professional journeys including their career path and experiences. Our purpose with this webinar is to provide mentees a chance to connect with potential mentors and highlight the importance of being prepared for opportunities and seizing opportunities to learn. We encourage you or anybody you know to join us for this interactive webinar via Zoom.

Please note that in order to access the Zoom meeting, it is required to enter the passcode provided below. To call into the Zoom meeting via phone, you may find your local number here:

<https://ncat.zoom.us/j/96670581749?pwd=OUFyeU1XTzJhYWVhVcjJZdjhZTlk0Zz09>.

When: Monday, October 19, 3:30 – 5:00 pm (EDT)

Zoom link: <https://ncat.zoom.us/j/96670581749?pwd=OUFyeU1XTzJhYWVhVcjJZdjhZTlk0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 966 7058 1749 **Passcode:** 351701

Agenda: Each panelist will be given approximately 8 minutes to share their story with additional time for Q&A

Facilitator: Kathleen Liang, *North Carolina A&T State University*

Panelists:

- Madhu Khanna, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*
- Titus Awokuse, *Michigan State University*
- Jeffrey O'Hara, *USDA – Agricultural Marketing Service*
- Yoko Kusunose, *University of Kentucky*
- David Zilberman, *University of California, Berkeley*

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. Receive proposal 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,

- reach out 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 Keith Coble at coble@agecon.msstate.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, 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.

Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file by **Thursday, October 15, 2020**, 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 2021 Board Meeting.

Proposals should be submitted to Kristen McGuire, AAEA Executive Director, via e-mail at kmcquire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen or Keith.

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 **Thursday, October 15, 2020**.

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

Submit applications in a single space, 12 Font Size, 1" margins, and PDF format to Kristen McGuire, AAEA Executive Director, at kmcguire@aaea.org. Failure to provide any of the required components of the application package will result in its rejection.

Uma Lele AERA India/AAEA Mentorship Program Call for Applications

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 is 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

Submit applications in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org by **Thursday, October 15, 2020**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship Call for Applications

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 2021 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 **Thursday, October 15, 2020**.

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

Submit Applications in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire, at kmcguire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Call for Applications

McCorkle Scholarship Applications

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2021 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 **Thursday, October 15, 2020**.

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 Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award Call For Applications

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 2021. 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

Submit applications in a single PDF format to Kristen McGuire at kmcguire@aaea.org by **Thursday, October 15, 2020**. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Call for Proposals:

Pre- and Post-conference Workshops for AAEA 2021 Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops at the 2021 AAEA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX. The deadline for proposals is **Thursday, December 3**. 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 are 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 31, and Wednesday, August 4**)

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](https://www.aaea.org/meetings) available on the AAEA website, <https://www.aaea.org/meetings> by Thursday, December 3.

If you plan to request funds from the [AAEA Trust for the workshop](#), Trust proposals are due October 15, 2020.

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

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 for two editors to be appointed for a four-year term, beginning in January 2022. Each 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 the continuing editors, Amy Ando and Marc Bellemare, 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 2021. The new editors should be prepared to begin the transition process at the 2021 AAEA Annual Meeting in Austin, TX, August 1–3, 2021 and expect to be fully engaged in editorial duties by January 1, 2022. 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:

- 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),
- 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, 2020**. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

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 on 'Replications in Agricultural Economics' in AEPP

An important quality characteristic of scientific research is that it is falsifiable and replicable. If findings from scientific articles are not replicable or are not attempted to be falsified, this renders conclusions less reliable. This is especially relevant in the field of agricultural economics research, where scientific results are frequently used to design or modify policies. Replication studies offer the potential to gain new insights from answering previously answered research questions by (1) applying the same or similar methods to other data sets or (2) applying alternative or more appropriate (new) methods to existing data sets or modeling frameworks. This contributes to the assessment of the robustness of earlier research findings

We invite submissions to a special issue on 'Replications in Agricultural Economics' in the journal Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy (AEPP). With this special issue, we aim to initiate a new research stream in agricultural economics and foster the use of replication as structural element of our discipline.

The primary purpose of a replication is to confirm the validity of a study previously published in a leading journal in the field of agricultural economics. We consider replications of all types of articles, e.g., econometric analysis, experimental work, as well as, optimization and simulation models. Considered replication studies shall preferably consist of two parts:

In the first part, key findings from the original study shall be reproduced. This should be based on a data set, experiment, or model that is identical to the original study. If the original results cannot be exactly reproduced, then the replicating researcher is required to contact the original author to reconcile any differences. All communication (emails etc.) on this exchange should be submitted to the journal.

In the second part, further robustness checks on the above generated findings shall be provided. This can include, for example, alternative variable specifications, new (more recent, from another context etc.) data, an alternative experimental set-up, alternative estimation procedures, other optimization or simulation models,

or other specifications of these models. Authors need to clarify how the presented analysis constitutes a replication of previous research.

If the experimental instructions, data sets or models that were used in the replicated study are unavailable, researchers should use experimental instructions, data sets or models that are as similar as possible to those in the replicated study (as substitute for the first part) and then apply a broad range of robustness checks in the second part.

Both confirming and disconfirming replications will be published. The main criterion for assessment of the replication is a high standard of the methodological approach and clarity. Replication articles are full-length articles. Multiple replications of an original article by different replicating authors can be published.

A two-tier selection procedure will be used for this special issue: First, researchers who are interested in contributing to the special issue shall submit a short (ca. 2 pages) concept note describing the envisioned content and approach by January 15, 2021. The guest editors will provide feedback on the submitted concept notes to support researchers, as well as, to enable an efficient submission process.

Full papers need to be submitted by January 15, 2022.¹ After an editorial pre-screening, the submitted papers will be sent to the original author(s) asking for feedback AND sent to at least one guest editor and one anonymous reviewer (which can be the author of another replication study for the special issue) for reviews. The guest editors will accept the paper for publication in the special issue if the analyses are conducted with methodological rigor, the analysis and the results are presented in a clear (and reproducible) way, and the paper is in line with the originally submitted concept note and the guest editors' feedback on the concept note. If the decision is to publish, the original author(s) are invited to submit a new reply in response to the final revised version which will be published as well if it is written in a clear and factual way. Detailed instructions for preparing and submitting concept notes are given on the following page. Instructions for the full papers will be sent along with the feedback on the concept notes.

Guest editors are Robert Finger, ETH Zürich, Switzerland; Carola Grebitus, Arizona State University, USA; and Arne Henningsen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

If the COVID-19 pandemic continues for a longer period of time and, thus, prevents researchers from conducting or replicating lab experiments or surveys, an extension of the submission deadline will be considered.

AAEA at ASSA 2021

2021 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting will be VIRTUAL

Given recent events, continued uncertainties, current meeting/travel restrictions related to the potential spread of COVID-19, and the rising number of cases, we regret to announce that the Association's leadership has made the difficult decision not to hold the [2021 ASSA Annual Meeting](#) in person. The safety risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic has made it impossible to plan, prepare for, and hold an in-person event as expected.

While not holding an in-person meeting will diminish the reunions, receptions, and other networking opportunities that occur in a face to face setting, the AEA is excited to announce that preparations are underway for a **VIRTUAL 2021 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting**. Session and paper submissions have been strong and we are currently curating a program that will be both interesting and stimulating – especially in the times through which we are living. The virtual meeting will be held on January 3 – 5, 2021 as planned and will include the usual offering of over 500 scientific sessions. Registration will open in September and the registration fee will be set to cover the costs of holding the virtual meeting. Stay tuned for more details at <https://www.aeaweb.org/conference/>.

This has been a unprecedented year and the AEA leadership believes that, despite the departure from normal circumstances, we will continue to have an engaging and successful 2021 AEA/ASSA Meeting. We look forward to seeing you in person in 2022 when we will be together again in Boston.

If you have any questions, please email ASSA@vanderbilt.edu.

AAEA Sessions

Sunday, January 3

[The COVID-19 Pandemic: Insights from Agricultural Economists](#) (A1)

12:15 PM – 2:15 PM (EST)

Chair: Craig Gundersen, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

[Contracting in Agriculture](#) (A1)

3:45 PM – 5:45 PM (EST)

Chair: Clark Lundberg, San Diego State University

Monday, January 4

[Big Data and Near-Real-Time Monitoring of Food Emergencies](#) (A1)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (EST)

Chair: Rob Vos, International Food Policy Research Institute

[Food Quality Inspection, Certification, and Disclosure](#) (A1)

3:45 PM – 5:45 PM (EST)

Chair: John Bovay, Virginia Tech

Tuesday, January 5

[The Impact of COVID-19 on Rural Economies](#) (A1)

12:15 PM – 2:15 PM (EST)

Chair: Heather Stephens, West Virginia University

People Section

Alabama A&M University

- Honorary Position: **Duncan M. Chembezi**, USDA Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers through 2022, Small Farms Research Center, Alabama A&M University

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

- Appointment Change: **Sean Hurley**, Interim Department Head

University of Connecticut

- New Appointments: **Kimberly Rollins**, Department Head and **Cristina Connolly**, Assistant Professor
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Jeremy Jelliffe**, Ph.D., Agricultural Economist, USDA; **Thomas Krumel**, Ph.D., Agricultural Economist, USDA; **Timothy Murray**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Virginia Military Institute; **Anwasha Chakraborti**, Postdoc Researcher, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Italy
- Retirement: **Robert Pomeroy**, 18 years of service
- Visitors: **Saiwei Li**, Visiting Graduate Student, China Agricultural University, October 1, 2019–October 1, 2020; **Won iL Kim**, Director General of the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency, Republic of Korea, December 30, 2019–December 29, 2020

University of Guelph

- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Yong Liu**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University

International Food Policy Research Institute

- New appointments: **A Myintzu**, Research Analyst; **Abdallah Cisse**, Research Analyst; **Hongdi Zhao**, Research Analyst
- Award: **Johan Swinnen**, European Association of Agricultural Economists, Book of the Year 2019

Kansas State University

- New Appointments: **Logan Britton**, Assistant Professor; **Jennifer Ifft**, Associate Professor
- Awards: **Edward Perry**, AAEA, Quality of Research Discovery Award, 2020; **Nelson Villoria**, AAEA, Quality of Research Discovery Award (Honorable Mention), 2020

University of Maryland

- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Tihitina Andarge**, Ph.D., Post–Doc Research Associate, University of Massachusetts Amherst

University of Missouri

- Appointment Change: **Corinne Valdivia**, Interim Co–Director, Cambio Center
- Awards: **Michael L. Cook**, Academy of Management 2020 Annual Meeting, Best Paper Strategy Division; **Melody Muldrow**, CAFNR, George Washington Carver Fellowship

Purdue University

- Appointment Change: **Maria I Marshall**, Jim and Lois Ackerman Professor in Agricultural Economics
- Awards: **Craig Dobbins**, National FFA, VIP Citation; **Michael Langemeier**, American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA), Gold Quill award; **Ashraf Noumir**, American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA), Gold Quill award; **Jayson L. Lusk**, Purdue University, Lu Ann Aday Award; **Maria Marshall**, AAEA, Distinguished Extension/ Outreach Program Award: Individual More 10 Years' Experience; **Larry DeBoer**, AAEA, Distinguished Teaching Award: Undergraduate Teaching:

Ten or More Years' Experience; **Farzad Taheripour**, AAEA, Quality of Communication Award; **Thomas Hertel**, AAEA, Quality of Communication Award

- Retirement: **Chris Hurt**, 39 years of service

Texas A&M University

- Award: **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, **Greg Kasse**, **Emmy Kiphen**, 2020 Outstanding Extension Program Award, Western Agricultural Economics Association
- Retirements: **Jackie Smith**, 36 years; **Bill Thompson**, 19 years; **Jeff Pate**, 15 years
- Appointment Changes: **Senarath Dharmasena**, Instructional Associate Professor; **Dean McCorkle**, Senior Extension Program Specialist; **Diana Jones**, Senior Extension Program Specialist; **Emmy Kiphen**, Extension Program Specialist II

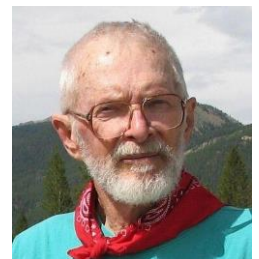
Virginia Tech

- New Appointment: **Anubhab Gupta**, Assistant Professor
- Award: **Conaway Haskins**, Virginia Cooperative Extension, William Skelton Cooperative Extension Scholarship
- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Alexis Villacis-Aveiga**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Arizona State University
- Return from Leave: **Kurt Stephenson**
- Retirement: **George Norton**, 40 years of service
- Resignation: **Kim Morgan**
- Visitors: **Jing Cai**, Assistant Professor, University of Maryland, Guest Lecturer (Virtual), September 2020; **Meilin Ma**, Assistant Professor, Purdue University, Guest Lecturer (Virtual), September 2020

Obituary

William Martin 1933-2020

Professor Emeritus of Agricultural and Resource Economics at The University of Arizona, died Friday, September 18, 2020.



Bill's professional acclaim was an important factor in his UA department's development to national prominence. Bill was born on April 12, 1933, in Modesto, California to Marion Augustus Martin and Dorothy Garnett Martin. In 1942 the family moved to a small peach and, later, dairy farm near Modesto. Bill entered the University of California–Davis in 1950, majoring in agricultural economics. He graduated in 1954, a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and joined the U.S. Naval Reserve in August later that year. Bill attended Officer Candidate School and as Lieutenant, jg, was assigned to a heavy attack bomber squadron in Sanford, Florida. He served as a navigator/bombardier on the AJ Savage aircraft, a carrier-based bomber designed to carry "fat boy" atom bombs. Bill's squadron deployed aboard aircraft carriers in the Mediterranean region. Discharged November 1957, Bill enrolled in the University of California–Berkeley in January 1958 to study for his Ph.D. in agricultural economics. He joined the UA faculty as an Assistant Professor in January 1961, where he taught both graduate and undergraduate students.

Over the following 28 years he published award-winning research that challenged conventional wisdom in his profession and resulted in more enlightened public policy. The American Agricultural Economics Association

elected Bill a 1986 Fellow for his exemplary career, noting that although some of his research on water issues had caused controversy, Bill "held firmly to presenting the economic facts as well as they can be determined."

In 1983 Bill married Jean Cochran Rush, who survives, as does his sister, Ann O'Leary (Joseph) and sister-in-law, Joli Martin. His brother, Arthur Martin died in 2015. Bill leaves behind a family of thirty-five whom he loved deeply and of whom he was very proud. Son, Jon Martin; daughter, Jane Martin (Robert Vint) and daughter, Amy Martin survive. Another son, Tom Martin, died in 2018. Bill's four stepsons and two stepdaughters and their spouses, Nora Beckmann (Philip), Walter Lane (Karen), Benjamin Rush, Samuel Rush (Catherine Damon), Joseph Rush (Pauline) and Margaret Miller survive, along with 16 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. No public memorial service will be held during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Other News

NCCC-134 CALL for 2021 PAPER PROPOSALS

The NCCC-134 Committee on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management will host its 2021 Conference on **April 19-20, 2021**. Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 conference will be held virtually.

****We will make every effort to maximize the benefits of the meetings in this virtual format, particularly the feedback the authors receive on their work. To achieve that we will ask each presenter to review two presentations and the moderators to review each presentation in their sessions. Thus, each presentation will receive at least 3 reviews in addition to the comments made during the presentation.****

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 2021 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. Research objectives
3. Data and empirical procedures
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 [here](#) (To download, right-click and 'Save Target As'...).

Submission Procedure

Authors should submit their proposals through online submission system by following the link <https://cmt3.research.microsoft.com/NCCC1342021>. Submissions must be made by **November 15, 2020**.

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.

After you log in to the system, click "+ Create new submission" in the Author Console.
Enter the title of your proposal.

The section "AUTHORS" should list your e-mail address, Name, Organization, and Country.
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.

To upload your proposal click "Upload from Computer" and select the file.
Click "Submit."

Submission Decisions

Screening committee will notify all submitting authors of their decision in December 2020. Successful authors must complete and submit their research presentation by **April 10, 2021**. Completed manuscripts are due on June 1, 2021 for digital publication.

See you in 2021!

NCCC-134 Co-Chairs

Olga Isengildina Massa (oisassa@vt.edu)

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Author Resources

An example meetings paper is linked [here](#).

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Section: Natural Sciences Education in a COVID-19 World

In mid-March, all of us in K-12 and higher education had to retool our courses under the intense emergency circumstances of a global pandemic due to COVID-19. As we look ahead to the 2020/21 academic year, we begin to imagine how to successfully adapt courses for online delivery, while continuing to offer learning experiences for our students that are as high quality as possible. Similar challenges are also facing those of us working in extension. Building on the success of the 2020 *NSE* special issue, the 2021 special issue of "*Natural Sciences Education in a COVID-19 World*" will explore our collective experiences with adapting to COVID-19. We encourage contributions on the following topics:

- Ideas, approaches and case studies on how to address the need to move courses online (relevant to both K-12 and higher education).
- Strategies to deal with various administrative challenges in higher education.
- Issues facing extension specialists in reaching out to farmers.

The overall goal is to share information that will allow institutions to build resilient programs that continue to meet learning outcomes necessary to prepare future generations of land managers and scientists.

Deadlines:

Letter of intent to write a paper should be sent to Bob Mahler (bmahler@uidaho.edu) by September 15, 2020. Submission deadline is **November 15, 2020**.

For more information, please visit

<https://access.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/21688281/specialsectioncall>.

2020 Scholarship Awards for Richardson-Applebaum Outstanding Graduate Research on Food Distribution

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the **Richardson-Applebaum Outstanding Graduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing**. Broadly defined, this area encompasses all economic functions that occur between the farm gate and final consumer.

Eligibility

- The competition is open to all graduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system who have completed the degree between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020.
- Please note: 1) applicants are limited to applying for each category only once and subsequent submissions will not be considered, 2) only one submission will be accepted per university per category each year, and 3) applications must be submitted by February 1, 2021, there will be no deadline extensions, by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system: <https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

Award

- One travel stipend to attend the 2021 Annual Conference for each of the following categories: best Ph.D. Dissertation (\$1,500), best M.S. Thesis (\$1,500), and best M.S. Case Study (\$1,500).
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership.
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2021 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX.
- The Ph.D. recipient is invited to deliver a 10-minute research presentation during the FDRS Applebaum-Richardson Award Luncheon.

Application steps

Students should save the following, in order, as one PDF file. When labeling the PDF file, please include your first and last name, category (e.g., Best Ph.D.), and name of your university. The final application must be submitted by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system:

<https://bit.ly/FDRS2021application>

- [Statement of Intent form](#) – The final application must be submitted by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system by **February 1, 2021**
- Cover letter that includes a brief synopsis of academic training, any food industry experience, and/or research experience and career interests and goals
- Letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor
- A copy of the dissertation/thesis/case study

For more information:

Please visit the FDRS website at www.fdrsinc.org

or contact FDRS's Vice President of Education: Dr. Kathy Kelley at KathyKelley@psu.edu

2021 Scholarship Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing

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Eligibility

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Award

- A travel stipend of \$1,000 to attend the 2021 Annual Conference for the best Undergraduate Student Research Paper
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership
- Complimentary conference registration fees and recognition at the 2021 FDRS Annual Conference, which will take place in Dallas, TX.

Application steps

Students should save the following, in order, as one PDF file. When labeling the PDF file, please include your first and last name, outstanding undergraduate category, and name of your university. The final application must be submitted by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system:

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- [Statement of Intent form](#) – The final application must be submitted by the student's department head/chair using the online submission system by **February 1, 2021**
- Cover letter that includes a brief synopsis of academic training, any food industry experience, and/or research experience and career interests and goals.
- Letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor.
- The complete research paper. Write the research paper following the formatting guidelines provided on page 2 and 3.

For more information:

Please visit the FDRS website at www.fdrsinc.org

or contact FDRS's Vice President of Education: Dr. Kathy Kelley at KathyKelley@psu.edu

2020 FDRS Virtual Conference

The Food Distribution Research Society annual conference is going virtual!

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the FDRS will host a virtual conference. **Save the date for Tuesday, October 13; tentatively 11:00 am – 4:30 pm EST.**

This conference will consist of two keynote speakers; recognition for award recipients; and invited, selected and research update presentations.

The fee for the conference is \$50 for members and soon to be members and \$25 for students. By paying this fee, you will have access to the online conference, recorded keynotes, presentations, and a 1-year complementary FDRS membership.

We also invite teams to participate at the Student Food Marketing Challenge; the registration fee is \$50/team. By paying this fee, students will participate at the Food Marketing Challenge and have access to the online conference, which includes recorded keynotes and presentations. Recall cash prizes are offered to the first, second, and third place.

More information on the virtual conference in the coming weeks.

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