



AAEA Trust

Call for Proposals:

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The AAEA Trust Committee and Executive Board are seeking proposals for programs or projects that:

- Support development of graduate students and early career professionals
AND/OR
- Deepen participation in AAEA or reach out to new groups
AND/OR
- Enhance the AAEA Annual Meeting

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 Barry Goodwin at barry.k.goodwin@gmail.com 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 **Monday, October 12, 2015**, 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 2016 Board Meeting.

Proposals should be submitted to Brian Mondragón Jones, AAEA Executive Director, via e-mail at bmjones@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Brian or Barry.

Call for Applications:***Anthony Grano Fellowship***

The AAEA Trust is now accepting applications for the Anthony Grano Scholarship Award. Two scholarships of \$1,500 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 October 12, 2015. The award winners will be announced by October 31, 2015.

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 Brian Mondragón Jones, AAEA Executive Director, at bmjones@aaea.org.

Learn more about the Anthony Grano Fellowship on the AAEA website:

<http://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/anthony-m-grano-special-purpose-fund>

Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship

The Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship provides an opportunity for early career female 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 2016 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 **October 12, 2015**.
The award will be announced in January 2015.

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

have any questions, please contact Brian by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Brian Mondragón Jones, at bmjones@aaea.org by **October 12, 2015**. If you

Learn more about the Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship on the AAEA website:
<http://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/sylvia-lane-mentorship-fund>

McCorkle Scholarship

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2016 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.

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 are due **October 12, 2015**, and should be submitted as a single PDF file to the Brian Mondragón Jones at bmjones@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact Brian by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Applications will be reviewed by the AAEA Trust Committee, who will make a recommendation to the Executive Board. Applicants will be notified about the status of their application by the end of January 2016.

Learn more about the McCorkle Scholarship on AAEA website:

<http://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/chester-o-mccorkle-jr-special-purpose-fund>

Luther G. Tweeten Scholarship

The Luther G. Tweeten Scholarship provides support for graduate student research on socioeconomic problems of Africa, especially addressing issues of food, population, and environment that affect economic development, poverty, and food security.

At least one (1) grant of up to \$2,000 will be awarded for use during the 2016 calendar year. The funding is designed to cover the costs associated with fieldwork in Africa such as research materials, programs, and/or travel expenses.

The application deadline is **October 12, 2015**.
The award will be announced in January 2016.

the candidate's overall graduate
program

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Description of the proposed research (maximum of 5 pages)
2. Itemized budget
3. Letter of support from the major advisor
4. Graduate transcript
5. Financial support for the proposed research expected to run concurrent with the Tweeten Scholarship
6. Timetable for research under the Tweeten Scholarship in the context of

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Brian Mondragón Jones at bmjones@aaea.org by **October 12, 2015**. If you have any questions, please contact Brian by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

Learn more about the Luther G. Tweeten Scholarship on AAEA website:

<http://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/luther-g-tweeten-special-purpose-fund>

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 2015. 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 Brian Mondragón Jones at bmjones@aaea.org by **October 12, 2015**. If you have any questions, please contact Brian by email or by phone at (414) 918-3190. Awards will be announced in January 2016.

Learn more about the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award on AAEA website:

<http://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/uma-lele-mentor-fellowship-fund>

AAEA News

Call for Nominations:

AAEA President-Elect and Directors

The AAEA Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations from AAEA membership for AAEA President-Elect and two AAEA Directors, all for three year terms beginning July 2016.

Please submit the names and affiliations of nominees to bmjones@aaea.org. Nominations must be received by **Thursday, October 1, 2015**.

Michigan State Graduate Fellowship and Assistantships



Michigan State University invites applications for the Henry and Annabel Larzelere fellowship for graduate study in agribusiness management and marketing. The fellowship covers tuition, health

insurance, and \$2000 monthly stipend for the academic year. Selection will be based upon academic promise, with preference given to

those intending to study cooperatives, futures markets, or poultry markets.

Graduate assistantships are available for students with interest in many fields of applied economics and management. For Fall 2016 admission, apply by **December 31, 2015** to the MSU graduate program in Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics (<http://www.afre.msu.edu/graduate>).

People Section

University of Arizona

- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Zachary Bickel**, MS, Research Manager, Strongpoint Marketing

Arizona State University

- New Appointment: **Dr. Ashok Mishra**, Marley Chair

University of California, Berkeley

- Visitors: **Dr. Ute Filipiak**, Research Associate, Georg-August-University of Göttingen, Visiting Research Scholar; **Professor Jose de Sousa**, Professor of Economics, University Paris-Saclay and Sciences Po, Visiting Research Scholar

University of California, Davis

- Awards: **Mateusz J. Filipinski**, **Abdellah Aboudrare**, **Travis Lybbert**, and **J. Edward Taylor**, International Association of Agricultural Economists, Uma Lele Prize for Gender Research, Honorable Mention; **John Bovay**, Food Distribution Research Society, ARE '14, Richardson-Applebaum Award for Best PhD Dissertation; **Julian Alston**, International Association of Agricultural Economists, IAAE Honorary Life Member
- Honorary Positions: **Daniel Sumner**, Member of the Scientific Board, Verrazzano Foundation, three years; **Julian Alston**, Chairman of the Scientific Board, Verrazzano Foundation, three years; **Julian Alston**, IAAE Board Member-at-Large, International Association of Agricultural Economists, three years; **J. Edward Taylor**, Chair of the UC-Mexico Initiative Working Group on the Environment, 2015.
- Visitors: **Davide Gaeta**, Department of Business Administration, University of Verona, September 2015; **Dr. Paola Corsinovi**, Department of Business Administration, University of Verona, September 2015; **Junfei Bai**, Associate Professor, College of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University (Beijing), Duration: August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016; **Caiping Zhang**, Associate Professor, School of Economics, Central University of Finance and Economics (Beijing), Duration: August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016.

Cal Poly- San Luis Obispo

- New Appointments: **Tim Delbridge**, Tenure-track Assistant Professor; **Cristina Connolly**, Tenure-track Assistant Professor; **Cyrus Ramezani**, Interim Department Chair

Colorado State University

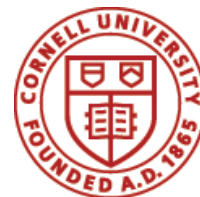
- New Appointment: **Alessandro Bonanno**, Assistant Professor
- Appointment Change: **James Pritchett**, Assistant Executive Dean



- Awards: **Marshall Frasier**, AAEA, Outstanding Teaching Award; **John Loomis**, **Leslie Richardson**, and **Patricia Champ**, Journal of Forest Economics, 2014 Soren Wibe Prize; **Vine Muyasira**; PhD student, University of California, Davis Borlaug LEAP award; **Misti Sharp**, PhD student; AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting, third place in the 2015 AAEA Extension Competition for graduate students; **Aaron Hrozencik**, **Jenny Johnson**, and **Anders Van Sandt**; PhD students; AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting, Fourth place in AAEA Graduate Case Study Competition

Cornell University

- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Dennis Becker**, PhD, Associate, Dean & Company; **Julia Berazneva**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Middlebury College; **Teevrat Garg**, PhD, Research Officer, Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics & Political Science; **Hao Lu**, PhD, Senior Quantitative Analyst, Pacific Gas & Electric Company; **Pimbuca Rusmevichientong**, Assistant Professor, California State University; **Alyssa P. Miller**, MS, Associate Director, Scotiabank; **Parul Sharma**, PhD, Financial Economist, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; **Jubo Yan**, Assistant Professor, Nanyang Technological University



University of Delaware

- New Appointment: **Leah Palm–Forster**, Assistant Professor
- Appointment Change: **Tom Ilvento**, Interim Chair
- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Jacob Fooks**, PhD, USDA Economic Research Service
- Resignation: **Titus Awokuse**



Economic Research Service, USDA

- New Appointments: **Young Jo**, Agricultural Economist; **Clare Cho**, Research Economist; **Patrick McLaughlin**, Research Economist; **Sean Ramos**, Economist; **Jonathan Law**, Economist; **Shelbi Knisley**, Economist; **Gustavo Ferreira**, Economist; **Daniel Bigelow**, Economist; **Matthew Clancy**, Economist; **Jacob Fooks**, Economist; **Peter Han**, Economist; **Todd Hubbs**, Economist; **Jonathan McFadden**, Economist; **Rupasigha Anil**, Economist; **David Smith**, Economist; and **Jeffrey Hopkins**, Branch Chief; **Timothy Park**, Senior Economist at the Council of Economic Advisers
- Appointment Changes: **Cindy Nickerson**, Deputy Director Communications; **John Pender**, Branch Chief
- Retirements: **Albert Reed**, 32 years of service; **Linda Foreman**, 37 years of service; **David Torgerson**, 34 years of service; **Mitch Morehart**, 30 years of service
- Resignations: **Anthony Murray**; **Andy Toole**
- Return from Leave: **Cindy Nickerson**



University of Georgia

- New Appointments: **Brady Brewer**, Assistant Professor; **Chen Zhen**, Associate Professor



- Appointment Changes: **Cesar Escalante**, Professor; **Greg Fonsah**, Professor; **Greg Colson**, Associate Professor
- Awards: **Greg Colson**, SAEA, Emerging Scholar Award; **Greg Fonsah**, Second Place Award from the American Pomological Science Society, 2015 UP Hedrick Award Competition
- Return from leave: **Terence Centner**
- Retirements: **Glenn Ames**, 41 years of service; **Lewell Gunter**, 36 years of service; **Jack Houston**, 31 years of service; **Don Shurley**, 25 years of service; **Michael Wetzstein**, 35 years of service
- Resignations: **Curt Lacy**; **Keith Kightlinger**

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)



- New Appointments: **Xin Geng**, Associate Research Fellow; **Michael Gechter**, Associate Research Fellow
- Awards: **J. Edward Taylor** and **Mateusz Filipski**, AAEA Quality of Communication Award; **Mateusz Filipski**, **Abdellah Aboudrare**, **Travis Lybbert**, and **J. Edward Taylor**, Honorable Mention Uma Lele Prize
- Visitors: **Aimable Gatete**, **Obald Hakizimana**, **Gilbert Kayitare**, **Eric Kabayiza**, and **Claude Bizimana**, visited IFPRI from Rwanda, August 3–14, 2015

University of Kentucky

- New Appointment: **Steven Buck**, Assistant Professor
- Appointment Change: **Roger Brown**, Assistant Professor



University of Maryland

- Visitor: **Jose C. Galdo**, Associate Professor, Economic and Public Policy, Carleton University, Ottawa



Michigan State University

- New Appointments: **Titus Awokuse**, Department Chairperson; **David Hennessy** and **Elton R. Smith**, Endowed Chair; **Hongli Feng–Hennessy**, Associate Professor
- Positions Taken by Graduate Students: **Traci Taylor**, MS, Senior Analyst, Anderson Economic Group; **Carson Reeling**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Western Michigan University; **Kendra Levine**, MS, Manager, US Supply Chain Sustainability with McDonalds; **Leah Harris Palm–Forster**, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Delaware; **Chenguang Wang**, PhD, Model Validation Senior Freddie Mac, Enterprise Risk Management



University of Missouri

- Appointment Changes: **Harvey James**, Professor; **Laura McCann**, Professor
- Retirements: **Thomas Johnson**, 19 years of service; **William Meyers**, 12 years of service; **Ronald Plain**, 34 years of service
- Resignation: **Peter Klein**



- Visitors: **Rodrigo Pilau de Abreu**, MBA student, Universidade Anhanguera – Uniderp, Brazil, Visiting Research Scholar, August 1, 2015 – January 15, 2016; **Hildo Meirelles de Souza Filho**, Professor, Universidade Federal de São Carlos, Brazil, Visiting Research Scholar, August 1, 2015 – July 31, 2016; **Xinyu Gao**, HoHai University, China, Visiting Research Scholar, September 1, 2015 – August 31, 2016; **Lijun Chen**, PhD Candidate, College of Economics and Management, Nanjing Agricultural University, China, Visiting Research Scholar, October 1, 2015 – May 31, 2017

The Ohio State University

- New Appointment: **Jon Einar Flatnes**, Assistant Professor
- Positions Taken By Recent Graduates: **Clare Cho**, PhD, Economist, USDA–Economic Research Service; **Cristina Connolly**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Cal Poly–San Luis Obispo; **Thomas Kilbane**, MS, Economist, Ohio Legislative Service Commission; **Sei-Jin Kim**, PhD, Associate, JP Morgan Chase, Modeling and Analytics; **Sang-Hyo Kim**, PhD, Associate Research Fellow, Korea Rural Economic Institute (KREI); **Mitchell Livy**, PhD, Assistant Professor, California State University, Fullerton, Economics Department; **Wendong Zhang**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Iowa State University, Department of Economics
- Retirement: **Carl Zulauf**, 35 years of service



Purdue University

- New Appointment: **Bhagyashree Katre**, Assistant Professor
- Awards: **Wallace E. Tyner**, IAAE, Life Member; **Wallace E. Tyner**, Purdue University, Morrill Award; **Joseph Balagtas**, IAEA, Award for the Best Paper; **Rhonda G. Phillips**, UK Fulbright Commission Specialist to Panama
- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Seong Do Yun**, PhD, Postdoc, Yale University
- Honorary Position: **Christopher Hurt**, Indiana Prairie Farmer Honorary Master Farmer
- Leave: **Ben Gramig**, Oregon State University, 9 months



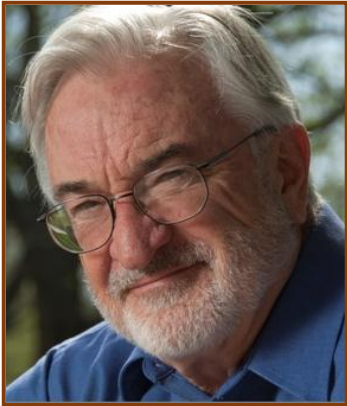
Texas A&M University

- New Appointments: **Dr. Ximing Wu**, Professor; **Reid Stevens**, Assistant Professor; **Samuel Zapata**, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Choy Lee Tang**, MS, Senior Position, Unigen; **Jay Clinton**, BS, Financial Planner, AXA Advisors; **Trenton Hollas**, BS, Financial Advisor, AIG Valic; **Mikayla Dukes**, BS, Project Manager, Collier Construction; **Cody Hall**, BS, Inside Sales, Lighting Associates, Incorporated; **Amanda Macaulay**, BS, Bookkeeping and Secretary; **Ray Brown**, BS, Program Planner, Lockheed Martin
- Retirement: **Richard Conner**, 34 Years of Service
- Visitors: **Benxi Lin**, School of Economics, Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, China; **Sanja Zivkovic**, University of Belgrade–Faculty of Economics, Belgrade, Serbia, EU, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas



Obituary

Dr. Jerry Eckert



Jerry Eckert was an Emeritus Professor at Colorado State University (CSU), where he taught and conducted research in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics from 1972–2005. As

an academic, he wrote nearly 200 articles and professional papers, two of which won Best Published Article awards. In addition to his academic pursuits, Jerry worked on many international projects, ultimately living more than 20 years in South Asia and Southern Africa. His work redirected agricultural and labor policies in Pakistan and Lesotho, and contributed to food grain self-sufficiency in Pakistan and The Gambia. In South Africa, where he worked at the University of Cape Town, the Development Bank of Southern Africa, and the University of Stellenbosch, his research and writing spurred the Apartheid government to accelerate change by creating a more inclusive middle class. He developed the framework for an interracial dialogue on rights in South Africa leading, ultimately, to a new Bill of Rights in 1997. Following the first open elections in South Africa in 1994, Jerry helped to develop an

economic growth strategy for the incoming Mandela government.

At CSU, he also served as DARE Faculty Council representative for several years and later as Associate Director of Society of Senior Scholars, promoting the involvement of retired faculty in the broader CSU community. Following his retirement in 2005, Jerry immersed himself in his twin passions of hiking and nonfiction writing. Jerry's early nonfiction celebrated the natural world, especially wildlife, in American and Pakistani outdoor magazines. His literary nonfiction has appeared in *Pilgrimage*, *Matter*, *The Superstition Review*, *Weber: The Contemporary West*, *Memoir Journal*, *Ruminate*, and elsewhere. "Mahlapane's Story," first published in *The Superstition Review*, won the Northern Colorado Writers 2011 essay competition. His soon-to-be published Memoir entitled "Weeping Kings and Wild Boars: Moments of Magic and Sorrow from Forty Years of Trying to Save the World" recently won the 1st place award in the Northern Colorado Writers Top of the Mountain Book Award.

Jerry and his wife, Betty, divided their time between Fort Collins, Colorado and Vail, Arizona, hiking the central Rockies in the summer and the southern Rockies in winter. He is survived by his wife, Betty, their four children, Erin Eckert, Traci Cooley, Scott Eckert, and Todd Doss, 7 grandchildren and two sisters. He will be missed enormously.



JOIN AAEA AT THE
**2016 ASSA Annual
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in San Francisco!
January 3-5

Government Relations

AAEA Comments on the Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research Draft Priorities

The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) and the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) commented on the initial efforts of the Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research (FFAR) in identifying priorities for research. The work of the Foundation, which is focused on catalyzing innovation to solve pressing challenges in food and agriculture, is critical in realizing the public and private advancements needed to overcome societal challenges as well as the interdisciplinary synergies that enhance basic and applied research. Please see the comments [here](#). Members of AAEA Government Relations Committee and the C-FARE Board of Directors will meet with FFAR on late September during the Government Relations portion of the C-FARE Board Meeting.

NAAEA Annual Meeting – 2015 Congressional Visits Day

The Council on Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (C-FARE) government relations programs aims to connect experts who are conduits of objective, reliable, and timely information about research in food, agricultural, and resource economics with decision makers, policymakers, and funders of the science. The Agricultural and Applied Economics Congressional Visits Day (CVD) is a one-and-a-half-day biennial event that brings agricultural and applied economics professionals to Washington, DC. During the visits, the group will raise awareness about the importance of agricultural and applied economics analysis, research, and related statistical resources.

Discussions that take place in DC at CVD highlight the role of agricultural economics in the U.S. agricultural, food, and resource research “*solution supply chains*”. Such exchange of information can also aid in

increasing the quality of discourse and efficiency of decision-making related to national and international economic policy and research priority setting. During the CVD, the members of the profession will have the opportunity to meet with their Members of Congress or congressional staff to describe the work taking place in their departments or research portfolio. The effort is a relationship-building exercise that will help connect the policymaker to the on-the-ground economic research. The intramural research and federal statistical resources which members of the profession use to undertake research will also be discussed.

The “solution supply chain” is reference from the [Charles Valentine Riley Memorial Foundation’s University Leader Report on Pursuing a Unified Message](#). The report can be found [here](#).



Photos of members of the agricultural and applied economic community and Members of Congress (2013-2015).

Budget and Appropriations Update

As of today there are 14 days left until the end of fiscal 2015. Next week Congress is not in session due to observance of Rosh Hashanah, the start of the Jewish new year. Also next week on September 22-24 the Pope will visit DC, meeting with the President and addressing the U.S. Congress. These activities and the ongoing debate about the Iran nuclear deal as well as the pressure of the impending debt ceiling all point toward a continuing resolution come the end of September. Yet, the passage of a resolution is not as straightforward as one would think—the potential breaking point: Planned Parenthood.

The playing field is complicated with members of the House encouraging passage of a short-term stopgap bill that includes significant reductions in Planned Parenthood funding, something that the Democrats have said they would not accept under any circumstances. Senate Majority Leader, Mitch McConnell, has stated that he will back a 'clean' plan to fund the government into December. In a recent Politico article, he stated that any efforts to defund Planned Parenthood without a [Republican President](#) [were futile](#).

The length of the needed continuing resolution is unknown. Since the Treasury

estimates that the United States will hit the debt ceiling in October, it is likely that any stopgap measure will extend beyond late October. Continuing resolutions can last only a few days, weeks, months, or even the entire fiscal year. If Congress cannot reach a deal to extend funding, the government will shut down. Since 1977, when the modern congressional budget process was adopted, there have been 18 government shutdowns. In October, 2013, a 16-day shutdown impacted many government programs and resources important to the profession.

Funding Opportunities

[Collaborative Science, Technology, and Applied Research \(CSTAR\) Program](#)

Closing Date: Oct 30, 2015

The CSTAR Program represents an NOAA/NWS effort to create a cost-effective transition from basic and applied research to operations and services through collaborative research between operational forecasters and academic institutions. These activities will engage researchers and students in applied research of interest to the operational meteorological community and will improve the accuracy of forecasts and warnings of environmental hazards by applying scientific knowledge and information to operational products and services.

[Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Careers \(ADVANCE\)](#)

Letter of Intent Deadline: October 5, 2015, Full

Proposal Deadline: November 3, 2015

The goals of the ADVANCE program are (1) to develop systemic approaches to increase the representation and advancement of women in academic STEM careers; (2) to develop innovative and sustainable ways to promote gender equity in the STEM academic workforce; and (3) to contribute to the development of a more diverse science and engineering workforce. ADVANCE also has as its goal to contribute to and inform the general knowledge base on gender equity in the

academic STEM disciplines. The Institutional Transformation (IT) track is meant to produce large-scale comprehensive change and serve as a locus for research on gender equity and institutional transformation for academic STEM. The Institutional Transformation Catalyst (IT Catalyst) track is meant either to conduct self-assessment or to implement unique strategies – either adapted from those found effective in the IT track or ones designed to be responsive to the unique environments of eligible institutions – and evaluate their effectiveness.



Crop Insurance and the 2014 Farm Bill: Reports and Analyses from the Field

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(Preliminary agenda is available online)

Other News

Call for Paper Proposals:

NCCC-134 2016

The NCCC-134 Committee on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management will host its 2016 Conference **April 18-19, 2016** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel St. Louis – Downtown, 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 2016 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

Please include a title page with author information and a reference page. An example proposal is posted [here](#) (To download, right-click and 'Save Target As'...).

Submission Procedure

- Submit by e-mail to Berna Karali (bkarali@uga.edu) by **October 31, 2015**
- Attach proposal as Adobe Acrobat file named Author1_Author2_NCCC-134_2016.pdf
- Proposals received will be acknowledged via reply e-mail
- Screening committee will notify all submitting authors of their decision in December 2015
- Successful authors must complete and submit research presentation by April 13, 2016
- Completed manuscripts are due on June 1, 2016 for digital publication

See the NCCC-134 website at <http://www.farmdoc.illinois.edu/nccc134/> for more information on registration, conference venue and hotel accommodations.

NCCC-134 Co-Chairs

Berna Karali (bkarali@uga.edu)

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Job Openings

Be sure to visit the [AAEA Job Board](#)! Our new platform allows employers to post open positions on the site and browse the resumes of qualified candidates. Applicants can apply for these positions online and upload their resumes anonymously, protecting their personal information



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