

AAEA Trust Profile: Eugenie Maiga

AAEA Trust Profile is a bi-monthly series following up with [AAEA Trust](#) sponsored scholarship, fellowship, and grant winners. This issue features Eugenie Maiga, African Center for Economic Transformation, Accra, Ghana. Eugenie was selected as the recipient of the first Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship award. She is working with her mentor, Ralph Christy on a project titled: *The Impact of Foreign Aid-financed versus Domestic Expenditures-financed Agricultural Training on Agricultural Productivity in Five African Countries*.

You won the 2014 Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship for your research proposal: The Impact of Foreign Aid-financed versus Domestic Expenditures-financed Agricultural Training on Agricultural Productivity in Five African Countries, how is your research progressing?



It's a great honor to have won the 2014 Uma Lele Fellowship which allows me to work on issues I am passionate about such as skills development and agriculture. The

research is progressing slowly as I was transitioning to a new position career wise when I received the award letter but I am now settled and working on catching up on this research. I am currently working on the literature review and data gathering and cleaning.

Your mentor is Ralph Christy; how did you two connect on this research topic?

I was introduced to my mentor by Dr Derek Byerlee who was my mentor during the 2013 AAEA Annual Meeting. He mentored me as a part of the travel grant program for researchers from Low Income and Lower Middle Income countries. I am very thankful to Dr Byerlee for encouraging me to apply for the Uma Lele

Fellowship, for advising me on which area I could draw my topic from given my research focus at the time, and for introducing me to Prof Ralph Christy who graciously agreed to mentor me. Prof. Christy has interests and experience in human capacity building in agribusiness value chains in Africa and as such is an ideal mentor for me given the topic I am working on.

What led you to pursue food and agricultural economics?

Food is a basic human need and agriculture is the basis for food production. Being a citizen of a country where food security is still an issue of utmost importance led me to focus on agricultural economics as one of my research interests. Until our countries can find sustainable ways to feed their inhabitants, development will elude us. Hungry people cannot live up to their productive potential, build strong economies and innovate.

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Therefore, agricultural transformation seems to be the path to economic development for most African countries and I hope, through my research, to contribute ideas to help steer the focus of decision makers to agriculture.

What advice would you offer aspiring agricultural/applied economists?

Read as much as you can to know where the current research is headed so you can find gaps to fill. Attend conferences and network to find

people who are willing to mentor you. There is already a wealth of research on agriculture and applied economics but there is still so much more research needed because agriculture and applied economics cover all aspects of an economy. The possibilities are endless. Keeping up with the literature and interacting with mentors can help one find out where their passion lies and embark on the great journey that research is.

AAEA News

Upcoming Deadlines

The AAEA Trust Committee invites nominations and applications for Special Purpose Fund scholarships and travel grants for Economists from Low Income or Lower-Middle Income Countries. **October 6th** marks the due date for many of these Calls. Selected participants will be picked early 2015.

Special Purpose Funds

Special Purpose Funds allow donors to support a particular award/scholarship each year in the name of a prominent agricultural or applied economist. Unlike [Appreciation Clubs](#), Special Purpose Funds are restricted use funds, meaning that any donations they receive can

only be used by that fund, and will not be included with the general funds of the Trust.

The following funds currently have open calls:

- [Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award](#)
- [Luther G. Tweeten Scholarship](#)
- [McCorkle Scholarship Applications](#)
- [Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship](#)

Travel Grants for Economists from Low Income or Lower-Middle Income Countries

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2014 Travel Grant Recipients

- Rajib Sutradhar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
- Sendhil Ramadas, Directorate of Wheat Research, India
- Taiwo Ejiola Mafimisebi, Mulungushi University, Zambia
- Opeyemi Ayinde, University of Ilorin, Nigeria
- Alaba Modupe Dare, Federal University of Agriculture, Nigeria
- Assa Maganga, Lilongwe University, Malawi



AAEA Trust Call for Proposals

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, 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, Julie Caswell, at caswell@umass.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 **Monday, October 6, 2014**, 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 2015 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 Julie.

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. This 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 2014. 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 6, 2014**. If you have any questions, please contact Brian by e-mail or by phone at (414) 918-3190. Awards will be announced in January 2015.

This fellowship is supported by donations to the [Uma Lele Special Purpose Fund](#) of the AAEA Trust. The ultimate goal of the Uma Lele Special Purpose Fund is to create vibrant, long-lasting networks of scholars working on current and newly emerging challenges to economic development.

Dr. Uma Lele is a recognized international leader, thinker, and policy analyst with extensive research, operational and evaluation experience in the World Bank, the CGIAR and other international organizations and US universities. Her areas of work include food, agriculture, health, environment, global public goods, science and technology, and external assistance and partnerships. Dr. Lele is a fellow of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association and India's National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and she has been recognized as an Outstanding Alumna by Cornell University.



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Luther G. Tweeten Scholarship Call for Applications

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 2015 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 6, 2014**. The award will be announced in January 2015.

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 the candidate's overall graduate program

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Brian Mondragón Jones at bmjones@aaea.org by **October 6, 2014**. If you have any questions, please contact Brian by e-mail or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

The Luther G. Tweeten Special Purpose Fund was established to encourage and facilitate graduate student research on economic development, poverty, food security, and the environmental issues of Africa.

Dr. Tweeten spent more than 20 years as a professor of agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University, and is currently a professor emeritus of agricultural policy and trade at The Ohio State University, where he has been on the faculty since 1988. His extensive international experience in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America is highlighted in his more than 500 journal articles and papers and seven published books, as well as in his research in public policy and economic development and trade.

Dr. Tweeten served as President of the AAEA in 1981, was named a Fellow of the AAEA in 1983, and has received numerous AAEA awards for his research and writings. He was given the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Agricultural Economics Association in 2000, and earned the Henry A. Wallace Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture in 1995 from his alma mater, Iowa State University.

McCorkle Scholarship - Call for Applications

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2015 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 6, 2014**, 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 e-mail 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 2015.



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Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship Call for Applications

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 2015 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 6, 2014**. 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

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Brian Mondragón Jones, at bmjones@aaea.org by **October 6, 2014**. If you have any questions, please contact Brian by e-mail or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

The Sylvia Lane Mentorship Fund was established by the Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics (CWAE) for the AAEA Trust. The purpose of the fund is to sponsor activities that encourage the academic and professional development of women conducting economic analyses of food, agricultural, or natural resource issues.

Sylvia Lane had a distinguished record of research and teaching in the areas of consumer credit, health care, rural health service delivery, food stamps, and other areas concerning low-income consumers. She was named a fellow of the AAEA in 1984, one of the first women to receive this honor. She served as a consultant to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization and was a member of the President's Committee on Consumer Interests. She was a Professor Emerita of agricultural and resource economics at the University of California, Berkeley.

Call for Nominations: Travel Grants for Economists from Low Income & Lower-Middle Income Countries

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Nominees should be working in one or more of the following fields or another closely related field of applied economics: Agribusiness Economics and Management, Agricultural economics, Economic development, Food and consumer economics, Regional Economics, or Resource and environmental economics.

Nominations should include:

1. Nominee's name, institution, postal address, and e-mail address.
2. Nominator's name, institution, postal address, and e-mail address.
3. Brief statement of support written by the nominator.
4. Brief statement of interest written by the nominee.
5. Proposed travel budget.
6. Paper (no longer than 20pp. double-spaced pages, including tables and figures) describing the research to be presented at the meetings

Eligible nominators include department chairs or administrators, advisors, or any AAEA member.

Nomination packages should be submitted electronically in a single PDF to Brian Mondragón Jones at bmjones@aaea.org by 5 pm CDT on **Monday, November 4, 2014**.

Selected applicants will be scheduled to present their research (as a paper or poster) during the meeting. Details regarding presentation will be provided after the acceptance notices are sent out.

The funds for these travel grants are provided by a grant from USDA-Economic Research Service.

Low Income Economies

Afghanistan	Gambia, The	Nepal
Bangladesh	Guinea	Niger
Benin	Guinea-Bissau	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Haiti	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Kenya	Somalia
Cambodia	Korea, Dem Rep.	Tajikistan
Central African Republic	Liberia	Tanzania
Chad	Madagascar	Togo
Comoros	Malawi	Uganda
Congo, Dem. Rep	Mali	Zimbabwe
Eritrea	Mozambique	
Ethiopia	Myanmar	

Lower Middle Income Economies

Armenia	Kiribati	São Tomé and Príncipe
Bhutan	Kosovo	Senegal
Bolivia	Kyrgyz Republic	Solomon Islands
Cameroon	Lao PDR	South Sudan
Cabo Verde	Lesotho	Sri Lanka
Congo, Rep.	Mauritania	Sudan
Côte d'Ivoire	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Swaziland
Djibouti	Moldova	Syrian Arab Republic
Egypt, Arab Rep.	Mongolia	Timor-Leste
El Salvador	Morocco	Ukraine
Georgia	Nicaragua	Uzbekistan
Ghana	Nigeria	Vanuatu
Guatemala	Pakistan	Vietnam
Guyana	Papua New Guinea	West Bank and Gaza
Honduras	Paraguay	Yemen, Rep.
Indonesia	Philippines	Zambia
India	Samoa	

Call for Nominations: 2015 Fellows Award Nominations

The AAEA Fellows Selection Committee is inviting nominations for the 2015 AAEA Fellows Awards. The deadline for submission of nominations and supporting biographical documentation is **Monday, October 6, 2014**. Selection is based mainly on a continuous contribution to the advancement of agricultural and applied economics as defined by the Vision Statement of the AAEA. Achievements may be in research, teaching, extension, administration, or business. The nominee must be a living current member of AAEA and have been a member for at least five years.

Please follow these guidelines to submit Fellows nominations (non-complying materials will be returned). The nomination package should focus on documentation of the case for the nominee's contributions rising to a level that warrants recognition as a Fellow. "Continuous contribution" means exceptional service over a period of years. Such exceptional service may be demonstrated by: research discoveries published in major professional journals; leadership in the development of extension programs extensively utilized by other professionals; the development of undergraduate or graduate programs of learning that have become nationally recognized professionally and by students who have, in turn, demonstrated success as a result of these teaching programs; or outstanding performance in government, business, or NGOs. As a general principle, continuous service means more than a single act that might be rewarded by an outstanding journal article, extension award, or outstanding teaching awards. The documentation for the nominee provided should make clear the impact of the individual nominated in the areas of achievement to which the nominee has contributed. This evidence could include, but is not limited to, reference to publications, awards, honors, reports, or testimonials to notable tasks undertaken and outcomes achieved, or other contributions to the profession.

Members of the Fellows Selection Committee and AAEA Executive Committee (President-Elect, President, or Past President) may not nominate or provide support statements for nominees. Nomination packages that include support statements from a member of the Fellows Selection Committee and/or the AAEA Executive Committee will be sent back to the nominator for revisions.

Testimonial letters or vitae are not required. The total nomination package should be limited to a maximum of eight typed pages using 12-point font and with margins of at least one inch on all four sides. All material must be double-spaced. Please include the name, institution, and contact information of all of the nominators within the eight page package. Nominations should be submitted as a single PDF file to Brian Mondragón Jones at bmjones@aaea.org. Please contact Brian if you have any questions.

The 2015 Fellows Recognition Ceremony will be held as part of the 2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA. Information on previous AAEA Fellows and the procedures used to select Fellows is available on the [AAEA Fellows page](#) of the AAEA website.

Joint EAAE/AAEA Seminar Consumer Behavior in a Changing World: **FOOD, CULTURE AND SOCIETY**

NAPLES, ITALY | **March 25-27, 2015**



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The main goal of the seminar is to provide an integrated multidisciplinary approach to the analysis of food consumption and consumer behavior. It aims to encourage broad discussion among economists, sociologists, psychologists, anthropologists and marketing scholars on the role of food consumption in the late modern society and on the need to adopt innovative tools for the analysis of consumer's behavior and choices.

For more information on the seminar, please visit the main page at <http://www.143eaae-aaea-seminar.org/>.

Abstract Submission

Participants who would like to present a paper are requested to submit an abstract in English (max 3500 keystrokes including spaces; Times New Roman font, size 12, double spacing) before **October 31, 2014** using the *Conf Tool Platform* available on the website of the seminar: <http://www.143eaae-aaea-seminar.org/>. The abstract should indicate: the question addressed, theoretical background, methods, results and potential for discussion.

October 31, 2014: Abstract submissions due

December 1, 2014: Notification of acceptance/rejection

February 28, 2015: Submission of full versions of accepted papers due

Download the [flyer for the call for papers](#) for more information.

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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