



## Member Profile

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**What motivated you to pursue  
Agricultural/Applied Economics as a  
profession?**

I selected agricultural economics as a major because I planned to go back to the farm. As a senior in college, I concluded that my original plan to go back to the farm was not going to work. Pursuing a PhD and becoming a university professor was the obvious choice. As a profession, it provides both the challenge and independence that I desired.

**Why did you join AAEA, and how has  
membership in the Association impacted your  
professional development?**

I initially joined AAEA while in graduate school

to begin my collection of the AJAE – a reason that is now obsolete.

I have only missed one AAEA meeting during my career. Getting to know the other people in your area of work is of great value. The meetings also have proven to be a good source of research ideas.

**What advice would you give to an up and  
coming Agricultural/Applied Economist?**

The first step in being successful at publishing is that you have to do something. Second, you need to submit your work to a professional journal. My observation is that more people fail on the second step than on the first. If the review is positive, then do what the reviewers want and send it back. If the paper is rejected (which is the likely outcome in agricultural economics), then improve the paper a little and send it someplace else. If you have done something useful, you can eventually find a home for your work.

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# AAEA News

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## **\*\*Renew Your AAEA Membership for 2015\*\***

You can now renew your AAEA membership for 2015 on the AAEA website (<http://www.aaea.org/membership/>). Simply log in to the My Account section to renew. Completing your renewal online saves you time by filling out most of the information for you automatically.

Alternatively, if you prefer to renew using the paper form, be sure to keep an eye on your mailbox as paper forms will be sent out in early December.

The benefits of your 2014 AAEA membership only last through the spring of 2015, so be sure to renew soon to ensure that you keep receiving services from AAEA throughout the upcoming year.



## **Now Accepting Proposals for the 2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting**

AAEA is now accepting presentation and session proposals for the 2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting. Submit your proposal(s) through the online [Abstract Management System](#). To access the system, you must log into your AAEA account or create a new account. If you forgot your username or password, please email [info@aaea.org](mailto:info@aaea.org) for assistance.

You must be a current AAEA or WAEA member or pay a \$25 submission fee to submit. Please note that all presenters at the meeting are required to be current AAEA or WAEA members. View membership rates at <http://www.aaea.org/membership>. For more information, please see the Calls for Proposals below and the [2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting webpage](#).

<b>Call for Proposals:</b>	
<a href="#">Pre/Post-conference Workshops</a>	Deadline: December 4, 2014
<a href="#">Invited Paper Sessions</a>	Deadline: December 4, 2014
<a href="#">Invited Case Study Papers</a>	Deadline: December 4, 2014
<a href="#">Track Sessions</a>	Deadline: December 4, 2014
<a href="#">Organized Symposia</a>	Deadline: January 15, 2015
<a href="#">Selected Presentation, Papers &amp; Posters</a>	Deadline: January 15, 2015

If you have any questions regarding submissions for the Joint Annual Meeting, please contact the AAEA Business Office at [info@aaea.org](mailto:info@aaea.org) or (414) 918-3190.

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# American Journal of Agricultural Economics

## ***Call for Applications*** **Editorship of the *American Journal of*** ***Agricultural Economics***

Editorship appointments for the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE)* are staggered such that two new appointments are made every two years. The AAEA Board now seeks applications for two editors to be appointed for a four-year term, beginning in January 2016. 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, James Vercammen and Junjie Wu, 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.

The new editors should be prepared to begin the transition process on August 1, 2015 and expect to be fully engaged in editorial duties by January 1, 2016. The AAEA Board will make final selections by early 2015. Interested candidates can consult the journal website for information on the journal at <http://www.ajae.oxfordjournals.org/>. Please note that all editors need to maintain their AAEA membership throughout their service to the journal.

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) and statements of administrative support from the candidate's department chair, dean or other appropriate administrative officer. Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Brian Mondragón Jones, Executive Director, at [bmjones@aaea.org](mailto:bmjones@aaea.org) by December 1, 2014. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

## **Pre/Post-conference Workshops Call for Proposals**

## **2015 AAEA & WAEA JOINT ANNUAL MEETING**

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops at the 2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in San Francisco. The deadline for proposals is **Thursday, December 4, 2014**. Selections will be finalized at the AAEA Executive Board meeting in early January and organizers will be notified soon thereafter by the AAEA President.

Submissions will be judged on the merits of the proposal and the space and time available at the Joint Annual Meeting. Organizers will work with the AAEA Business Office to develop a budget for final approval at the January Board meeting.



Please fill out the [Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal form](#) to submit a proposal. Finished forms should be sent to Kristen Wright at [kwright@aaea.org](mailto:kwright@aaea.org). The form asks the proposers for the following information:

1. Title of proposed session and the proposed date and time that the workshop would take place (potential dates include Saturday, July 25 and Wednesday, July 29).
2. 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.
3. Potential speakers, presenters, or panel members, and the total time required for these presentations.
4. Intended audience and expected attendance at the workshop.
5. Contact information for organizers in charge of overall development and coordination (complete addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses).
6. Complete budget information, which includes: financial support expected, speakers' fees, 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.
7. Any requests for membership and/or registration fee waivers that may be required in order to properly conduct the workshop.
8. 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.

[Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal forms](#) should be sent to [kwright@aaea.org](mailto:kwright@aaea.org) by **Thursday, December 4, 2014**. For more information, contact the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190.

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

AAEA welcomes [proposals for Invited Paper sessions](#) for the [2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in San Francisco. Papers in these Invited Paper sessions may be published in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* in March 2016 subject to review (If your paper is accepted, you must inform Kristen Wright at [kwright@aaea.org](mailto:kwright@aaea.org) of your plan to submit *or* not to submit to *AJAE* by March 18. Within that notification, authors should include a 250 word abstract of their paper).

Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using the online submission system by **Thursday, December 4, 2014**. The online submission system is now open. <http://www.aaea.org/edibo/abstracts>

Proposed session formats must include either two papers with two discussants or three papers with one discussant. Four paper sessions will not be considered.

Proposals will be evaluated by how well they satisfy the following criteria:

- The proposed session supports the objective of the Association to further the development and dissemination of systematic knowledge of agricultural and applied economics.
- The importance of the session is well-justified.
- The proposed papers are innovative and the topics are likely to generate meaningful discussion during the

presentation, as well as interest in a published version.

- It is likely that the session format will be conducive to a clear, focused, and informative presentation of the topics proposed.
- The session theme and paper topics are not repetitive of themes and/or topics previously addressed in Invited Paper sessions.
- The set of sessions will appeal to a broad spectrum of the membership.

Proposals should include session title, session rationale, titles and two-page abstracts of each proposed presentation, and names and contact information of authors, discussants, and moderators.

Proposals will be reviewed and selected by a subcommittee of the AAEA Board. Final versions of the invited papers must be submitted to AgEcon Search by June 24, 2015 and should be submitted to the *AJAE* Proceedings Issue Editor by the same date if the authors wish the invited paper to be reviewed for publication in the *AJAE*.

If you have any questions about submitting an Invited Paper session proposal, please contact Kristen Wright at [kwright@aaea.org](mailto:kwright@aaea.org) or at (414) 918-3190.



## **Call for Proposals:**

### **Case Study Invited Paper Session**

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Case Study Invited Paper Session

AAEA welcomes proposals for [Case Studies for a special Invited Paper session](#) that will be part of the [2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in San Francisco. Proposals from individuals or groups need to be submitted using the online submission system by **Thursday, December 4, 2014**. The online submission system is now open <http://www.aaea.org/edibo/abstracts>.

Cases in this Invited Paper session may be published in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* in January 2016, subject to review (If your paper is accepted, you must inform Anna Douangphachanh at [adouangphachanh@aaea.org](mailto:adouangphachanh@aaea.org) of your plan to submit *or* not to submit to *AJAE* by March 18. Within that notification, authors should include a 250 word abstract of their paper).

Proposals are requested for case studies that show how the application of economic principles to decision making in the public and/or private sectors leads to better decisions. Any topic area that illustrates the application of economic principles is acceptable. Topic areas focusing on emerging issues such as: renewable ingredients, energy economics, food safety, and company environmental policies (e.g., green scorecard) are encouraged. Proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- Deals with a problem that has a high level of importance/interest/relevancy to members of AAEA.
- Clear and concise teaching objective(s) and target audience(s) (e.g. undergraduate students, graduate students, extension audiences).
- Case summary that presents solutions and explanations of how the learning objectives are realized.
- Leads to a better understanding of how the application of economic principles improves decision making.
- A general description of the teaching plan for presenting the case to include expected student use of reference materials.

Proposals should include case title, names and contact information of the authors, and a case outline that covers the company or situation profiled, as well as a detailed outline for the case study. The outline should be 3–5 pages in length and a maximum of 2,000 words. The proposal must also contain an outline and ideas for a teaching note, although the teaching note will not be published with the case. Of the cases submitted, three winning case submissions will be accepted for presentation at the AAEA meetings by February 12, 2015.

Selected case studies (with teaching note when applicable) should be completed by April 14, 2015. These completed versions will be reviewed by the invited case study committee, and feedback to improve the cases will be provided to the author(s). Final versions of the cases must be submitted to AgEcon Search by June 24, 2015 and should be submitted to the *AJAE* Proceedings Issue Editor by the same date if the authors wish the case study to be reviewed for publication in the *AJAE*.

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## ***Call for Proposals***

### **Track Sessions sponsored by AAEA Sections**

The AAEA Executive Board invites [Track Session proposals](#) for the [2015 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in San Francisco. Initial proposals need to be submitted by **Thursday, December 4, 2014**, to Sarah Kenner at [skenner@aaea.org](mailto:skenner@aaea.org). Final, detailed submissions associated with each session are due by March 16, 2015. The AAEA Business Office will work with each Section that submits proposals on their final submission.

Tracks are a set of multiple sessions submitted by AAEA Sections, scheduled throughout the meeting and devoted to a common interest area or topic. The AAEA President determines the number of sessions allocated to each section.

Section leaders are responsible for managing and submitting Track Session proposals. If you are interested in submitting a proposal for a Track Session, please contact the chair of the Section for more information about the session topics that they are seeking. Proposals submitted to the AAEA Business Office by an individual will be referred back to the Section for approval and official submission.

AAEA has created a [Track Session Outline form](#) for Section Leaders to use when submitting their initial outlines in December. This form should be submitted for each session, by the leader of the sponsoring section.

Specific Track Sessions can also be considered as Invited Paper sessions. These sessions need to be submitted through the abstract submission system as an Invited Paper session (see the call for Invited Paper Sessions for more information), and included with the initial Track Session proposals due in December, with an indication that it has also been submitted as an Invited Paper Session. If the proposed Invited Paper session is not accepted, it will still be included as a traditional Track Session.

Please contact Sarah Kenner at [skenner@aaea.org](mailto:skenner@aaea.org) or (414) 918-3190 if you have any other questions about submitting or participating in a Track Session.

For a full list of the 2015 Joint Annual Meeting Call for Proposals visit the [website](#).

### ***AAEA Sections***

Sections are subgroups of the AAEA membership organized to assist members with similar interests to connect and network easily.

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

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



## Joint EAAE/AAEA Seminar

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/>.

- ~~October 31, 2014~~: Abstract submissions due *Deadline Passed*
- **December 1, 2014**: Notification of acceptance/rejection
- **January 20, 2015**: Last day to register for the seminar
- **February 28, 2015**: Submission of full versions of accepted papers due



Join AAEA at the  
**2015 ASSA Annual  
Conference in Boston, MA!**

## Other News

### Read selected papers from the 2013 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting

Issue 4 of Agricultural Finance Review contains papers presented in the Agricultural Finance and Management (AFM) Section Track session at the 2013 Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Annual Meeting, August 4–6, in Washington DC. We are pleased to offer AAEA members special access to these papers until **November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

Agricultural Finance Review is the only journal dedicated to the publication of issues related to agricultural finance in its entirety, and contributions come from academic and industry experts across the world.

The editor, Calum G. Turvey (Cornell University, USA), welcomes submissions to the journal. For full coverage details, visit the [homepage](http://emeraldgroupublishing.com/products/journals/journals.htm?id= afr)

(<http://emeraldgroupublishing.com/products/journals/journals.htm?id= afr>). To submit your research, please read our [author guidelines](http://emeraldgroupublishing.com/products/journals/author_guidelines.htm?id= afr)

([http://emeraldgroupublishing.com/products/journals/author\\_guidelines.htm?id= afr](http://emeraldgroupublishing.com/products/journals/author_guidelines.htm?id= afr)) and submit your articles to <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/afr>

To receive publication alerts for new issues of the Agricultural Finance Review visit <https://www.emeraldinsight.com/action/registration> and set up a profile.

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***A Call for Papers on the topic:  
“The Implications of TTIP and TPP for  
GM/non-GM Coexistence”***

- Selected Papers will be presented in a day-long special session of the biannual GMCC-15, in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, November 17-20, 2015
- Eight to ten of the Selected Papers will appear in a special 2016 edition of the *Journal of and Food Industrial Organization (JAFIO)*.
- Papers will be selected under blind review. Submissions from all countries are encouraged.
- USDA will reimburse ten U.S.-based authors for travel and conference expenses, up to \$3000.

A Special Session Coordinating Committee is seeking abstracts for papers focusing on the interplay between trade agreements and coexistence of genetically modified and conventional crops and food. These papers will be a part of a special session at the GMCC-15.

Bi-annually, the organizing committee of GMCC hosts the International Conference on Coexistence between Genetically Modified (GM) and non-GM based Agricultural Supply Chains (<http://www.wageningenur.nl/en/activity/Congress-GMCC15.htm>). The GMCC is aimed at gathering multidisciplinary academic and industry experts, regulators, policy makers and other key stakeholders from around the world to discuss coexistence. The GMCC-15 will be in Amsterdam, November 17-20, 2015. With support from a USDA-AFRI Conference Grant, the coordinating committee will host a special

session at the GMCC-15 on the implications of the trade agreements, especially the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership Agreement (TTIP) and Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement, for coexistence of genetically-modified (GM) and non-GM food and agricultural products.

A principal aim of both the current TTIP and TTP negotiations is to encourage trade by removing non-tariff trade barriers, and by harmonizing government regulations. The topic of this special session is the interplay among the ongoing TTIP/TPP trade negotiations, international differences in the regulation of genetically modified agricultural commodities and foods, and the coexistence of those GM products with non-GM products.

Submissions should consist of a two-page, 12-point font, single-spaced abstract that provides a clear explanation of what will be presented at the meeting. Authors should include in this abstract a discussion of the relevance of the topic, research methodology, potential for generating discussion during the meeting and potential for publication in *JAFIO*. In the submitted pdf, please do not include your name or contact information. Abstracts are due midnight (US Eastern Standard Time or UTC - 5:00) **January 30, 2015**. Abstracts should be sent to [TradeandGMOCconference2015@auburn.edu](mailto:TradeandGMOCconference2015@auburn.edu) with the subject *GMCC-15 Trade Sessions*.

Abstract authors will be notified of selection by February 27, 2015. Authors of the selected abstracts must submit complete papers for review by May 28, 2015. After blind-review of the papers, the coordinating committee will notify authors of selection for the conference by June 5, 2015. U.S.-based authors who

receive support from USDA will be notified of this support by June 5, 2015.

Special funding has been set aside to support lead authors who are graduate–student researchers, junior scholars (who have

completed doctoral studies after January 1, 2010), and 1890s faculty.

For additional information, contact David Bullock ([dsbulloc@illinois.edu](mailto:dsbulloc@illinois.edu)) or Norbert Wilson ([Norbert.Wilson@auburn.edu](mailto:Norbert.Wilson@auburn.edu)).

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis:**

**“Information for the Policy Maker: Practical Economic Modelling for Tomorrow”**

June 17–19, 2015 | Melbourne, Australia

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis is being jointly organized by the Center for Global Trade Analysis and the Centre of Policy Studies, Victoria University.

The goal of the annual conference is to promote the exchange of ideas among economists conducting quantitative analysis of global economic issues. Particular emphasis will be placed on applied general equilibrium methods, data, and application. Related theoretical and applied work is also welcome.

The overall theme of the conference is *“Information for the Policy Maker: Practical Economic Modelling for Tomorrow”* with sub–themes on:

- International trade and trade policy
- Climate change and adaptation
- Impacts of energy and climate policy
- Labor markets and migration
- Productivity improvement and microeconomic reform
- Food security
- Poverty and social protection
- Regional development within countries

Abstracts and organized session proposals are currently being accepted on the GTAP website through **January 15, 2015**. Please visit the conference homepage for further details.

The Centre of Policy Studies and GAMS Development Corporation have graciously provided funding to offer scholarships to participants with papers accepted into the conference in recognition of Ken Pearson and Thomas Rutherford respectively. These scholarships are aimed to support the participation of promising young researchers at the conference and encourage their contribution to the use and further development of analytical software for CGE modelling. Please visit the conference homepage for further details on eligibility and application.

Registrations for this event will be accepted from **early January through April 30**. Rates will be posted in the near future.

For further information or to submit an abstract or session proposal, please visit the conference homepage on the GTAP website at: [www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/conferences/2015/](http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/conferences/2015/).



**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Short Course in Global Trade Analysis**  
**“Introduction to Applied General Equilibrium**  
**Analysis in a Multi-Region Framework”**

July 11–17, 2015 | West Lafayette, IN, USA



The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Short Course in Global Trade Analysis is being organized and hosted by the [Center for Global Trade Analysis](#) at [Purdue University](#).

**What GTAP Short Course "Graduates" Are Saying...**

- *"Excellent learning environment, teaching and material."*
- *"Good balance between theory and practical lessons!"*
- *"I thoroughly enjoyed the course and learned an incredible amount of material in such a short period of time. I look forward to being involved in the GTAP community in the future and using these modelling techniques in my work! Thank you!"*
- *"I really loved the hands-on part of the course; it was a valuable experience and certainly provided a deeper understanding of the difficult and sophisticated linkages of the model."*
- *"The course is very comprehensive and offered an opportunity to be introduced to all aspects of CGE modelling (theory, data, GEMPACK and other)."*

The objectives of this course are to introduce participants to a standardized framework for conducting global trade analysis in an applied general equilibrium setting, provide hands-on training with software that has been tailored to global trade analysis and give participants the opportunity to interact with economists working on global trade and resource use issues while becoming part of an international network.

The course will consist of two parts:

- *Part I: Online Modules (April 27 – June 28)*

Part I is an eight-week online program structured to strength the microeconomic foundations of applied general equilibrium analysis. Each weekly module culminates in a homework assignment. Homework assignments are individually graded so participants receive individualized feedback on their progress. By working through this material in advance of the onsite course, participants will become intimately familiar with the theory behind applied general equilibrium models, the standard GTAP notation as well as the course software.

- *Part II: Onsite Intensive Training (July 11–17)*

Part II is an intensive, onsite short course consisting of a mix of daily lectures, lab assignments, and informal discussions designed to introduce participants to the basic features of the model and data base. These activities culminate in a major application based on one of the many extensions of the GTAP Model undertaken by small groups and presented on the final day of the course. Each group is assigned two instructors who are intimately familiar with their project to act as resource persons. Participants leave with the capability of designing, conducting, and analyzing their own simulations.

Sample small group applications from past courses include:

- Introducing Firm Heterogeneity into the GTAP Model
- Doha Development Round: Impacts on Egypt from the GTAP CGE Model and Database
- The GTAP-E Model: An Extension of the GTAP Model for Energy and Climate Change Analysis
- Incorporating Water into GTAP Data Base and Model
- Linking GE and PE Models for Disaggregated Trade Analysis

- GTAP-AEZ (Land Use Model)
- Imperfect Competition
- Migration
- Trade and Poverty
- Special Safeguard Mechanism

Applications for this course are currently being accepted on the GTAP website through **February 15, 2015**. Demand for this course is very high; therefore, we strongly encourage early application. Please note that application does not guarantee acceptance.

The registration fee for this course is \$4,000 USD. This fee includes seven days of onsite, individualized instruction in the form of lectures and labs as well as distance-learning prior to the onsite course. The course registration fee also includes daily coffee breaks, six lunches, two receptions and one dinner.

A limited number of fellowships may be available to students working on, or who are interested in, learning and applying CGE modeling to inform policy debates regarding the most pressing questions related to global economic analysis. The fellowships will cover \$2,500 towards the registration fees, reducing the amount owed by the recipient to \$1,500.

For further information or to submit an application, please visit the course homepage on the GTAP website at: [www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Short\\_Courses/2015/](http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Short_Courses/2015/).

### **2015-2 GTAP 101 Course**

#### **“Introduction to Computable General Equilibrium Modeling”**

September 14 – October 30, 2015

#### **What GTAP 101 "Graduates" Are Saying...**

- *"I attended several CGE courses before and this GTAP 101 course is one of the best courses available. Mary has done a good job. This course is well organized and extremely informative. I would like to recommend anyone who is interested in CGE modelling to take this course."*
- *"Thank you for opening a new world of modelling."*
- *"The text book is very clear, detailed and the teacher excellent!"*
- *"It has been very nice experience to learn GTAP models with such an interactive way. I appreciate many*

*advises for my questions. Thank you very much."*

- *"I really enjoyed the course and the class interactions. Mary and the entire GTAP 101 team were very helpful and professional."*

The objective of the GTAP 101 course is to engage participants in an active, team-based process of learning about the GTAP computable general equilibrium (CGE) model and its use in applied economic policy analysis. The curriculum emphasizes an intuitive and graphical treatment of economic theory in the CGE model, and provides structured experiences in manipulating and running the



standard GTAP Model within the RunGTAP software environment. RunGTAP is an intuitive, menu-driven CGE model that minimizes technological hurdles and allows students to quickly begin to focus on their economic thinking and experimentation. The curriculum

is geared to advanced undergraduates, graduates and professionals. At the end of the course, participants will be entry-level modelers and more informed consumers of CGE-based analyses. The course also serves as an entry point for developing the technical skills required for the [GTAP Short Course](#).

During the online course, participants will:

- review core economic theories from macro, micro, trade and public finance and observe how they are operationalized in an applied general equilibrium model;
- learn to recognize, control and interpret the theoretically consistent behavior of consumers and producers in the model;
- observe the aggregated, macroeconomic impacts of microeconomic behaviors;
- define model experiments that represent real-world issues and problems; and
- learn to interpret general equilibrium model results by calling on and integrating their knowledge of multiple fields of economic study.

The course is fully delivered online, and is supported by the textbook, [Introduction to Computable General Equilibrium Models](#) (Burfisher, 2011), which will be provided to all

participants. Additional learning resources include audio lectures, guided video simulations, and assessments. Much of the learning will take place through active discussions among the participants and instructor, which are carried out as asynchronous, threaded conversations on the classroom bulletin board. Topics covered in this course include: Database, Demand, Supply, Factor Markets, Trade and Taxes. The course culminates in a group research project which provides participants with a hands-on opportunity to carry out a model experiment and analyze its economy-wide effects.

Individuals interested in taking this course must apply on the GTAP website **between April 1 and June 28**. Applications will be reviewed after the deadline and those individuals accepted will receive an email detailing how to register and submit payment in August. Please note that application does not guarantee acceptance.

The registration fees for this course are detailed below and include the course textbook as well as instruction during the online course.

- \$1,150 (*Standard Rate: Developed Country Professionals*)
- \$600 (*Discounted Rate: All Current Students and Developing Country Professionals*)
- *A limited number of scholarships are available for this course.*

For further information or to apply, please visit the course homepage on the GTAP website at: <http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/GTAP101/2015-2/>.

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**2015 Short Course in Dynamic Global Trade Analysis**  
**“Dynamic Modeling and Applications in Global Economic Analysis”**

October 9–14, 2015 | West Lafayette, IN, USA



The 2015 Short Course in Dynamic Global Trade Analysis is being organized and hosted by the [Center for Global Trade Analysis](#) at [Purdue University](#).

The objectives of this course are to introduce participants to a dynamic model designed for conducting global trade analysis in an applied general equilibrium setting; provide participants with ample hands-on training with software that has been tailored for undertaking analysis using a dynamic recursive model; and give participants the opportunity to interact with economists working on global trade and resource use issues using a dynamic modeling framework.

The course will consist of two parts:

- *Part I: Online Modules (August 10 – September 27)*

Part I is a series of modules delivered online. By working through this material in advance of the onsite course, participants will become familiar with the theory behind GDyn, the standard GDyn notation and the course software.

- *Part II: Onsite Intensive Training (October 9–14)*

Part II is an intensive, onsite course consisting of a mix of daily lectures, lab assignments, and informal discussions designed to introduce participants to the basic features of the model and data base. Participants will undertake formal lecture and lab assignments in the mornings. Afternoons will be spent with participants working in groups to build their own RunDynam applications, including aggregating the data, developing a baseline and running policy experiments. The results of the applications will be presented on the final day.

Applications for this course are currently being accepted on the GTAP website through **April 5, 2015**. Demand for this course is very high; therefore, we strongly encourage early application. Please note that application does not guarantee acceptance.

The registration fee for this course is \$4,500 USD. This fee includes six days of onsite, individualized instruction in the form of lectures and labs as well as distance-learning prior to the onsite course. The course registration fee also includes daily coffee breaks, five lunches, two receptions and one dinner.

For further information or to submit an application, please visit the course homepage on the GTAP website at: [www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Dynamic\\_Courses/2015/](http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Dynamic_Courses/2015/).

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