Our joint meeting with the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society in early August had the highest attendance in 20 years. Over 1,840 attended; with nearly 400 also taking part in one of the seven pre- and post-conferences. It was a vibrant meeting, with many connections to policy and policy makers. Thanks to Richard Sexton for his organization of the program and selection of speakers who focused on the leading issues of behavioral economics, climate change, and sustainability. And special thanks to our AAEA staff at EDI who did a wonderful job of organizing all aspects of the meeting.

Coming this year, the AAEA Board is focused on strategic planning looking out over the next 10-15 years. We began this process in the spring with a member survey designed by Jayson Lusk, (see Strategic Word from the Street: 2013 AAEA Member Survey Results by Jayson Lusk and Scott Swinton). At the Washington, DC meeting, the Board focused on challenges and opportunities over the next 5 years and sharing thoughts on the AAEA in 2025 and the steps we take to get there. Board taskforces on all aspects of AAEA will be working over the fall to prepare for further discussions at our upcoming meeting at ASSA in January. We will then be reporting out to you on strategic choices and seeking further input from you, Committees, and Sections. Our organization is very strong; we can be stronger yet by innovating to assure that our programs, technology, and operational structure meet the future needs of members.

During this year as your President, I will be focusing on the theme of Certifying the Quality of Agricultural and Applied Economics, which was the subject of my Presidential Address (AJAE Text, PowerPoint). As agricultural and applied economists in academia, government, and the private and non-profit sectors, we face common questions about quality standards for our work, certification to those standards, and communicating about quality among ourselves and with others. Rather than addressing these questions person-by-person and institutional-setting-by-institutional-setting, we can talk as a group or groups about best practices for quality certification. Having this conversation is particularly important for communicating in multi-disciplinary settings where many standards are in play. As an example of these settings, of the 75 agricultural and applied economics departments listed on the AAEA website in spring 2013, nearly 83% were in colleges or schools that feature the terms agriculture or agricultural sciences as the first, second, or third name in their titles. As I launch this quality focus, I very much welcome your ideas at caswell@resecon.umass.edu or 413-545-5735.

The DC Meeting marked a transition in our AAEA Staff with Kristin Ouweneel, who has served as the Executive Director since 2008, being promoted to a new position within EDI and Brian Mondragón Jones taking over as our new Executive Director. Kristin will continue to provide strategic input to AAEA. We thank her for her outstanding work—she brought a wonderful combination of competence and good spirits to managing AAEA. Many of you know Brian through his interaction with the Sections and Committees and we look forward to working with him as Executive Director. Sarah Kenner will now be working with Sections and Committees and in additional capacities as Membership and Program Coordinator, Kristen Wright will continue as Meetings Manager extraordinaire, and Angela Ludwig is our Administrative Coordinator.
Crop Insurance and the Farm Bill Symposium

AAEA is holding the Crop Insurance and the Farm Bill: A New Paradigm in U.S. Agricultural Policy Symposium which will take place on October 8-9, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency in Louisville, Kentucky. Along with AAEA, John Anderson of American Farm Bureau Federation and H.L. Goodwin, Jr. of the University of Arkansas and Southern Risk Management Education Center are organizing the event. The symposium is being sponsored by National Crop Insurance Services (NCIS) and Southern Risk Management Education Center (SRMEC).

Symposium Overview

Since the inception of the U.S. agricultural policies in the early 1930s, the Farm Bills enacted have centered on various iterations of supply controls, price supports and/or direct transfers. In the current political climate a paradigm shift seems to be underway toward alternative risk management strategies, primarily subsidized crop insurance offerings, to help mitigate the substantial risks inherent in agricultural production and marketing. In this symposium, the effects and impacts of the proposed shift to crop insurance as the primary tool for risk management in agriculture will be examined and assessed. Potential topic areas to be explored include the interaction between crop insurance and traditional Title 1 farm support programs; rating and delivery challenges related to more widespread reliance on insurance; innovations in the tools and techniques for crop insurance analysis; and the intersection between crop insurance and farm management decisions. Agenda is available at: http://www.aaea.org/UserFiles/file/AAEACropSymposiumAgenda2.pdf

Registration

Registration for the Crop Insurance and the Farm Bill Symposium is now open. To register online or by using the pdf form, please visit the website below. Registration closes on Thursday, September 24, after this date no refunds will be issued.

http://www.aaea.org/meetings/crop-insurance-and-the-farm-bill-symposium/registration

The early registration deadline has been extended to September 9! Rates will increase at 11:59 pm CST on September 9.

Registration Rates:

- Before September 9: $200
- September 10-24: $300

Housing

AAEA has secured a block of rooms at the Hyatt Regency Louisville at a discounted rate for all symposium attendees. The deadline to book at these rates is September 16.

Room Rates:

- Single/Double: $169
- Triple: $189
- Quadruple: $209
- Government Rate: currently $97 (2014 government per diem)

Membership Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who completed the AAEA Membership Survey that was distributed this Spring. The survey results are being used by the AAEA Executive Board as they think strategically about AAEA’s future. If you are interested in viewing a summary of the results, you can find them here: http://www.aaea.org/UserFiles/file/MembershipSurveyResults.pdf. If you have any questions about the survey results, please contact info@aaea.org.

Call for Nominations

AAEA President-Elect, Directors

The AAEA Nominating Committee is soliciting nominations from the AAEA membership for AAEA President-Elect and two AAEA Directors, all for three year terms beginning July 2014.

Please submit the names and affiliations of nominees to bmjones@aaea.org. Nominations must be received by Tuesday, October 1, 2013.
2013 AAEA Awards

Undergraduate Student Section Awards

Academic Bowl
- First Place - Perry Schweitzer, Keri Corman, and Nury Dominguez, University of Florida
- Second Place – Dara Novini, Elizabeth Westendorf, and Nicholas Walch, USDA-Economic Research Services
- Third Place – Hunter Garnett, Joanna King, and Bryan Whitten, Mississippi State University

Outstanding Paper Competition
- First Place – Sarah Prescott, University of Alberta
- Second Place – Darcy Musick, Angelo State University
- Third Place – Adam Hancock, University of Kentucky

Outstanding Chapter Award
- University of Florida, Advisor: Jennifer Clark

Creative Club Award
- West Texas A&M University, Advisors: Mallory Vestal and Lal Almas

Graduate Student Section Awards

Graduate Student Case Study Competition
- First Place – Dustin Baker, Justin Shepherd, and Jehiel Oliver, Cornell University
- Second Place – Will Callis, Marcus Brix, and Jon Brammer, Kansas State University
- Third Place – Chase DeCoite and Steve McLennan, California Polytechnic State University

Graduate Student Extension Competition
- First Place - Becca Jablonski, Cornell University
- Second Place – Michael Osei, South Dakota State University
- Third Place – Katie DuBreuil, Virginia Tech

Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award
- Francis Annan, Mississippi State University
  “Spatial Pattern of Yield Distributions: Implications for Crop Insurance”
- Honorable Mention
  Beau Olen, Oregon State University
  “Irrigation Choices for Major West Coast Crops: Water Scarcity and Climatic Determinants”
- Honorable Mention
  Kevin Ray, University of Arizona
  “Can Desert Dwellers Continue to Afford Lush Lawns?: Analyzing Consumer Response to Rate Changes in Four Phoenix Suburbs”

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation
- Lin Qin, Oregon State University
  “The Economics of a Research Program: Knowledge Production, Cost, and Technical Efficiency”
- Honorable Mention
  Xi Chen, Cornell University
  “Essays on Social Networks: Relative Concerns, Social Interactions, and Unintended Consequences”

Distinguished Teaching Awards

Less than Ten Years’ Experience
- Shannon Ferrell, Oklahoma State University

Undergraduate Teaching: Ten or More Years’ Experience
- Ronald Hanson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Graduate Teaching: Ten or More Years’ Experience
- Wallace Tyner, Purdue University

Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards

Individual: Less than Ten Years’ Experience
- Brian Whitacre, Oklahoma State University

Individual: Ten or More Years’ Experience
- Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University

Group
- David Just, Brian Wansink, Kathryn Hoy, Adam Brumberg, Andrew Hanks, Sandra Cuellar and Erin Sharp of Cornell University

Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis
- William Masters, Tufts University

Quality of Communication Award
- Charles B. Moss, University of Florida; Allen Featherstone, Kansas State University; Christine Wilson, Kansas State University
  “Presenting the Financial Condition of Agriculture Using the Agricultural Resource Management Survey”

Emerald Publishing Group, 2012

Quality of Research Discovery Award
- Metin Cakir, University of Saskatchewan; Joseph Balagtas, Purdue University


Outstanding American Journal of Agricultural Economics Article Award
- Randal R. Rucker, Montana State University; Walter N. Thurman, North Carolina State University; Michael Burgett, Oregon State University
  “Honey Bee Pollination Markets and the Internalization of Reciprocal Benefits”


Honorable Mention
- Jason H. Grant and Kathryn A. Boys, Virginia Tech
  “Agricultural Trade and the GATT/WTO: Does Membership Make a Difference?”

Outstanding Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy Article Award
- Richard G. Frank, Harvard Medical School
- Honorable Mention
  J. Edward Taylor and Diane Charlton, University of California, Davis; Antonio Yúnez-Naude, El Colegio de Mexico

Outstanding Choices Article Award
- Patricia Duffy, Auburn University; Fumiko Yamazaki, California State University; Claire A. Zizza, Auburn University
  “Can the Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010 Help Trim America’s Waistline?” Choices (2012) 27 (1st Quarter)
- Honorable Mention
  Alessandro Bonanno, Wageningen University
  “Food Deserts: Demand, Supply, and Economic Theory” Choices (2012) 27 (3rd Quarter)

Publication of Enduring Quality Award
- Marc Nerlove, University of Maryland and Pietro Balestra

Presidential Recognition Award for Special Service to the Association
- Kristin Ouweneel, Executive Director, AAEA

C-FARE Recognition of Outstanding Service Award
- Tamara Wagester, Executive Director, C-FARE

AAEA Trust Sponsored Awards
Chester O. McCorkle Jr. Student Scholarship
- Mariko Wijekoon, Clark University

Luther G. Tweeten Scholarship
- Comlanvi Sitou Akibode, Michigan State University
- Teevrat Garg, Cornell University
- Asare Twum-Barima, University of California, Davis
- Michael Mulford, Cornell University

AARES-AAEA Young Professional Exchange Program
- Bethany Cooper, La Trobe University (Heading North Award)
- David Ortega, Michigan State University (Heading South Award)

Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship
- Leah Harris, Michigan State University
- Kelly Lange, Virginia Tech
- Christiane Schroeter, California Polytechnic State University

Travel Grants for Economists from Less Developed Countries
- Mohammad Jahangir Alam, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Bangladesh
- Dileni Gunewardena, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
- Ezrah Trevor Rwakinanga, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Uganda
- Vincent Ngeno, Moi University, Kenya
- Boniface Ngah Epo, University of Yaoundé II, Cameroon
- Eugenie Maïga, African Center for Economic Transformation, Ghana

Marc Nerlove receiving the Publication of Enduring Quality Award from Past President Richard Sexton.

View photos from AAEA Awards Ceremony
Thank you to all of the individuals who volunteered their time and efforts to serve on an AAEA Award Committee

General Chair, AAEA Awards Committee
George Norton, Virginia Tech
Jeffrey Dorfman, Co-Chair, University of Georgia

Outstanding Master’s Thesis
David Roberts, North Dakota State University, Chair; Christopher Boyer, University of Tennessee; Kathleen Brooks, West Texas A&M University; Carl Dillon, University of Kentucky; Susana Ferreira, University of Georgia; Gregory Graff, Colorado State University; Corinne Langinier, University of Alberta; Daniel Petrolia, Michigan State University; Guanming Shi, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation
Brent Hueth, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Chair; Fabio Chaddad, University of Missouri; Rachael Goodhue, University of California, Davis; Ted Jannicke, Pennsylvania State University; Ken Leonard, University of Maryland; Klaus Moeltner, Virginia Tech; Sofia Villas-Boas, University of California, Berkeley; Jinhua Zhao, Michigan State University

Distinguished Teaching
Kerry Litzenberg, Texas A&M University, Chair; Hayley Chouinard, Washington State University; Steven Devadoss, University of Idaho; Scott Downey, Purdue University; Frank Dooley, Purdue University; Michael Ellerbrock, Virginia Tech

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Quality of Communication
Erika Styles, Fort Valley State University, Chair; Harry De Gorter, Cornell University
Wallace Huffman, Iowa State University; Carol Jones, USDA-Economic Research Service; Carlisle Pemberton, University of the West Indies; Ian Sheldon, Ohio State University

Quality of Research Discovery
David Lambert, Kansas State University, Chair; Julian Alston, University of California, Davis; Amy Ando, University of Illinois; Nicole Ballenger, University of Wisconsin; Susan Capalbo, Oregon State University; Charles Towe, University of Maryland

Publication of Enduring Quality
Michael Wohlgemant, North Carolina State University, Chair; John Crespi, Kansas State University; George Davis, Virginia Tech; Michael Hanemann, University of California, Berkeley; Robert Innes, University of California, Merced; David Zilberman, University of California, Berkeley

Outstanding American Journal of Agricultural Economics Article
Awudo Abdulai, University of Kiel; Maximilian Auffhammer, University of California, Berkeley; Barry J. Barnett, Mississippi State University; Kathy Baylis, University of Illinois; Kathleen P. Bell, University of Maine; Marc F. Bellemare, Duke University; Craig Gunderson, University of Illinois; Nigel Key, USDA-Economic Research Service; H. Allen Klaiber, Ohio State University; John Loomis, Colorado State University; Travis J. Lybbert, University of California, Davis; Jeffrey J. Remer, Oregon State University; Roderick M. Rejesus, North Carolina State University; Melissa Smale, Michigan State University; Dmitry Vedenov, Texas A&M University; Ximing Wu, Texas A&M University; Xiaoyong Zheng, North Carolina State University

Outstanding Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy Article
Joan Costa-i-Font, London School of Economics and Political Science; Ashok Misra, Louisiana State University Ag-Center; Timothy Park, USDA-Economic Research Service; Spiro Stefanou, Pennsylvania State University

Outstanding Choices Article
Trent Teegerstrom, University of Arizona, Chair; Walter Armbruster, Farm Foundation (retired); Tatiana Borisova, University of Florida; Hayley Chouinard, Washington State University; Damona Doye, Oklahoma State University; Stephan Goetz, Pennsylvania State University; Jason Henderson, Kansas City FED; Christopher Hurt, Purdue University; Rodney Jones, Oklahoma State University; Larry Lev, Oregon State University; Lori Lynch, University of Maryland; Dawn Thilmany McFadden, Colorado State University; Sally Thompson, Bureau of Economic Analysis; Tamara Wagster, C-FARE; Patrick Westhoff, University of Missouri; Irene Xiarchos, USDA Office of the Chief Economist

Fellows Selection Committee
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AAEA News

AJAE Editor Update

Editorial Team Transitions

A warm welcome to Jim Vercammen of the University of British Columbia and JunJie Wu of Oregon State University, who will officially join the team of editors as of January 1, 2014, but who have begun handling manuscripts during August of 2013. Jim’s considerable experience and scholarly record in environmental and resource economics and land use will be a great asset for the team, while Jim’s experience with topics in risk, insurance, industrial organization, contracts and agricultural policy will provide the team great perspective on many fronts. Finally, we welcome Mike Reed of the University of Kentucky, who has assumed the mantle of Book Review Editor from Hector Zapata as of January 1, 2013. Many thanks go to Hector for his excellent service.

As the team anticipates this new editorial blood, we also face the reality of losing the considerable talents and energies of David Hennessy and Ed Taylor, who have stopped accepting new manuscript assignments and will focus on disposition of their existing manuscript stock. We thank them for the considerable effort, collegiality and humor they have displayed over the past four years of service and congratulate them on their newly found free time.

JunJie will assume Ed’s role as the editor who works with Oxford University Press to assemble and finalize each journal issue for release, while Jim will assume David’s duties in organizing the journal’s new review process for AAEA invited papers.

Associate Editor Transitions and Priorities

In December, we say goodbye to the services of 13 Associate Editors:
Joseph Balagtas, Purdue University
John Cranfield, University of Guelph
Lata Gangadharan, Monash University
Daniel Gilligan, IFPRI
Elena Irwin, Ohio State University
David Just, Cornell University
Kostas Karantininis, University of Copenhagen
Stephan Klasen, University of Göttingen
Craig McIntosh, University of California, San Diego
Michael Roberts, U. Hawaii - Manoa
Sofia Villas-Boas, University of California, Berkeley
Norbert Wilson, Auburn University
Jonathan Yoder, Washington State University

We appreciate their service over the past four years. We note that, among our continuing team of four editors, none has explicit expertise in international development. Further several of our exiting associate editors have considerable expertise in development. We are committed to providing excellent scholarly service to this critical field of study. Therefore, the recruitment of eminent and emerging development scholars to the ranks of AJAE associate editor is a priority.

AJAE No Longer Has Page Charges

Starting in January of 2014, accepted manuscripts will no longer be charged $20/page as part of the publication process. This should make publishing in the AJAE more attractive to all authors, but particularly to those from institutions and countries where such charges are not usual or a disproportionate burden.
Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM) Research Conference, November 4-6, 2013

This three-day conference will bring together hundreds of researchers in the statistical community from government, the private sector, and academia to discuss and exchange current research and methodological topics relevant to statistical programs. This year’s conference, hosted by the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics has an exciting agenda of cutting-edge research directly addressing hot topics including: adaptive survey design, linkage with administrative records, data quality, economic statistics, multimode and web data collection, nonresponse and measurement error, paradata and metadata, survey design, and small area estimation. For more information, advance program and registration, see http://www.copafs.org/seminars/fcsm.aspx

Eyes on the Future

AgEcon Search has grown nearly 12% in 2013 over 2012 and now hosts nearly 67,000 documents - and the year is not over! Use is high as well, with the 700 AAEA presentations from 2013 downloaded ~19,000 times in three months. We plan to focus this year not only on providing resources for researchers worldwide, but identifying high quality content produced in the developing world that may otherwise have no distribution venue to the greater research community. To further this effort we will be exhibiting at the 4th International Conference of the African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE) in Hammamet, Tunisia in September 2013. Visit us if you plan to attend!

Linda Eells
Julie Kelly
Coordinators, AgEcon Search
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Office of Science and Technology Policy: Call for 2014 Internship Applications

The Office of Science and Technology Policy is currently accepting applications for its Spring 2014 Internship Program. The application deadline is 11:59pm EST Friday, October 4, 2013. Students who are U.S. citizens and who will be actively enrolled during the Spring 2014 semester are welcome to apply.

More information and application instructions are available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/about/student/.

About OSTP. The Office of Science and Technology Policy advises the President on the effects of science and technology on domestic and international affairs. The office serves as a source of scientific and technological analysis and judgment for the President with respect to major policies, plans and programs of the Federal Government.

About the Internship Program. Interns are accepted for one of three annual terms (Spring, Summer, or Fall), which each last no more than 90 days. While these positions are without compensation, the assignments provide educational enrichment, practical work experience, and network opportunities with other individuals in the science and technology policy arena.

For questions, please contact Rebecca Grimm rgrimm@ostp.eop.gov.
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C-FARE

About the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics

The C-FARE is a non-profit organization based in Washington, DC. C-FARE promotes the work of applied economists and serves as a catalyst for incorporating economic thinking into the analysis of food, agricultural and resource decisions. The C-FARE serves as a conduit between the academic research community and Washington, DC policymakers and agency personnel, matching expertise to public needs. C-FARE is pleased to work with the AAEA to accomplish key priorities for the profession, which the AAEA Board outlined for C-FARE in 2011. AAEA's support for C-FARE occurs through the AAEA Trust.

C-FARE Seeks Your Input to Develop Success Stories for Policy Makers and Granting Agencies

Members of the C-FARE Board of Directors regularly meet with decision makers. To provide specific examples of the ways that data and research from USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the Economic Research Service (ERS) and other agencies address societal challenges and support growth of industries related to agricultural and applied economics.

We seek input from the profession about how you use data or implement research from NASS, ERS and other key data sources. Likewise, success stories about peer reviewed grants that have been successful are also very helpful. Stories about how data is used in certain regions or states will help encourage continued support for data collection in the coming years. The summaries we receive will be shared with congressional offices as well as funding agencies. To participate, you may submit your entry(ies) using the Google document form here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1m1MhwyKUifPFtyL2GTbwhbPb0uZQvsb_jPjE4Nd7U/viewform. Thank you for your time and consideration.

RE: AAEA Priority to C-FARE: Continue to educate agencies and decision makers; increase resources to the profession.

C-FARE’s Blue Ribbon Panels Seek Nominations for New Members

C-FARE Blue Ribbon Expert Panels provide short- and long-run guidance about national and international matters of mutual interest to policymakers and food, agricultural and resource economists. There are currently seven panels (1) Energy, (2) Global Competitiveness and Profitability of Agriculture, (3) Economic Opportunities in Rural Communities, (4) Natural Resources and Environmental Issues, (5) Consumer Concerns about Food, Health and Safety, (6) Climate Change, and (7) Development.

In the past year the panels have:
• Submitted responses to federal requests for comments on granting programs.
• Responded to inquiries and questions from congressional staff about issues related to agricultural and applied economics.
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• Worked with other science societies to develop congressional seminars.
• Organized collaborative policy symposia for the 2013 AAEA Annual Meeting.

The C-FARE is soliciting nominations from the profession for new panel members. If you would like to nominate yourself or a colleague to a panel, please fill out the Google form here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AgMHUkusXObt_Xf0DVRsU-wBB8eXHg7R1z26KNoXpO0/viewform. Please submit your nominations by November 13, 2013 at 5 pm Eastern. Thank you.

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Safely Crossing the Food Chain: The Economics of Reducing Food Risk, A Congressional Briefing Co-Sponsored by C-FARE and National C-FAR

On August 1, 2013 Dr. Julie A. Caswell, Professor in the Department of Resource Economics at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, served as the speaker for a National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (NCFAR – www.cfar.org) briefing focusing on economic research examining policy approaches to and research for reducing health risks in food. The audience consisted of over 80 congressional staff and stakeholders from the Washington, DC community. In addition to the presentation, Dr. Caswell visited with staff from her Congressional delegation, as well as Congressman Jim McGovern (MA-2-D). Rep. McGovern has taken a leadership role in Congress in expanding the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program.

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C-FARE Informational Call about the USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum’s Student Diversity Program

C-FARE will sponsor an informational call for students and advisors on September 27 at 2 pm ET. Participants will learn more about the USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum’s Student Diversity Program. The program announcement is available here: http://www.usda.gov/oce/forum/diversity/diversity_program.htm. The announcement states, “In an effort to increase the present and future diversity participation in the Forum, USDA created a program that provides sponsorship opportunities for junior-senior baccalaureate and graduate students to attend this annual event.” Students selected will have the opportunity to participate in an introductory briefing and discussion of career opportunities and to attend the 2014 Agricultural Outlook Forum (occurring February 20-21, 2014 in Arlington, Virginia). If you are interested in participating in the C-FARE sponsored informational call, please register here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CZYMJbNH5-MzTH8R7CSeg33TLvMb4RDPITrFad0p-Cz8/viewform.

RE: AAEA Priority to C-FARE: Further development of students and young professionals.

In 2013, the C-FARE is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. View the twenty programs and actions that C-FARE has performed to continue to support the agricultural and applied economics professions here!

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C-FARE-Co-Sponsored a Post-Conference Tour at AAEA Meetings

The USDA Economist Group and The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE) hosted a post-conference event offering individual programs and tours of various USDA agencies. Over 40 participants attended the tours, which spanned the following agencies: USDA Economic Research Service (USDA ERS); USDA Foreign Agricultural Service (USDA FAS); USDA Farm Service Agency (USDA FSA); USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA NASS); USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture (USDA NIFA); and the USDA World Board. Thank you to all of the speakers and volunteers who made the event successful.

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Calls for Applications and Submissions

Call for Nominations
2014 Fellows Award Nominations

The AAEA Fellows Selection Committee is inviting nominations for the 2014 AAEA Fellows Awards. The deadline for submission of nominations and supporting biographical documentation is Monday, October 7, 2013. Selection is based mainly on a continuous contribution to the advancement of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the Vision Statement of the AAEA. Achievements may be in research, teaching, extension, administration, Public Service, 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 AAEA Executive Director, Brian Mondragon Jones, at bmjones@aaea.org. Please contact Brian if you have any questions.

The 2014 Fellows Recognition Ceremony will be held as part of the 2014 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. Information on previous AAEA Fellows and the procedures used to select Fellows is available on the AAEA Fellows page.

AAEA Trust Call for Proposals

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

• Support graduate student and young professional development AND/OR

• Enhance the Annual Meeting, broaden participation in AAEA, and reach out to new groups.

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.

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.

Final proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file by Monday, October 7, 2013, 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 2014 Board Meeting. Proposals can be submitted to Brian Mondragón Jones via e-mail at bmjones@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190.
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 grant of up to $2,000 will be awarded for use during the 2014 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 7, 2013. The award will be announced in January 2014.

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 7, 2013.

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.

Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship Call for Applications

The Sylvia Lane Mentorship Fund was established by the Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics (CWAE) for the mentor, proposed dates of collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Recent CV
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 7, 2013.

For more information about the award, please contact Cheryl Doss at Cheryl.Doss@yale.edu.

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 individuals (especially women) conducting economic analyses of food, agricultural, or natural resource issues.

Sylvia Lane has 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 is a Professor Emerita of agricultural and resource economics at the University of California, Berkeley.
Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award Call For Applications

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust is now accepting applications for the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award. The Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award supports a mentorship relationship with a view to promote high quality research of a policy/problem-solving nature in countries with food insecurity and environmental pressures. It is meant to promote collaboration between an early career scholar who is a citizen of and resides in a developing country and a distinguished mentor.

The award is intended to cover the costs of travel and expenses for a scholar and mentor to work together on a specific research project in a high priority area for the scholar’s country. The maximum fellowship grant will be $5,000. Up to $4,500 can be allocated for travel expenses for the scholar to visit the mentor’s workplace and/or to meet with the mentor at a professional meeting. Up to $1,500 can be allocated for mentor travel and other expenses during the fellowship period. Research topics should fall within the mission of the AAEA (www.aaea.org/about-aaea).

Scholars should be professional economists who are citizens of and reside in a developing country. A complete list of qualifying countries is available under the headings “Low-income economies” and “Lower-middle-income economies” at: http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income. Scholars should either have completed their terminal degree or will complete it within the year. Students studying in countries that are not considered “low-income economies” and “lower-middle-income economies” may apply, but they must be completing their degree and planning to permanently reside in a “low-income” and “lower-middle-income” country by the end of 2013. 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, 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 7, 2013. Awards will be announced in January 2014.

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

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 U.S. 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 has been recognized as an Outstanding Alumna by Cornell University.
Call for Nominations
Travel Grants for Economists from Less Developed Countries

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust invites nominations for economists from less developed countries to attend the 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN July 27–29, 2014. Nominees should be professional economists who are from and residing in a developing country. A complete list of qualifying countries is available here, under the headings “Low-income economies” and “Lower-middle-income economies”: http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income. Or see list below.

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, 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 p.m. CDT on Monday, November 4, 2013.

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-ERS.

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Arizona State University
- Appointment Change: Mark Manfredo, Chair, Dept. of Agribusiness, W. P. Carey School of Business
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:
  - William Allender, PhD, Assistant Professor of Marketing, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario; Claudia Dumitrescu, PhD, Assistant Professor of Marketing, Whitworth University, Spokane, WA.
- Return from Leave: Troy G. Schmitz
- Resignation: William Nganje

University of Arizona
- Appointment Change: George Frisvold, Acting Department Head
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:
  - Anubhab Gupta, MS, PhD Program in Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis;
  - Elizabeth Schuster, MS, Environmental Economist, The Nature Conservancy of New Jersey;
  - Gan Jin, MS, PhD Program in Natural Resources and Environmental Management, University of Hawaii;
  - Sweta Srinivasan, MS, PhD Program in Statistics, University of Arizona;
  - Jingyu Liu, MS, PhD Program in Statistics, University of Arizona;
  - Ibrahima Sall, MS, PhD Program in Arid Lands, University of Arizona

University of Arkansas
- New Appointments: Dr. Quiqiong Huang, Associate Professor, Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Department; Dr. Jeffrey Luckstead, Assistant Professor, Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Department

University of California, Davis
- Position taken by Recent Graduate: Jon Cook, PhD, Energy Consultant, Freeman, Sullivan and Co, San Francisco, CA
- Leave: Travis Lybbert, Department of Economics, University of Cape Coast, Ghana, sabbatical September 1, 2013 – July 1, 2014.

California Polytechnic State University
- Awards: Christiane Schroeter, Sylvia Lane Research Award with Tim Richards, NACTA Teacher Fellow, WAEA Undergraduate Teaching Award

Colorado State University
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:
  - Ashley Bennett, MS, Energy Resource Planning Analyst, Seattle City Light; Kanokkonn Pattarachon, MS, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand; Ron Nelson, MS, Utilities Economist, Minnesota Attorney General’s Office, Residential United Division
- Visitors: Tetyana Kuts, Instructor, University of Life & Environmental Sciences, Kyiv, Ukraine, Visiting Scholar, December 2013; Natalia Zarytska, Assistant Lecturer, National Economic University, Kyiv, Ukraine, Visiting Scholar, December 2013; Oleksii Kovalenko, Instructor, Uman National University of Horticulture, Ukraine, Visiting Scholar, December 2013; Valerii Drahunstov, Instructor, Karkiv National Agrarian University, Ukraine, Visiting Scholar, December 2013
- New Appointment: Dustin Pendell, Graduate Coordinator

University of Delaware
- New Appointment: Sunny Jardine, Assistant Professor, School of Marine Science and Policy

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- New appointments: Todd Kuethe, Clinical Assistant Professor, Land Economics; Jonathan Coppess, Clinical Assistant Professor, Law and Policy
- Appointment Changes: Nick Paulson, Associate Professor; Alex Winter-Nelson, Professor and ACES Director of International Programs; A. Bryan Endres, Associate Professor and Interim Provost for International Affairs and Director of International Programs and Studies
- Award: Scott Irwin, AAEA Fellow
- Return from Leave: Kevin Dhuyvetter, Professor, returned July 1 from a year sabbatical leave with John Deere, Inc.

Kansas State University
- New Appointment: Keith D. Harris, Assistant Professor (tenure track).
- Appointment Changes: Christine Wilson, Full Professor; Jeff Peterson, Full Professor; David Lambert, Department Head, Section Chair of the National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators 2013-2014.
- Awards: Marcus Brix, Will Callis, and Jon Brammer, AAEA Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition, Second Place; Nathan Hendricks and Jeff Peterson, Outstanding JARE Article “Fixed Effects Estimation of the Intensive and Extensive Margins of Irrigation Water Demand”; Chuck Moss, Allen Featherstone and Christine Wilson, AAEA 2013 Quality of Communication Award, “Presenting the Financial Condition of Agriculture using the Agricultural Resource Management Survey”; Keith Harris and David O’Brien, recognition for one of the best papers in the International Journal of Business, Humanities and Technology in 2013, for “An Examination of the Inter-Organizational Structure in the Animal Health and Nutrition Bioscience Network”; Brian Briggeman, Kansas State University College of Agriculture Faculty of the Semester Award (Spring 2013); Jason Bergtold, Kansas State University Gamma Sigma Alpha Outstanding Teacher Award for 2012-2013; Barry Flinchbaugh, 2012 Leader in Agriculture (co-winner with Howard Buffett), Agriculture Future of America Award; Art Barnaby and Barry Flinchbaugh, Leaders Who Made a Difference, recognized by The Farm Journal
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:
  - Bryan Parmon, PhD, Assistant Professor, Mississippi State University; Levi Russell, PhD, Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University (Corpus Christi)
- Return from Leave: Kevin Dhuyvetter, Professor, returned July 1 from a year sabbatical leave with John Deere, Inc.

Louisiana State University
- New Appointment: Shaun Tanger, Forest Economist, PhD, Auburn
- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: Liliana Pujula, PhD, Research, DuPont, Geneva
University of Maryland
• Award: Marc Nerlove, AAEA Publication of Enduring Quality Award
• Position Taken by Recent Graduate: Tarik Chfadi, PhD, Research Associate, Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN), University of Maryland

Michigan State University
• New Appointments: Clôé Garnache, Assistant Professor; Nicole Mason, Assistant Professor
• Appointment Change: Corey Miller, Senior Research Associate
• Awards: Randy Little, 2013 Irvin Atly Jefcoat Excellence in Advising Award; Matthew Interis, Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award; Keith Coble, Regions Bank Superior Faculty Award for Service; Matthew Interis, 2014 SAES Emerging Scholar Award; Francis Annan, AAEA Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award
• Resignation: Kimberly Morgan

University of Missouri
• Appointment Change: Judy Stallmann, Policy Research Scholar of the Institute for Public Policy, Truman School of Public Affairs
• Position Taken by Recent Graduate: Per Bylund, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, Hankamer School of Business, Baylor University

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
• Awards: Ronald J. Hanson, Distinguished Teaching Award of the AAEA with more than 10 years’ experience; Ronald J. Hanson, NACTA Distinguished Educator Award
• Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Kepifri Lakoh, PhD, Research Grants Specialist, Howard Buffett Foundation, Dekatur, IL; Diego Alvarez, PhD, Assistant Professor, Facultad de Ciencias Economicas, Universidad Nacional del Nordeste, Argentina; Aziza Kibonge, PhD, post-doc, Daugherty Water for Food Institute, UNL, Lincoln; Edward Rubin, MS, research assistant, PhD program, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Berkeley
• Visitor: Rita Zhang, Associate Professor, Northeast Agricultural University, Harbin, Heilongjiang, China, Visiting Scholar, August 2013-August 2014

North Dakota State University
• Visitor: Myong Chul Choi, Korea, Visiting Scholar, 2013-2015

The Ohio State University
• Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Michael Betz, Assistant Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Science, Ohio State University; Ganita Bhupal, Assistant Professor, Economics Department, University of Delhi, India; Katie Farrin, Research Economist, Food Security & Development Branch at Economics Research Services (ERS) Washington, DC; Brent Richards, Lecturer, International Studies Department, University of North Texas, Denton, TX; Minyu Zhou, Postdoctoral Researcher, AEDE, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
• Visitor: Zhe Feng, Visiting Scholar, Peking University, Beijing, China

Oklahoma State University
• Awards: Brian Whitacre, AAEA, Distinguished Extension Program, Less Than Ten Years Experience; Derrell Peel, AAEA, Distinguished Extension Program, More Than Ten Years’ Experience; Shannon Ferrell, AAEA, Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award, Less Than Ten Years Experience; Brian Whitacre, 2013 Gamma Sigma Delta New Research Scientist Award
• Retirements: Mike Dicks, 24 years of service

Purdue University
• Awards: Akuffo Amankwah and Kadjo Didier, Fellows for the Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program (LEAP) of the Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellows Program
• Visitors: Sunil Prasad Dhoubhadel, University of Nebraska, Traveling Scholar Program, Host Advisor: Thomas Hertel; Carlos Trejo Pech, Universidad Panamericana at Guadalajara until July 2014; Michele Rasetti, Universita Politecnica delle Marche, until December 2013

Texas A&M University
• New Appointments: Levi Russell, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Management; Tiffany Dowell, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Attorney at Law
• Appointment Change: Vicky Salin, Professor and Chair, Intercollegiate Faculty of Agribusiness and Director, Master of Agribusiness; Steve Klose, Professor and Extension Specialist; Mark Welch, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist
• Awards: David Bessler, Commodityhq.com Top 15 Commodity-Friendly Professors Worldwide; Danny Klinefelter, Top Producer Magazine “Brave Thinkers: 30 Leaders Who Made a Difference”, “7 Economists, Bankers Who Challenged the Status Quo”

USDA-Economic Research Services
• New Appointments: Charlotte Tuttle, Research Economist, Food Economics Division; Shelly Sulttes, Ryan Kuhns, and Claudia Hitaj, Agricultural Economist, Resource & Rural Economics Division; Andrew Muhammad, Branch Chief, International Demand and Trade Branch, Market and Trade Economics Division; Sahar Angadjivand, Economist, Market and Trade Division; Kathleen Farrin, Economist, Market and Trades Division
• Awards: Abigail M. Okrent and Julian M. Alston, Best Economics Paper: Food Safety and Nutrition Section of the AAEA, “The Effects of Farm Commodity and Retail Food Policies on Obesity and Economic Welfare in the United States.” American Journal of Agricultural Economics
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Economics, 2012; Albert J. Reed and J.W. Levedahl, Honorable Mention: Food Safety and Nutrition Section of the AAEA, “WIC and the Price of Infant Formula.” American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 2012; ERS Quiz Team, Second Place, AAEA Quiz Bowl, Washington, DC

- Leave: Cynthia Nickerson, Council of Economic Advisers, July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014
- Retirements: Wen Huang, 34 years of service; Suchada Langley, 26 years of service
- Resignations: Samantha Snyder; Paula Dutko; Robert Ebel; Todd Kuethe; James Kiawu; Lihong McPhail; Amy Hagerman
- Visitor: Jin Kyo Suh, Research Fellow at the Korea Institute of International Economic Policy in Seoul, Korea, Visiting Researcher in the International Demand and Trade Branch, Market and Trade Economics Division, one year

Virginia Tech
- Appointment Change: Kevin Boyle, Director, Virginia Tech Program in Real Estate
- Awards: Jason Grant and Kathryn Boys, AAEA “Outstanding American Journal of Agricultural Economics Article Award, Honorable Mention”; Katie DuBreuil, AAEA, Third Place, Graduate Student Extension Competition
- Resignation: Hyrum Smith

Washington State University
- Appointment Changes: Ron Mittelhammer, Dean for an interim period, College of Agricultural, Human & Natural Resource Sciences; Dan Bernardo, Provost for an interim period
- Award: Martin Ma, Jill Mccluskey and Ron Mittelhammer, Best General Poster Research Presentation, International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research Annual Meeting 2013

- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Fafanyo Asiseh, PhD, Assistant Professor, North Carolina A&T University; Jingze Jiang, PhD, Assistant Professor, Edinboro University; Aysin Tekindor, PhD, Visiting Assistant Professor, California State University, Long Beach; Tricia Andrew Nusius, PhD, Assistant Director, Royal Malaysian Customs Agency; Jared Woolstenhulme, PhD, Senior Associate, Charles River & Associates

West Virginia University:
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Oleg Kucher, PhD, Assistant Professor, Frostburg State University; Nyakundi Michieka, PhD, Visiting Assistant Professor, West Virginia University
Robert A. Young, emeritus professor at Colorado State University and prominent water economist, died on July 17, after suffering a stroke.

Robert Allen Young was born September 2, 1931, in Minden, Neb., to Alton and Frances B. Young, both graduates of Colorado Agricultural College (now Colorado State University) in the 1920s.

The family moved to California when Bob was eight, where he was active in 4-H, winning several state-wide awards. He later graduated from the University of California, Davis, with a degree in animal sciences and agricultural economics. He then spent two years as 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, mostly serving in the Panama Canal region.

After the Army came marriage to his wife of 55 years, Lynn, and together they moved to Michigan where Bob received a PhD from Michigan State University in agricultural and resource economics. This began a productive career as a professor of resource economics. Over the next 42 years, he contributed greatly to the fields of economic and policy analysis, specifically relating to water management issues. His teaching career started at the University of Arizona in 1963, after which Bob spent time as an analyst at Resources for the Future in Washington D.C. In 1970, he accepted a professorship at Colorado State University, where he stayed until retirement in 1992.

After retiring, he devoted full time to consulting, which took him to numerous developing countries around the world. In debates on controversial water issues in the western U.S. he represented the economic point of view, often taking unpopular positions. His career included multiple publications including a seminal textbook on water economics in 2005. The numerous journal articles and the textbook brought him pride in sharing his knowledge. He also received many prestigious awards for his contributions. Not only did he serve his profession in a number of capacities, he was active in the Estes Park Library Foundation, Estes Park Land Trust, the Miramont Village Homeowners Association and the Foothills Unitarian Church.

A familiar proverb asserts that “still waters run deep” and we might well judge Bob to have epitomized that saying. Throughout his successful career and full private life, even as he gained an international reputation for his professional work and local acclaim for his volunteerism, he remained conspicuously modest with a gentle, lovely smile.

Survivors include his wife Lynn, Sister Peg (Davis) of California; three sons: Wes of Ft. Collins, Doug (wife Annie) of Portland, Oregon, and Brian (wife Christi) of Ft. Collins. Two daughters: Kathy (partner Doug) of Longmont and Kristi (husband Mark) of Kaneohe, Hawaii; four grandchildren, Micheal of California, Kadin of Ft. Collins, Molly and Jack of Portland, Oregon; numerous cousins and many amazing friends.

A celebration of life was held on Saturday, August 10th at Foothills Unitarian Church. Donations may be made to Robert A. Young scholarship in Water Economics, c/o CSU Foundation, P.O. Box 1870, Fort Collins, Colo. 80522. Memo line should reference Dr. Robert A. Young. Donations also may be made to the Fort Collins Unitarian Church Endowment, at 1815 Yorktown Ave., Fort Collins, 80526.