President’s Column

The AAEA Culture of Engagement

The leading benefit we all look to AAEA for is to participate in the AAEA Culture of Engagement. Through engaging with AAEA, we receive timely and insightful feedback on our work, learn about cutting edge work by others, and network with colleagues and friends, old and new. Building on our AAEA Culture of Engagement is a top priority for us. The AAEA Board is excited to introduce three initiatives below that build on our culture.

Networking Sunday—This Year it is July 27 in Minneapolis!

Networking Sunday recognizes the growing role of our Sunday program as a networking venue. Plan to arrive in Minneapolis by Saturday, July 26 in order to take full advantage of Networking Sunday! Many of you may want to arrive earlier to participate in pre-conference and mentoring workshops on Saturday. Networking Sunday is packed with:

- First Rounds of Academic Bowl
- First Rounds of Graduate Student Case Study Competition
- First Rounds of the Graduate Student Extension Competition
- Time to Meet with Colleagues to Plan Work

All this leads into the Keynote Address at 6:00 p.m. followed by our Poster Reception and the Opening Reception. Please build Networking Sunday into your meeting plans and encourage your colleagues and students to do so, too!

Selected Papers Culture of Engagement

Obtaining great feedback on on-going work is what Selected Paper sessions are all about. At Minneapolis, we will have 108 Selected Paper sessions, with over 400 papers presented! To continue to build our culture of engagement, we will be asking all participants and attendees of these sessions to be very actively engaged in the conversation that takes place in each session. We want to encourage interaction and discussion in all our sessions rather than only presentation.

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To facilitate this process, we will ask all session moderators to follow a set format that allows 15 minutes per paper, with five minutes of Q&A following each paper. We ask session moderators to have questions ready for each presenter, to seed and/or augment the discussion of each paper. We also ask each presenter to have read and be ready to comment on the papers of the other presenters. With an active audience, the structure of these sessions is ideal for meeting other people working in our areas, starting conversations, and meeting new collaborators.

**Lightning Talk Sessions**
In Minneapolis we will pilot Lightning Talk Sessions as part of the Selected Papers lineup. These sessions will feature 8 short presentations of 8 minutes each—a great opportunity to present the key ideas of your work and meet others working in your area.

**The Exchange—Starting Bi–Weekly Publication in February**
The AAEA Board has decided to begin bi–weekly publication of *The Exchange*, replacing our current bi–monthly schedule. This will allow us to get news out to you faster in a concise format and to easily locate items you want to know more about. Features such as the President’s Column and the People Section will continue to be published on an approximately bi–monthly schedule. We are working on the publication schedule and I welcome your input (caswell@resecon.umass.edu).

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**AAEA News**

**Submitting to the 2014 Annual Meeting**
The 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, MN, July 27–29. Submit your abstracts and session proposals through the online submission system. For more information regarding the submission categories, click on the links to the calls below.

- [Selected Presentations](#)
- [Organized Symposia](#)
- [Frontier Sessions](#)

The deadline for submitting for Selected Presentations, Organized Symposia, and Frontier Sessions is January 16 at 11:59 p.m. CST. If you have any questions regarding submissions for the 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting, please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or (414) 918–3190.
Altmetrics – the Buzz about Your Published Works

Altmetric
Add the bookmarklet to your browser and when you are looking at an article online, click it and you will see a display of how many times it has been mentioned in blogs, Twitter, news sources, Facebook, and other online tools.

ImpactStory
ImpactStory allows individuals to set up a profile which lists publications, software, data sets, and other research products and to see whether they are discussed, cited, or saved by others, and to what extent.

Public Library of Science (PLOS) article-level metrics
For articles in PLOS, a combination of traditional citation information as well as downloads, blog posts, downloads into Mendeley, and other social media appearances.

This is a very new concept and it is not yet clear if or how it will be accepted in the academic community. However, it has caught the interest of some publishers and institutions, so it is worth keeping in mind.

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Call for Nominations: 2014 AAEA Awards

The AAEA Awards Program recognizes excellence in the work of agricultural and applied economists. The Awards Committee, chaired by Jeffrey Dorfman of the University of Georgia, welcomes nominations for all award categories. Specific details on the criteria used to judge each award, as well as instructions on how to submit nominations for the award are available below.

The selection process for each award is administered by a subcommittee. The chairperson of each subcommittee receives all nominations and administers the review process. The chairperson will eliminate any conflicts of interest with members of the subcommittee during the evaluation process.

The deadline for nominations is **February 3, 2014**. All nomination materials shall be submitted via e-mail as a PDF file to the AAEA Business Office: info@aaea.org.

Restrictions
Except for the Publication of Enduring Quality Award, only one AAEA award can be received for essentially the same work. It is the nominator's responsibility to assure that no AAEA award (other than Master's Thesis or PhD Dissertation award) has already been received for the nominated work. Should a nomination be selected for more than one award in the same year (e.g. Journal Article and Research Discovery), the awardee(s) will be permitted to choose which award is received.

No member of the executive board—elected, appointed, or ex-officio—is eligible to participate as a principal recipient in competition for awards. The exclusion does not preclude participation if (s)he is a junior participant with respect to other(s) for whom exclusion from participation clearly would be a handicap.

**Individual Award Criteria**
The criteria for each award can be found on the [AAEA website](http://www.aaea.org).

The award categories are:

- Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award
- Distinguished Teaching Award
- Outstanding Master's Thesis
- Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation
- Quality of Research Discovery
- Quality of Communications
- Publication of Enduring Quality
- Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis
Update from the AJAE Editors

New Process for AAEA Invited Papers

With the Invited Papers from the summer 2013 AAEA & CAES Joint Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, AAEA, in coordination with the American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE), have implemented a new procedure that provides expedited peer review of all Invited Papers seeking to be published in the AJAE. In order to be published in the journal, Invited Papers must meet the high scholarly standards expected of published AJAE papers. If the manuscript is received on time and the authors request expedited review, the reviewers will be asked to assess the potential publish ability of the manuscript as is or following a limited set of revisions that are feasible within a short window of time. In order to meet the tight deadlines involved, we require promptness on the part of authors at all stages of the process. Invited papers that are accepted for publication will not carry the traditional disclaimer in the leading footnote informing the reader that the manuscript was not subjected to the normal peer review process.

To guide the review process, we instruct reviewers as follows: “Invited Papers must meet the high scholarly standards expected of published AJAE papers but they may also be broader thought-pieces, case studies and synthesis of literature that advance understanding and share emerging knowledge on topics in agricultural and applied economics likely to define future research agendas. Methodological originality is less important than potential impact on the profession. Nevertheless, papers should be substantively sound, and up-to-date, both methodologically and in policy terms. Invited papers are subject to the usual peer review process of the journal, and it is not guaranteed that all papers in an Invited Session will be published. Papers submitted for review should be close to their publish-ready state because there will not be time for multiple versions and reviews.”

From the 2013 summer meetings, 17 of the 21 Invited Papers submitted manuscripts for consideration under the new process. Decisions and revisions took place over the past several months. Manuscripts that are accepted will appear in the March 2014 issue of the AJAE.

Renew Your AAEA Membership for 2014!

You can now renew your AAEA membership for 2014 on the AAEA website (http://www.aaea.org/membership/). Simply log in to the My Account section to renew. Completing your renewal online saves 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 in out in early 2014.

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

Happy New Year from the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics!

NIFA Releases Request for Applications for AFRI Foundational Program

On December 23, 2013, the United States of Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) released the request for applications (RFA) for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Foundational Program. In fiscal year 2014, NIFA plans to award approximately $82 million to support the AFRI Foundational Program. All AFRI program information, including the RFAs, is available online. Visit www.nifa.usda.gov/afri for more information.

The AFRI Foundational Program addresses six priority areas to continue building a foundation of knowledge in fundamental and applied food and agricultural sciences that are critical for solving current and future societal challenges. The fiscal year 2014 RFA will feature two new programs intended to address critical and emerging issues.

- The Exploratory Research Program (ERP) addresses new challenges in food security, climate change, environmental quality and natural resources, nutrition, obesity, food safety, strong families and vibrant communities, and thriving youth. The program seeks to find innovative ideas that will position U.S. agriculture at the global forefront. ERP grants will be funded up to $100,000 for one year.
- The Critical Agriculture Research and Extension (CARE) Program seeks to address critical problems that continue to impede the efficient production and protection of plants and animals. Funded projects will quickly yield solutions or practices that can be rapidly implemented by producers. CARE will fund projects up to $150,000 for three years.

AFRI will make awards in four challenge areas: food safety, food security, childhood obesity prevention, and a new challenge area, water for agriculture. The AFRI challenge areas will continue to support societal challenge areas where research, education, and Extension can achieve significant and measurable outcomes. The NIFA Fellowships Grants program will also be offered again to provide opportunities for training and workforce development through pre and postdoctoral fellowships in the agricultural sciences.

AFRI is NIFA’s flagship competitive grants program and was established under the 2008 Farm Bill. NIFA anticipates the amount available for AFRI Program in fiscal year 2014 will be approximately $275 million. This amount is based on the temporary appropriations, which provide funds through January 15, 2014. Adjustments will be made to program allocations once the fiscal year 2014 appropriations are finalized. Reported by C-FARE.

Source: USDA

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Data Webinar Videos Are Available
Agricultural commodity markets are driven by products and information. In November 2013, the webinar *Unraveling Uncertainty in Ag Markets* highlighted the role of federal data sources in agricultural commodity markets – including dairy, livestock, and major grain and oilseed crops. Videos are now available here: http://www.cfare.org/2013datawebinar/.

The webinar, which highlights *Choices Magazine* stand-alone articles, was organized by C–FARE and cosponsored by The American Statistical Association; Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations; Association of Public Data Users; Consortium of Social Science Associations; Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics; and National Association for Business Economics.

See more about *Choices Magazine* here: http://www.choicesmagazine.org/.

**Save–the–date for January 24 at 2:00 p.m. ET for the next webinar: *The Role of Federal Data in Fruit and Vegetable Markets*.**
8th Meeting of Portuguese Economic Journal
Call for Papers

The Portuguese Economic Journal invites researchers, irrespective of their institutional or geographical affiliation, to submit theoretical, applied, or policy-oriented research papers on any field in economics to our meeting.

This is the eighth meeting of the Portuguese Economic Journal. It is hosted by the School of Economics and Management of the University of Minho (Escola de Economia e Gestão, Universidade do Minho) and organized by NIPE — Economic Policies Research Unit.

It will be held in Braga, University of Minho, on July 4–5, 2014. The Keynote Lecture will be delivered by Xavier Vives (IESE Business School).

Journal website:
http://www.springerlink.com/content/111060/

Important dates:
- Paper submissions: until March 31, 2014
- Early registration: between April 17 and May 15, 2014
- Late registration: between May 16 and May 31, 2014
- Notifications: April 15, 2014
- Conference: July 4–5, 2014

Note: presenters should register early.

Submission guidelines:
These and other instructions are available at http://www3.eeg.uminho.pt/economia/nipe/PEJ2014/

Organization
The scientific committee:
- António Afonso (Technical University of Lisbon)
- Pedro Pita Barros (Nova School of Business and Economics)
- Paulo Bastos (World Bank)
- Pedro Carneiro (University College London)
- Margarida Duarte (University of Toronto)
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- Pedro Martins (Queen Mary, University of London)
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Local Organizers:
- Luís Aguiar-Conraria
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- João Cerejeira
- Rosa–Branca Esteves
- Miguel Portela
- Francisco Veiga

All matters related to submissions and papers will be handled by the program chair Odd Straume (o.r.straume@eeg.uminho.pt).
**NAREA 2014 Annual Meeting**

**Call for Papers and Symposia**


**Call for Selected Papers:** Selected paper submissions involve an extended abstract of no more than 500 words. For more information about how to submit selected papers abstracts through [http://www.narea.org/2014/](http://www.narea.org/2014/).

**Call for Symposium Proposals:** Symposia are submitted in two stages: 1) the symposium coordinator submits a session proposal and justification and 2) paper abstracts to be included within each symposium are submitted individually by each author(s). Submit a session proposal and justification of no more than 500 words, plus related papers at: [http://www.narea.org/2014/](http://www.narea.org/2014/).

**Submission Deadline:** February 1, 2014. Submission questions can be directed to President-Elect Ted Jaenicke ([tjaenicke@psu.edu](mailto:tjaenicke@psu.edu)). Local arrangement questions can be directed to local arrangements co-chair Mark Sperow ([mark.sperow@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:mark.sperow@mail.wvu.edu)).

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**The Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics in Child Nutrition Programs**

**Small Grants Program**

**Request for Proposals**

The Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics in Child Nutrition Programs (the B.E.N. Center) is pleased to announce a new award program to support research involving the possible applications of behavioral economics to the improvement of the food choices American children make at school as participants in USDA’s National School Lunch Program. The Center has $150,000 in available funds and will support 5–12 proposals ranging from $5,000–$40,000. Proposals will undergo a rigorous review process by center staff and other invited peer reviewers. Proposals will be scored based upon academic rigor, relevancy, innovation and applicability, and demonstrated ability to complete the proposed project. Although secondary data studies will be considered, innovative and feasible field experiments will be given priority.

**Proposal Submission and Selection Schedule:**

A short letter of intent will be due by 12:00 a.m. (midnight) EST on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Invited applicants will be notified by Monday, February 3, 2014. Invited full proposals will be due by Monday, March 17, 2014 with projects beginning no earlier than June 2, 2014. Proposals selected for funding will be notified by Monday, April 21, 2014. To view the full details for the proposal submission process, [download the PDF](http://www.narea.org/2014/).

For any inquiries regarding the proposal, please contact the Cornell Center at [ben@cornell.edu](mailto:ben@cornell.edu).
People

University of Arizona
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Fatima Luna, MS, Program Associate, The Sonoran Institute; Brett Fleck, MS, Product Management Analyst, DISH Network

University of Arkansas
- New Appointment: Quiqiong Huang, Associate Professor; Jeff Luckstead, Assistant Professor

University of California, Berkeley
- Award: Raphael Calel, University of California at Berkeley, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, 2013-14, Ciriacy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Fellowship
  - Visitor: Sangeeta Bansal, Associate Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, Fulbright Visiting Scholar, August 2013-April 2014

Colorado State University
- Awards: Dawn Thilmany McFadden, Colorado State University Extension, F.A. Anderson Award; Jeff Tranel, Epsilon Sigma Phi, Continued Excellence Recognition; Norm Dalsted, CSU Extension, 35 years of service; Andy Seidl, CSU Extension, 15 years of service; Steve Koontz, CSU Extension, 15 years of service; Greg Graff, Ryan Mortenson, Rebecca Hill, Dawn Thilmany, Steve Davies, Stephen Koontz, Geniphyr Ponce-Pore, and Kathy Rennels, University Economic Development Association, Award of Excellence
  - Leaves: Dana Hoag, Visiting Professor, School of Business Administration, Technological Institute of Costa Rica, January to May 2014; Marco Costanigro, Visiting Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Florence, Italy, January to August 2014

University of Iowa
- Award: Sarah Low, Superior Achievement Award for Early or Mid-career Alumni from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Kansas State University
- New Appointments: Chatura Ariyaratne, Research Assistant Professor
  - Appointment Change: Allen Featherstone, Interim Department Head and Director for the Master of Agribusiness program

University of Kentucky
- New Appointment: Tyler Mark, Assistant Professor
  - Appointment Change: Lynn Robbins, Post-retirement appointment
  - Award: Alison Davis, College of Agriculture, Food & Environment, High-Impact Research/Extension Award
  - Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Michael Vassalos, PhD, Assistant Professor, Clemson; Bruno Arthur, PhD, Lecturer, University of Texas Pan American
  - Return from Leave: Ani Katchova, USDA/ERS
  - Resignations: Corey Walters; Lia Nogueira

University of Minnesota
- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: Kari Heerman, PhD, Research Economist, USDA Economic Research Service
  - Visitor: Mohamed Yassin, University Teaching Staff and Researcher, University of Udine, Research Scholar, February 1 - July 30, 2014

Mississippi State University
- New Appointments: Rachel Welborn, Program Director, Southern Rural Development Center; Albert Hart, Extension Associate, Southern Rural Development Center
  - Retirement: Albert Myles, 29 years
University of Missouri
- Awards: James Chappelow, Mises Institute University Challenge (Mündliche Prüfung), Douglas E. French Prize (First Place); Scott Brown and Joe Parcell, Missouri Quality Beef Team, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, 2013 NIFA Partnership Award for the Mission Integration of Research, Education, or Extension
- Visitor: Karin Hakelius, Professor of Economics, Swedish Agricultural University, Uppsala, Sweden, visiting scholar, November 30 - December 16, 2013

North Dakota State University
- New Appointment: Kassu Wamisho, Research Assistant Professor

The Ohio State University
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: John Newton, Clinical Assistant Professor in Agricultural Commodity Markets, Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of IL, Champagne, IL; Feng Zhou, Economist, Quantitative Risk Management, Nationwide Financial

Texas A&M University
- New Appointments: Levi Russell, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist (Corpus Christi, TX); Kerry Litzenberg, Director of WAEA
- Appointment Change: Yvette Zhang, Assistant Professor, Industrial Organization, Markets and Quantitative Analysis
- Awards: Richard Woodward, Dean's 2013 Outstanding Achievement Awards: Educational Enrichment & Innovation Award and Interdisciplinary Research Team Award; Carl Anderson ('58), College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award; Frederick McClure ('76), College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award; Bruce McCarl, 2013 Vice Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Research; Ed Rister, 2013 Vice Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Kasey Deanne Amor, MS, Investment Banking Analyst, Avalon Net Worth; Devin Richard Peterson, MS, Professional Business Consultant, Cooper Norman; Alba Jeanette Collart Dinarte, PhD, Assistant Extension Professor, Mississippi State University; Brian David Deaton, PhD, self employed; Yarui Li, PhD, Financial Analyst, JP Morgan Chase; David Magaña Lemus, PhD, Specialist in Economic Research, FIRA, Banco de Mexico; Christopher Scott Rowland, PhD, Fundamental Analyst Market & Investment Analysis, Chevron Downstream and Chemicals; Marta Wlodarz, PhD, Post Doc, ETH University, Zurich Switzerland
- Visitor: Liangming Feng, Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, China, Visiting Scholar for the period of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014

Virginia Tech
- New Appointments: Mike Ellerbrock, National Justice Advisory Council; Kevin Boyle, EPA Science Advisory Board’s Economic Advisory Committee
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: Ranju Baral, PhD, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluations, University of Washington; Sapna Kaul, PhD, Health Economics Research Associate, Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology, University of Utah School of Medicine; Matt Baker, MS, Research Analyst, Association of American Medical Colleges; Jessica Boatwright, MS, Junior Cost Analyst, Technomics; Alyssa Cultice, MS, Environmental Scientist, PC Environmental LLC;
Katie DuBreuil, MS, Loan Officer, Carolina Farm Credit; Darren Enterline, MS, Economist, Devteck

Visitors: Dr. Ane Pan, Associate Professor School of Management, Wuhun University of Technology, Visiting Scholar in Agricultural and Applied Economics at Virginia Tech, December 2013-December 2014; Dr. Tao Hongjum, Vice Director of Trade and Economics, School of Management, Fuzhou University, Visiting Scholar in Agricultural and Applied Economics at Virginia Tech, September 2013-March 2014

Job Openings

AAEA hosts employment ads for positions of interest to our members. Please visit our Employment page to view the latest listing of job opportunities.
Obituary

Alan R. Bird

On December 29, 2013, at home in Alexandria, of Parkinson's disease. Dr. Alan Bird, an economist, had six degrees, including a PhD in Economics from Michigan State University, and over 100 publications, including a book, "Surplus...The Riddle of American Agriculture." A past president of the Society of Government Economists, he worked at seven colleges and universities, including graduate faculty member at Michigan State University and University of Massachusetts. He was the top economist in the Office of Regional Planning, USDC, and was Deputy Director for USDA Economic Research Service. His government service spanned 32 years.

He also taught in Fairfax County schools, and was Adjunct Professor of Economics at NVCC for 35 years, winning Faculty of the Year 2006–2007. Born July 20, 1926, in Brisbane, Australia, where he earned a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Economics from University of Queensland, he emigrated to England, graduating from University of Nottingham with a Master of Science in Economics. Awarded a Fulbright Scholarship, he emigrated to the U.S., earned a PhD at MSU, and became a U.S. Citizen. Dr. Bird is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carolyn, daughter Susan of Alexandria, son William of Charlottesville, son Robert of San Diego, CA, and four granddaughters. He was predeceased by son Richard. A memorial service, followed by a reception, will be held on January 11, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 6362 Lincolnia Rd., Alexandria, VA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018, www.PDF.org.