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1. Current position

Professor  
Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy  
Tufts University  
Boston, MA

2. Education

BA, Swarthmore College, 1990  
MS, Cornell University, 1996  
PhD, Cornell University, 1998

3. Previous positions

Editor, *Nutrition Week*, Community Nutrition Institute, Washington, DC (1990-1992)  
Economist, USDA Economic Research, Washington, DC (1998-2003)

4. Service to AAEA and the profession

Service to AAEA: FSN Section Chair (2006–2007); C-FARE Director (2010-2013); Workshop Organizing Committee, Food Environment (2012); AEPP Editorial Board (2015-present). Service to the profession: Technical Working Group, FoodAPS-2, Economic Research Service (2017–2019); Panelist, National Academies CNSTAT (2018–2020); Guest Editor, *JAND* (2020); Editorial Board, *JNEB* (2020–present); Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee, Menus of Change, Harvard and Culinary Institute of America (2012-present).

5. Other

Distinguished Quality of Communication Award, AAEA, for *Food Policy in the United States: An Introduction* (2019); Best Economics Paper, AAEA FSN Section, for Boehm, Wilde, Ver Ploeg, Costello and Cash (2018).

1. What is the biggest concern/problem facing AAEA?

AAEA's biggest concern/problem is the need to adapt our events and publications in order to stay relevant in the face of large societal challenges (such as the COVID pandemic; the need for diversity, justice, and inclusion; and the climate crisis).

2. What actions would you initiate to improve the situation described in your response to the previous question?

For the third of these challenges, anticipating a rapid acceleration in social change toward more climate-friendly ways of work, I will recommend that the board discuss and consider the following four provisions for academic and professional associations (adapted from the petition for an initiative I co-organize at flyingless.org): to report the

environmental impact of our meetings; to support virtual conferencing and low-carbon forms of transport for meetings; to set ambitious goals for emissions reductions in line with the cuts suggested by climate science; and to work with members to meet key professional objectives in ways that do not require as much flying.

3. At the end of your three-year term, what changes/new initiatives would you have helped create?

For example, at the end of the three-year term, the board could consider a plan for transitioning over time to a format of in-person national meetings every other year, alternating with linked meetings in regional hubs on the alternate years. This approach could revitalize our regional associations and slash carbon emissions for our annual meetings by approximately half, while preserving both our professional objectives and our personal connections.