Announcing the 2016 Class of AAEA Fellows

The AAEA Fellows Selection Committee has selected five outstanding members to be honored as the 2016 AAEA Fellows. All of the Fellow recipients have made exceptional contributions to the profession. They are leaders shaping the future of the Association and the field of agricultural and applied economics as a whole.

The 2016 AAEA Fellows are:

Klaus W. Deininger  
*World Bank*

Jikun Huang  
*Peking University*

Madhu Khanna  
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

John A. Miranowski  
*Iowa State University*

Junjie Wu  
*Oregon State University*

Please join us in congratulating the 2016 Class of AAEA Fellows!
Register for the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting

The early registration deadline has passed, but it is not too late to register to join us in Boston. Register now to avoid a future price increase.

Registration

Attendees will have access to concurrent sessions, plenary sessions, the Poster Reception and Welcome Reception on Sunday night, and the Closing Reception on Tuesday night. Tickets for the lunch, reception, and Pre- and Post- conference Workshops are not included with the main registration fee, but can be purchased online until July 8, (or until the maximum registration for workshops are reached) or by contacting the AAEA Business Office at (414)918-3190.

Consider registering for one of the offsite tours. The Brewing Industry Tour on Saturday, July 30 includes transportation, lunch, private tours and tastings at three distinct Boston-based breweries. The Extension Tour on Wednesday, August 3 will stop at three prominent Boston locations throughout the day, and includes lunch. Additional information about these offsite tours can be found on the AAEA Annual Meeting website Pre and Post conference webpage.

To register, please visit the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting Site.

Beautifully appointed and perfectly located, the Boston Marriott Copley Place inspires truly unforgettable experiences for business and leisure travelers. The hotel places you in the heart of downtown Boston's famed Copley Square, just a short distance from some of the city's most popular attractions. Sophisticated rooms and suites offer plush bedding and high-speed Internet access; some also feature Charles River views. Enjoy delicious American dining and a vibrant atmosphere at the hotel's sports bar, Champions, or stop by Connexion Lounge for a glass of wine. Relax after a busy day by swimming a lap or two in the heated indoor pool. Your downtown adventure begins at the Boston Marriott Copley Place.

Registration Prices:

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*Undergraduate registrations done via telephone, (414) 918-3190.
AAEA is Now Mobile!

The AAEA Annual Meeting app is live! Be sure to download this year’s #AAEA2016 Annual Meeting app before arriving in Boston. The app will help you manage your networking, schedules, social media, and much more at the palm of your hand.

Some other ways to have the best experience at our Annual Meeting in Boston:

- Access the Annual Meeting schedule and customize your agenda with personal appointments
- Quickly find a session room using the interactive maps
- Find sessions by topic code, AAEA Section Track, or by using the search tool
- Get important updates on the app through Push Notifications
- See who’s attending and share contact information by networking with other attendees

Download it for FREE to your iPhone, iPad, or Android. Once installed, you’ll have instant access to all of the awesome features. Logging in to the app and adding yourself to the “Attendee” list will help you get the most out of the app features.

Ready to get started? Click HERE from your device. If you use Apple or Android, you can also search for “AAEA” in the iTunes store or Play store. Just look for the AAEA logo!

Have questions? Let us know and we’ll be happy to answer them. Just call (414)918-3190 or email Info@aaea.org.

Register for the 2016 Employment Center

Registration is now open for the 2016 Employment Center taking place July 31-August 2, during the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA. The Employment Center offers a great opportunity for highly qualified candidates to connect with a number of employers during the Joint Annual Meeting. This year’s Employment Center features a simplified registration and posting process that is now integrated into the newly updated AAEA Job Board. Applicant registration is FREE.

Employers currently registered include:

- Virginia Tech
- Auburn University
- University of Saskatchewan, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics
- International Initiative for Impact Evaluation
- USDA–Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services
- USDA–Economic Research Service
- University of Wisconsin – River Falls
- University of Nebraska – Lincoln

For more information please visit the online Employment Center. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Sarah Kenner. We hope to see you in Boston!
Undergraduate Student Section:  
2016 AAEA Annual Meeting Activities

On behalf of the Undergraduate Student Section of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association, we cordially invite you and your students to attend and participate in the AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston (July 31–August 2, 2016). Our section offers a wide variety of professional development opportunities for undergraduate students of agricultural and applied economics:

- Academic Bowl Competition
- Student Paper Competition
- Earl O. Heady Decision Sciences Spreadsheet Competition
- Outstanding Chapter Competition
- Creative Club Competition

In addition to the aforementioned competitions, students can interact with representatives of major graduate programs in our profession to discuss MS and PhD programs. Our reception on Sunday night (July 31, 2016) is a great opportunity for your students to meet and forge lifelong friendships with other students from over 20 domestic and several Canadian universities. On Monday night, immediately following the final round of the Academic Bowl Competition, we recognize and celebrate student accomplishments at the Awards Ceremony. Additionally on Monday night, in our section’s business meeting, students have the opportunity to run for elected student leadership positions within our section.

To encourage participation, the student registration fees this year are only $20 per student. As a further incentive to participate, there is a total of $1,800 in prize money, various award plaques, and—of course—bragging rights to be national champions in a given competition. All of the required registration forms, competition rules, and overview of the Undergraduate Student Section may be found at http://www.aaea.org/membership/sections/ss-aaea/. If you have any questions, please contact me at Tyler.Mark@uky.edu.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Tyler Mark, Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky**

**Faculty Leadership:**
- Dr. Tyler Mark (Senior Advisor)
- Dr. Timothy Meyer (Junior Advisor)
- Dr. Maria Bampasidou (Sophomore Advisor)
- Dr. Andrew Wright (Freshman Advisor)

**Student Leadership:**
- Luke Benton (President)
- Macy Herzog (Vice President)
- Destinie Marshall (Secretary)
- Andrew (Treasurer)
- Hollee Koester (Public Relations)
Call for Judges:

**SS-AAEA Academic Bowl**

The Student Section seeks judges for the 2016 SS-AAEA Academic Bowl. The Academic Bowl is held during the AAEA annual meeting; this year’s event runs from July 31–August 2 in Boston, MA. The actual competition will run from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Monday, August 1. The highest demand for judges takes place early in the day when we are operating in three rooms for the competition. Depending on the number of teams competing, we should require just two rooms from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Please email timothy.meyer@sdstate.edu if you are able to judge and list your time preferences/availability in the following time slots:

- 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM
- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
- 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

If your university is bringing a registered team or two to compete, please let me know how many students you intend to bring. Finally, if you cannot judge, but know someone who can who is not a recipient of this email, please pass on the information.

Please consider making this small time commitment; it is a great investment in the future of Applied and Agricultural Economics. Email Timothy Meyer at timothy.meyer@sdstate.edu with your availability at the 2016 AAEA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA.

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**Other News**

**2016-2 GTAP 101 Course**

*“Introduction to Computable General Equilibrium Modeling”*

September 12 – October 28, 2016

The 2016–2 GTAP 101 Course is being organized by the Center for Global Trade Analysis and will be delivered fully online, led by Dr. Mary Burfisher.

**Objective:** 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.

**Structure**: 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.

**Application**: Individuals interested in taking this course must apply on the GTAP website **April 1–June 26, 2016**. 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.

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

- **$1,400** (*Standard Rate: Developed Country Professionals*)
- **$600** (*Discounted Rate: All Current Students and Developing Country Professionals*)
- **$100** (*Scholarship Rate: A limited number of scholarships are available to applicants residing in a developing country.*)

For further information or to apply, please visit the course homepage on the GTAP website at: [http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/GTAP101/2016-2/](http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/GTAP101/2016-2/).

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**Call for Grant Applications:**

*Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems*

The Feed the Future Livestock Systems Innovation Lab (LSIL) is based at the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida and it works in partnership with the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI). The LSIL is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through a five-year Leader with Associates Cooperative Agreement Award No. AID–OAA–L–15–00003.

The aim of LSIL is to improve the nutrition, health and incomes of the poor by sustainably increasing livestock productivity and marketing and consumption of animal-source foods. This aim will
be achieved by introducing new location-appropriate technologies, by improving management practices, skills, knowledge, capacity and access to and quality of inputs across livestock value chains, and by supporting the development of a policy environment that fosters sustainable intensification and increased profitability of smallholder livestock systems.

The target countries for this RFA are Ethiopia, Nepal and Rwanda.

The Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems (LSIL) will draw on the expertise of target country, U.S. and foreign universities, institutes and organizations through competitively-funded long-term, multi-disciplinary, integrated applied research and capacity-building projects. The competitive subaward projects will address country-specific research and capacity building priorities that were developed in a participatory manner with key local and national stakeholders in each country.

**Types of Grants**

The following types of grants will be funded:

1. Reach Grants: These are longer term large grants with a project period of up to four years starting in October 2016 and a budget of up to $1,000,000.
2. Focus Grants: These are smaller grants for proof of concept studies or research for development bridging studies providing immediate or near-term (within one year) impact. These projects will last for 3 months to 1 year and will have budgets of up to $100,000.

**Request for Applications**

Please click on the following link for the RFA and supporting documents:

http://animal.ifas.ufl.edu/innovation/lab.shtml

**Important Dates**

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**Submission Guidelines**

All Concept Notes and Full Proposals must be submitted via the Piestar website at https://proposals.piestar.com/login. You will need to create an account at https://proposals.piestar.com/opportunities/livestock and follow the detailed submission instructions. If you have technical difficulties with submission click on “Help.”

**Contact Information**

To contact LSIL, please send an email to livestocklab@ufl.edu

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**Call for Participation:**

**2016 FDRS Student Marketing Case Competition**

The 2016 Student Marketing Case Competition will be held on October 1st and 2nd during the Annual Conference of the Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS). The Conference will be held from September 30th – October 4th at the Downtown Marriott at the Convention Center in New Orleans, LA.

During this live case study competition, students role play as consultants and have the opportunity to apply their knowledge of food distribution, marketing, management, economics and merchandising, as they compete to give a presentation for a mystery company over the two day event. Teams in the final round make their bid presentation directly to the company’s executive team. Details about the
company are withheld from all teams until the morning of the contest, except for minimal topic guidance provided two weeks prior to the competition.

Teams may consist of 3–5 undergraduate and masters-level students, with undergraduate students comprising the majority. Registration fees are $350 per team, and teams need to be registered for the competition by **August 31, 2016**. Registration includes attendance to all FDRS case events. The top three teams will split $1000 in prize money.

Additional information is available at [https://www.fdrsinc.org/2016-fdrs-annual-conference-in-new-orleans/](https://www.fdrsinc.org/2016-fdrs-annual-conference-in-new-orleans/). Please direct any inquiries about the competition to Dr. Lurleen Walters (lurleen.walters@msstate.edu), FDRS VP of Student Programs.

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**Free online course on Agriculture, Economics and Nature**

The University of Western Australia is once again offering a free online course on the economics of agriculture, natural resources and the environment.

This course is about agricultural production and the interaction between agriculture and the environment. The material presented can help us understand changes that have occurred in agriculture, and support improved decision making about things like agricultural production methods, agricultural input levels, resource conservation, and the balance between agricultural production and its environmental impacts.

The course will be presented by Professor David Pannell, who is one of Australia’s leading economists working in the area of agriculture, natural resources and environment. His research includes work on the economics of farming systems, land conservation, farmers’ behaviour, agri-environmental policy, risk in agriculture, weed management, and environmental management. At the University of Western Australia David is Head of the School of Agricultural and Resource Economics, and Director of the Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy.

The course will be presented over six weeks with a different focus each week. A set of lecture videos, mostly between 5 and 10 minutes in length, are provided each week, together with readings, activities, student forums, quizzes and a final exam. No prerequisites or prior knowledge is needed. Enrolment is rolling and new sessions will be starting regularly. Certificates can be purchased by those who successfully complete the course.

The course is made possible through the generous support of Yara Pilbara Fertilisers. Yara has embraced a strategy of Creating Impact to improve food security and production while safeguarding the environment. The company believes this course represents a great example of UWA partnering with the private sector to contribute towards global education targeting improved productivity in agriculture and food resources for an increasing population.

To register, go to [https://www.coursera.org/learn/agriculture-economics-nature/](https://www.coursera.org/learn/agriculture-economics-nature/). If you have any questions about the course, email [mooc-are@uwa.edu.au](mailto:mooc-are@uwa.edu.au).
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Job Opportunities

- **Professor and Head – Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics**
  University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
  (Posted: 06/17/2016)

- **ECONOMICS WRITER/ CONTENT COORDINATOR**
  American Veterinary Medical Association
  (Posted: 06/16/2016)

- **Research Economist**
  USDA/Economic Research Service
  (Posted: 06/15/2016)

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  These current positions and more can be found on the AAEA Job Board