**Housing and Registration are OPEN**

**2019 AAEA Annual Meeting**

About 1,400 participants are expected to attend the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting, which will take place on July 21–23 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in downtown Atlanta.

Annual Meeting registrants will receive a name badge when they arrive in Atlanta. Attendees will also have access to all concurrent sessions, plenary sessions, Poster Receptions, the Welcome Reception on Sunday night, and the Closing Reception on Tuesday night. Tickets for luncheons and Pre-/Post-conference Workshops are not included with the registration cost, but can be purchased separately during registration. [Registration & Travel for the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting](#).

**Registration Fees**

Join AAEA or renew your membership to get the discounted registration rate by visiting [http://www.aaea.org/membership](http://www.aaea.org/membership).

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Guest Registration*          $60 per guest

*Guest Registration: Attendees are encouraged to bring spouses, friends, and family to the Annual Meeting. All such attendees must register as guests in order to participate in meeting activities, at the cost of $60 per guest. Children under the age of 16 may attend the meeting for free. Guests include any interested party not professionally in the field of agricultural economics or applied economics, or a related discipline. Registered guests will receive a name badge and are invited to attend the Welcome Reception at no additional charge.
Register for the 2019 AAEA Employment Center

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AAEA invites and encourages you to register for the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting Employment Center, taking place July 21–23 in Atlanta, GA. This is a great opportunity for employers to connect with potential candidates.

Employers who register may post open positions on the AAEA Job Board, view resumes of applicants who are participating in the Employment Center, and they may also utilize a table in the Annual Meeting Employment Center to conduct in-person interviews with applicants.

Applicant registration is FREE. Please note: Applicants must be registered for the Annual Meeting in order to participate in the Employment Center.

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 Atlanta! Register Online.

Call for submissions

AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2020 ASSA Annual Meeting

President-Elect Keith Coble is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2020 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, January 3–5, 2020.

The objective of AAEA sessions at the ASSA Annual Meeting is to share new knowledge of interest to economists. AAEA encourages sessions that will draw widely from ASSA attendees, including sessions jointly sponsored with other ASSA member associations.

A subcommittee of the AAEA Board will review all proposals. Preference will be given to proposals that:

1. Cover issues of national and international importance,
2. Expand capabilities and tools for economic research,
3. Promise a high-quality collection of papers suitable for publication.

Proposed formats for the 2-hour sessions may include either three papers with one discussant or else four papers with no discussant. All proposals must include a plan for fostering participant interaction.

Proposals should include the session title and paper titles, as well as the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of the session organizer, moderator, paper presenters, and discussants. Proposal text should begin with a short justification of the session, followed by one paragraph abstracts describing the objective and contributions of each paper. The organizer is responsible for ensuring that all individuals identified in the proposal are willing to participate.

All speakers and discussants must be members of AAEA, although the proposal may request a membership waiver under special circumstances. Participants must register for the ASSA meeting.

Please send proposals by May 30, 2019, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org.
Call for Applications
Editor of Choices Magazine

The AAEA Board is seeking applications for a co-editor of Choices Magazine to help further the strategic goals of the publication as a resource for readers interested in the policy and management of agriculture, the food industry, natural resources, rural communities, and the environment. Choices Magazine currently reaches over 2,700 non-member subscribers, but there is room to grow.

Seeking Innovative Approaches to Choices
As an online-only publication, Choices Magazine is well positioned to evolve along with advances in communication channels and tools. As such, the AAEA Board is interested in considering innovative approaches to the development and distribution of content via the Choices Magazine.

Applications
Applications should include a narrative describing innovative approaches to the development and distribution of Choices content. Additionally, applicants should provide a statement of support from their host institution and a current CV. AAEA will provide a small honorarium and financial assistance for Choices-related travel.

Applications should be sent electronically in a single document to Allison Scheetz, at ascheetz@aaea.org by Wednesday, June 13, 2019. Third-party nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

Responsibilities
Choices editors are responsible for the development and coordination of all content published in the e-magazine. The editors provide leadership, coordination, and oversight of all aspects of publishing in conjunction with the Choices Editorial Council and AAEA Business Office. Once a new editor is selected, the co-editors will divide the editorial responsibilities as appropriate.

Terms and Membership Requirement
Editor terms will be determined at the time of appointment but will not exceed four years. Terms will be staggered in order to smooth the transition of future editors. According to AAEA policies, all editors must maintain current AAEA membership while serving as an editor.

Anti-Harassment and Code of Conduct Policy
AAEA is committed to the fair, ethical treatment of all of its members and all other individuals participating in AAEA activities or activities connected with, or related to, AAEA activities, while providing an atmosphere that promotes a variety of research, teaching and extension/outreach activities.

AAEA has zero tolerance for, and prohibits any type of, harassment, either within the organization, at professional meetings, in the field, or anywhere professional activities are conducted under the aegis of the AAEA.

As a registered Annual Meeting attendee, you are agreeing to read and follow this policy.
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Call for Applications
Travel Grants for Early Career Professionals and Graduate Students

The AAEA Trust seeks applications for Early Career Professional and Graduate Student Travel Grants. These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting in Atlanta on July 21–23. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. AAEA Trust Travel Grants (if awarded) are generally not large enough to offset all travel and lodging costs, nor more than half of international travel costs.

Eligibility Requirements
Qualifying applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to be considered for a travel grant:

- Graduate student or Early Career Professional 2019 member of AAEA.
- Actively engaged in agricultural or applied economics fields, such as agribusiness, agricultural, consumer, food, development, environmental, health, marketing, regional, rural, or resource economics.
- Insufficient institutional funding available to make the trip (including from university, department, grant, employer, etc.)
- Paper/poster accepted for presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Application Process
Applications must be submitted through the online application form. You will be asked to submit the following:

- Your name and email address;
- Institution and (if applicable) department at which enrolled/employed. You may indicate “not-yet-employed” if not a current student and without employment – please highlight degree-awarding institution and date awarded;
- Degree program underway (Graduate Student Applicants);
- Anticipated graduation date (Graduate Student Applicants);
- Professional rank or position (Early Career Professional Applicants);
- Number of years at Institution (Early Career Professional Applicants);
- Brief summary of research interests (1000 words or less);
- Applicant statement (500 words or less): description of the anticipated value gained from attending and participating in the Annual Meeting (including paper/poster presentations, awards and/or pre-/post-conference workshops in which you will be involved);
- Proposed travel budget showing costs, funds available from institutional sources, and amount requested;
- A nomination from a department, division head, or supervisor which includes written acknowledgement of the nomination and certification of your financial need, including certification that funding is unavailable from other sources. Self-employed or not-yet-employed applicants may submit a letter supporting the nomination from a colleague or mentor from their degree-granting institution or include a letter stating financial need.

Applications should be submitted by the individual seeking support; however, only two applications from each employing institution will be considered. In the event that more than two applications are submitted from a specific department or division, it will be up to the department head to decide which will be considered. If an applicant is self-employed or not-yet-employed they may seek a letter of support from a colleague or mentor from their degree-award institution. Any letter of support for an Early Career Professional not employed or a
Call for Applications
AAEA Annual Meeting International Travel Grants

The AAEA Trust seeks applications for AAEA Annual Meeting International Travel Grants. These grants defray housing and transportation costs associated with attending the 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting in Atlanta on July 21-23. The amount of the travel grant awarded will depend on the number of applications received. AAEA Trust Travel Grants (if awarded) are generally not large enough to offset all travel and lodging costs, nor more than half of international travel costs.

Eligibility Requirements
Qualifying applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements in order to be considered for a travel grant:

- Resident of and residing in a country outside the United States.
- 2019 member of AAEA.
- Actively engaged in agricultural or applied economics fields as agribusiness, agricultural, consumer, food, development, environmental, health, marketing, regional, rural, or resource economics.
- Insufficient institutional funding available to make the trip (including university, department, grant, employer, etc.)
- Paper/poster accepted for presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Application Process
Applications must be submitted through the online application form. You will be asked to submit the following:

- Your name and email address;
- Institution and (if applicable) department at which enrolled/employed. You may indicate "not–yet–employed" if not a current student and without employment – please highlight degree-awarding institution and date awarded;
- Degree program underway (Graduate Student Applicants);
- Anticipated graduation date (Graduate Student Applicants);
- Professional rank or position (Early Career Professional Applicants);
- Number of years at Institution (Early Career Professional Applicants);
- Brief summary of research interests (1000 words or less);
- Applicant statement (500 words or less): description of the anticipated value gained from attending and participating in the Annual Meeting (including paper/poster presentations, awards and/or pre-/post-conference workshops in which you will be involved);
- Proposed travel budget showing costs, funds available from institutional sources, and amount requested;
- A nomination from a department, division head, or supervisor which includes written acknowledgement of the nomination and certification of your financial need, including certification that funding is unavailable from other sources. Self–employed or not–yet–employed applicants may submit a letter supporting the nomination from a colleague or
Applications should be submitted by the individual seeking support; however, only two applications from each employing institution will be considered. In the event that more than two applications are submitted from a specific department or division, it will be up to the department head to decide which will be considered. If an applicant is self-employed or not yet-employed they may seek a letter of support from a colleague or mentor from their degree-awarding institution. Any letter of support for an Early Career Professional not employed or a student at a degree-awarding institution will not count against the maximum of two nominations from any department or other entity formally nominating other applicants.

Reflecting the Trust’s goal of broadening participation in the Annual Meeting, preference may be given to individuals working under institutional circumstances not normally conducive to AAEA meeting attendance.

The deadline for submission is May 15, 2019. To apply, please visit https://aaea.execinc.com/edibo/TravelGrants2019Application.

2019 Developing Multidisciplinary Leaders Workshop

The purpose of the workshop is to help post-tenure or equivalent professionals progress in their careers. The goal of the workshop is to develop multidisciplinary leaders from the AAEA membership who are grounded in applied economics but who are interested in working across disciplines to lead effective teams of scholars. Research and teaching are the core areas of the workshop.

The workshop will bring in panels of applied economists and non-economists, who have worked with applied economists, to explore opportunities and challenges of fostering multidisciplinary teams. One significant topic for discussion is applying for large, multidisciplinary research grants from USDA, NSF, NIH and foundations. Learn more on the Developing Multidisciplinary Leaders Workshop webpage.

The teaching component will center on developing multidisciplinary, team-taught courses and extension programs. The sessions will cover pedagogy and collaborative aspects of teaching and extension across disciplines. This component will also use active learning to help members develop courses and/or programs.

Mid-Career Mentoring Workshop to be held at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University.

Targeted Audience: Primary audience is mid-career professionals – both nearly and newly tenured faculty, and individuals with other positions or similar experience, e.g., government agencies.

To register for this workshop, complete the Registration Form and return to the AAEA Business Office. Fax to (414) 276–3349 or email to mannen@aaea.org. If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen at (414) 918–3190.

The Hotel Room Block has been secured at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Boston – Downtown. Due to a city-wide event, rooms are in short supply. The group rate is $276 per night. To book your stay use this link: https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/B/BOSCODT–AAE–20190612/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.
Call for Papers
Applied Economics Teaching Resources

AETR is a new online open access publication sponsored by the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association for high-end research and scholarship in the areas of teaching, education and extension in the fields of agricultural economics, agribusiness, applied economics and related disciplines. [https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources](https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources).

AETR is inviting you to submit a paper in 2019 for one of their general issues or for a special issue on Case Studies in Applied Economics.

Special Issue on “Case Studies in Applied Economics”:
The AETR is accepting submissions for this special issue that are in all areas of applied economics, agricultural economics and agribusiness. The special issue will be a highlighted section in the second issue of 2019 of AETR. Submissions will be accepted for the special issue until August 1, 2019. Guidelines for submission of a case study can be found at: [https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources/aetr-manuscript-submission-guidelines](https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources/aetr-manuscript-submission-guidelines). When submitting a manuscript, please follow the guidelines provided in the link above and indicate in your cover letter that the manuscript is for the special issue.

General Submissions: We are accepting general submissions to the publication as well. AETR is seeking additional contributions of:

1. Teaching and Extension education scholarship and research.
2. Classroom and field educational innovation (e.g. classroom games, online teaching tools, Extension applications, experiential learning activities, and other interactive learning innovations).
3. Teaching and education commentaries (e.g. notes on pedagogy, evaluations of teaching effectiveness, and educational methodology).

All submissions will go through a blind peer-review process. There is no charge for submission or publication.

You can submit a manuscript at: [https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources](https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources).

Author and submission guidelines are available at: [https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources/aetr-manuscript-submission-guidelines](https://www.aaea.org/publications/applied-economics-teaching-resources/aetr-manuscript-submission-guidelines).

Please email any questions or inquiries to aetr.editor@gmail.com.

Announcing the 2019 Extension Competition for Graduate Students
AAEA Atlanta, GA July 21–23, 2019

The AAEA Extension Competition for Graduate Students provides incentives and opportunity to develop extension and outreach programs from their research for an extension (usually noneconomist) audience. Entries can be based upon the graduate student’s research for a thesis, dissertation or other academic work. The competition is sponsored jointly by the Extension and Graduate Student Sections.

Who’s Eligible?
• Graduate students currently engaged in topics related to agricultural economics, agribusiness, natural resources, and community resource economics.
• Those who graduated from such programs in 2018 or later.
• Participants must identify and work with a mentor with experience in outreach or extension activities.
Competition Application Information
Applications should be addressed to Kate Fuller at kate.fuller@montana.edu and must include:

1. Student’s name, university, department, address and contact information.
2. Title of the extension program to be delivered.
3. A summary of the proposed extension program. This should include target audience, delivery plans, communication methods and activities planned for distributing the information to the public such as fact sheets, press releases, reports, web sites, spreadsheets, presentations and training activities (4 page maximum). If the applicant was part of a team, the role of the applicant within the team must be made clear.
4. A profile of the applicant’s background and research (1 page maximum).
5. The mentor’s name, address and description of the mentor’s role in assisting the student with this project.

Submission Deadline
Applications must be submitted electronically no later than midnight MST on May 31, 2019.

Finalists at AAEA
Finalists will be selected to make a 15–minute extension/outreach presentation at the AAEA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA on Sunday July 21, 2019, to a panel of judges, who will then ask 5 minutes of questions. The competition will begin at 8AM. Selection of the finalists will be based on the material submitted and the criteria listed below. Finalists will be notified by June 15, 2019. The top three finalists are be expected to make presentations during an AAEA Extension Track session.

Criteria for Selecting Finalists
Criteria for judging finalists and winners will include:

1. Identification of a target audience.
   a. An explanation of the issue/problem/opportunity being addressed.
   b. An explanation on how this target audience was identified.
2. Development of an extension program for the target audience that includes:
   a. An outline of the goals of the extension program, and a description of how the results will address the issue/problem/opportunity and benefit the target audience.
   b. A summary and explanation of the main elements of the research results to be included in the extension program.
   c. A summary or explanation of the program in an extension report, or extension presentation, or other appropriate extension communication media.
3. An explanation of extension team development and responsibilities in terms of program development and delivery should be addressed, if appropriate.
4. Plans for evaluating the effectiveness of the extension program.

Awards
Cash awards will be given to those judged to be the top three graduate students in this competition. Award funding is provided by the AAEA Extension Section through membership dues and via support provided by sponsors. Awards are:
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- First Place: $1,000 and a plaque
- Second Place: $300 and a certificate
- Third Place: $200 and a certificate
- Other finalists receive finalist certificates

The top 3 competitors selected will be recognized at the AAEA Awards ceremony. All finalists will be provided tickets to the Extension Luncheon during the AAEA annual meeting.

Submit Entries to:
Dr. Kate Fuller
Competition Committee Chair
Department of Agricultural Economics
Montana State University
Email: kate.fuller@montana.edu

Other News

Call for Papers

**JNRPR Special Issue: Institutional Entropy: Causes, Consequences, and Corrective Measures**

Recent years have witnessed a significant increase in the decline and fall of natural resources (e.g., water, energy, forestry, minerals, fisheries) institutions, in the US and globally, due to the corrosive impact of institutional entropy. The purpose of this special issue is to examine in detail the causes and consequences of institutional entropy and also suggest possible corrective measures.

Gopalakrishnan (2005) defines institutional entropy as “the progressive decrease in effectiveness and efficiency (of the institutions) in performing the goals and objectives as originally envisioned and set–forth.” He goes on to point out that the intrusion of entropy “causes disarray in the inner workings of the affected institutions and, thus, renders them diminished in their ability to perform at peak efficiency.”

Entropy, slowly but surely, penetrates, corrodes, and compromises the efficiency and effectiveness of institutions and renders them dysfunctional, over a period of time. Gopalakrishnan, in his research–in–progress (2018–), has identified the key elements of institutional efficiency and effectiveness. These include: 1) institutional resilience or adaptability, 2) institutional robustness or diminished vulnerability, 3) institutional autonomy, 4) institutional relevance, 5) institutional accountability, 6) institutional risk–taking, and 7) institutional innovation.

Institutions, that fail to keep up with social, economic, technological, environmental, political, and cultural changes that inevitably accompany the passage of time, render themselves severely vulnerable to entropy. Depending on the intensity of entropy, several of the key attributes of institutional efficiency and effectiveness, noted above, are compromised and institutional sustainability is imperiled with the passage of time.

The objective of this special issue is to shed light on the process and progression of institutional entropy. We are seeking original contributions that will clarify and illuminate all aspects of institutional entropy, using historical surveys, institutional analysis, econometric investigations, empirical reviews, and more. Policy–rich, cross–disciplinary, and transnational papers, including case studies, are welcome.
Submit your paper online
Please prepare your paper in accordance with the guidelines posted at http://www.editorialmanager.com/jnrpr under “Instructions for Authors.” Inquiries may be directed to the Editor-in-Chief at: jnrpr@press.psu.edu.

Deadline: May 1, 2019

Editor-in-Chief:
Professor (Emeritus) Chennat Gopalakrishnan,
University of Hawaii at Manoa, U.S.A.

Guest Editors:
Chennat Gopalakrishnan, University of Hawaii at Manoa, U.S.A.
Laura M. McCann, University of Missouri, U.S.A.

2019 Richardson - Applebaum Scholarship Award

For Outstanding Graduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the 2019 Richardson-Applebaum Scholarship Award, which is awarded annually for outstanding graduate student research in the area of food distribution and marketing. Broadly defined, this area encompasses all economic functions that occur between the farm gate and final consumer.

Eligibility: The competition is open to all graduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system who have completed the degree in 2018 or by May 31, 2019.

Award

- One travel stipend for each of the following categories: best Ph.D. Dissertation ($1,500), best M.S. Thesis ($1,500), and best M.S. Case Study ($1,500).
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership.
- The Ph.D. recipient is invited to present his/her research during the FDRS Applebaum-Richardson Award Luncheon.

Application steps: Submit the following in PDF format to KathyKelley@psu.edu by May 31, 2019. When labeling your PDF files, please include your first and last name.

- Statement of Intent form.
- Cover letter that includes a brief synopsis of academic training, any food industry experience and/or research experience and career interests and goals.
- A copy of the dissertation/thesis/case study.
- Letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor.

For more information: Please visit the FDRS website at www.fdrsinc.org or contact FDRS’s Vice President of Education: Dr. Kathy Kelley at KathyKelley@psu.edu.
2019 Food Distribution Research Society Scholarship Award

For Outstanding Undergraduate Research on Food Distribution and Marketing

The Food Distribution Research Society (FDRS) is pleased to accept applications for the 2019 Undergraduate Student Research Paper Competition in the area of food distribution and marketing. Broadly defined, this area encompasses all economic functions that occur between the farm gate and final consumer.

Eligibility: This competition is open to all undergraduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system.

Award
- A travel stipend of $1,000 for the best Undergraduate Student Research Paper.
- Complimentary one-year FDRS student membership.

Application Steps: Submit the following in PDF format to KathyKelley@psu.edu by May 31, 2019. When labeling your PDF files, please include your first and last name.
- Statement of Intent form.
- Cover letter that includes a brief synopsis of academic training, any food industry experience and/or research experience and career interests and goals.
- The complete research paper. Write the research paper following the formatting guidelines provided on pages 2 and 3.
- Letter of recommendation from the research paper advisor.

For more information: Please visit the FDRS website at: www.fdrsinc.org or contact FDRS’s Vice President for Education: Dr. Kathy Kelley at KathyKelley@psu.edu.
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  Posted: 03/22/2019
- **Research Scientist or Senior Research Scientist**
  International Research Institute for Climate and Society (Earth Institute, Columbia University)
  Posted: 03/18/2019
- **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – Regional Economics**
  University of Florida, IFAS, Food and Resource Economics Department
  Posted: 03/14/2019

Other current positions and more can be found on the AAEA Job Board. Sign up for listserv emails regarding new positions HERE.

Working with the Media
What research are you working on? Want to be an expert source for journalists working on a story? Contact Allison Scheetz at ascheetz@aaea.org

View all Press Releases HERE

Member in the News
Do you know an AAEA Member who has made statewide, national, or international news? Send a link of the article to Sinais Alvarado at salvarado@aaea.org or info@aaea.org.

View other Members in the News HERE