2019 AAEA Election Results

Congratulations to our newly elected leaders in AAEA!

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Colorado State University

Directors

Tim Beatty,
University of California, Davis

Elena Irwin,
The Ohio State University
Housing and Registration – Deadlines Approaching

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 and 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.

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*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

2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

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.

AEM/Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition

2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

The Agribusiness Economics and Management/Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition allows graduate students to test their communication skills and their ability to apply their knowledge of agricultural economics and agribusiness subjects to practical situations. Students competing in the competition will receive a copy of the case study at least two weeks in advance of the AAEA annual meetings.

**Competition Rules:** Each team should prepare an oral summary of their solution to the case that will last no more than 15 minutes. Presentations lasting over 15 minutes will be penalized. After the presentation, teams should be prepared to answer questions from the judges on their interpretation of the case.

Teams can be comprised of up to three graduate students. Students may either compete as a team from the same school, or may choose to be mixed with students from other schools. If there is only one student from a school that wants to participate, the student can compete on his/her own or he/she can be matched with other students. In the case of teams that are matched with individuals from different universities, competitors will be notified of their teammates as soon as possible, but no later than the same day the case is announced.

**Competition Prizes:** The top three teams will receive plaques and cash prizes.

- **First Place:** $300
- **Second Place:** $200
- **Third Place:** $100

**Specific Information for the 2019 Case Study Competition:** The number of rounds will be determined by the number of teams entered. The final round will be composed of the top 3 teams. In addition to plaques and cash prizes, the three finalist teams will also be recognized during the AAEA Awards Ceremony.

- **Sunday, July 21, 8:00am – 3:00pm:** First Rounds of Competition
- **Monday, July 22, 1:30pm – 4:00pm:** Final Round (if necessary)
• Monday, July 22, 6:00pm – 7:15pm: Awards Ceremony

Students participating in the case study competition will need to be registered for the Annual Meeting AND the Case Study Competition.

1. Students should register for the AAEA Annual Meeting through the 2019 Annual Meeting Registration Form which is available online at https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2019-aaea-annual-meeting/registration--travel.

2. Each team must also complete the Case Study registration form identifying their teammates and send it to AAEA no later than June 15, 2019.

Please direct any questions regarding the 2019 AAEA Case Study Competition to Dr. Michael Gunderson (mgunders@purdue.edu) or GSS Section Chair, Logan Britton (logan.britton@okstate.edu).

Undergraduate Student Section:

2019 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 Atlanta. 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 21, 2019) 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 are only $40 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/aaea-annual-meeting.

Extension Competition for Graduate Students

2019 AAEA Annual Meeting

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 2019 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 8:00 am. 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:

- 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 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting.

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

CREDO to meet at 2019 AAEA Annual Meeting
The Catholic Research Economists Discussion Organization (CREDO) is an international society of hundreds of economists, including agricultural economists, who are interested in the conversation between the Catholic faith and economic research as it applies to the economy, the Church, and broader society (see https://credo-economists.org/ for more information.) This year, we are hosting the second meeting of this group at the AAEA Annual Meeting at a lunch on Monday, July 22nd from 1:00 pm–2:30 pm.

The meeting and lunch are preceded by 12:10 mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 353 Peachtree Street NE, a short walk from the conference hotel. All are welcome at the lunch meeting and mass. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Craig Gundersen (cggunder@illinois.edu), so we can get an estimate on the number of attendees for the lunch. In addition, please contact Craig with any questions, comments, etc., you may have.

Call for submissions
AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2020 ASSA Annual Meeting

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.
Papers in approved Invited Paper sessions are eligible to be peer reviewed for publication in the proceeding issue of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. Authors will be contacted by the *AJAE* editors with manuscript submission details.

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.

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**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...
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, discrimination or harassment, including sexual 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.

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.

Only a few spots remain, and registration for this workshop is $15. To register for this workshop, complete the Registration Form and return to the AAEA Business Office by May 30, 2019. Fax to (414) 276–3349 or email to manneng@aaea.org. If you have any questions, contact Mary Annen at (414) 918–3190.
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.

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. 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.

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

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

Other News

Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research: Special Issue “Institutional Entropy: Causes, Consequences, and Corrective Measures”

Call for Papers

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 U.S. 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: June 1, 2019

2019 International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science

Dear Friends and Colleagues,
On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it is our great pleasure to welcome you to participate the 2019 International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science (ICAFS 2019) to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia during December 8–11, 2019. For more details please visit https://icafs.apaset.org/2019/

Organizers
The conference is organized by the Asia-Pacific Association of Science, Engineering and Technology in cooperation with multiple academic affiliations.

Previous
Previous ICAFS were successfully held in Istanbul, Turkey (2018) and Lahore, Pakistan (2017).

Topics
It has been designed to provide an innovative and comprehensive overview of agricultural and food science. A focus will be given on: 1. Agronomy, Agriculture and Plant Biotechnology; 2. Animal Biotechnology, Veterinary and Livestock Science; 3. Aquaculture, Fishery and Marine Biotechnology; 4. Forestry Science and Wood Research; 5. Food Science, Nutrition Science and Food Engineering; 6. Agriculture Sustainable, Resources & Environment; 7. Related Engineering, Economic & Management, etc.
Publication
All accepted abstracts will be published in conference abstract book after registration.

Program and Event
The conference will last for two days. After the conference, there will be an academic visit to local institutions.

Venue
Kuala Lumpur, officially the Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur, or commonly known as KL, is the national capital and largest city in Malaysia.

We look forward to an exciting meeting that promises great scientific debate and enjoyable interaction in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Please also bring this notice to the attention of any of your colleagues who may be interested in participating in the conference (Download Flyer, Registration Form).

With best regards,
ICAFS 2019 Secretariat
On behalf of the Organizing Committee of ICAFS 2019
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
https://icafs.apaset.org/2019/

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.
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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- Water Policy and Economic Specialist
  Clemson University (Posted: 05/17/2019)
- Director, Applied Economics
  The Nature Conservancy (Posted: 05/16/2019)
- Economist/Senior Economist
  Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas
  City (Posted: 05/15/2019)

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

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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