

From the President



The Renaissance of Agricultural Economics

Earlier this spring, I sent a letter to current and recent members entitled “The Renaissance of AAEA,” in which I described the positive trends and developments surrounding our professional association. In this, the penultimate column of my AAEA Presidency, I want to express my renewed enthusiasm for our profession and proclaim what I regard as the renaissance of agricultural economics. For this purpose I define agricultural economics broadly to include the interface of production and consumption of agricultural products with the natural resource base and the environment and to include the implications of food consumption for health and nutrition.

I wasn’t so optimistic about our field just a few years ago. Our academic departments were shrinking in size, merging with broader units, or disappearing entirely. Research funding from all sources was also contracting. There was a sense of complacency among policymakers, academic administrators, and the public at large that we had “solved the food problem.”

That assessment was wrong then as it is today, but the events of recent years have brought into stark relief the great challenges that society faces and the role for agricultural economists in helping to meet them. The agricultural productivity growth that enabled food supply to grow faster than demand—and on a shrinking land base—has slowed, contributing to the recent rises in commodity prices. Changes in climate will present further challenges to sustaining productivity growth, but public R&D investments are languishing in many places. World population may increase by one-third by 2050, and rapid economic growth in China and India,

home to more than one-third of the world’s population, has caused dramatic changes in diets and food demands in those countries. Along with changes in food demand, new demands for biofuels are now competing for grain. In short, agriculture is challenged to meet rapidly growing demands for food, feed, and fuel, and to do so with ever-smaller environmental impact.

Food demands are not only growing, they are changing in ways most of us would not have imagined. The attributes that define food products and production practices have expanded rapidly. In addition to traditional product attributes such as taste, appearance, convenience, brand appeal, and nutrition, consumers increasingly care also about aspects of the production process (e.g., use of chemicals, farm location and size, and treatment of animals), marketing arrangements (in particular, their “fairness”), and implications of food production and consumption for the environment.

Indeed, within this macro environment confronting agriculture lie countless puzzles, contradictions, and fascinating and important research questions that demand answers only we can provide. Of course, we no longer expect agriculture to simply feed us, we also expect it to contribute to our fuel supply and preserve rural communities, and to do it all in environmentally sustainable and socially acceptable ways. We face the paradox of upwards of one billion people enduring food shortages, while others consume certain foods in excess—to the detriment of their health and wellbeing.

Are concerns about what is in our food and how it is produced and policies enacted to address them consistent with our need to dramatically expand agricultural production? For example, David Zilberman and colleagues make a convincing case that

rejection of GMOs in many settings, despite any compelling evidence of their adverse consequences, has contributed importantly to the productivity slowdown and diminished investment in a technology that may stand heir to the Green Revolution. Many of us may want local foods and small-scale agriculture, but what are the consequences of such production for food safety and productivity? Will growing demands placed upon agriculture for food and fuel in an environment of slower productivity growth push production increasingly on to marginal lands, causing environmental harm and expanding agriculture’s carbon footprint?

What are appropriate agricultural, food, fuel, and environmental policies within this complex environment? When I was a graduate student, a course in agricultural policies would have focused primarily on mechanisms of price and income support for farmers. Now policies need to (but often don’t) consider not only impacts on production and farm prices, but also the distribution of impacts within the agricultural community, environmental sustainability,

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AAEA News

AEM/GSS Case Study Competition Registration

The AEM and GSS Sections are pleased to announce that registration is open for the AEM/Graduate Student Section Case Study Competition taking place at the 2013 AAEA & CAES Joint Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. This is an important and exciting opportunity for graduate students to test their communication skills and ability to apply their knowledge of agricultural economics and agribusiness subjects to practical situations.

It is free for teams to participate, and there are cash prizes for the top three teams! The competition details and registration form can be found on the [GSS Section website](#). Please forward this information to any students who may be interested in participating in the competition.

Additionally, your help is needed to judge the preliminary and final rounds of the competition. The preliminary rounds are Sunday, August 4, from 8:00am-3:00pm. Judges typically work in shifts, so you need not commit to the entire time. The final round will be Monday afternoon from 1:30pm-4:00pm. If you are not presenting in a session, please consider helping out.

If you are willing to help, please contact Aslihan Spaulding at Illinois State University (adspaul@ilstu.edu) and let her know what times you are available.

AAEA to Hold Employer Showcase during the Joint Annual Meeting

In addition to the recent updates to the Employment pages of the website, AAEA is excited to announce a new event that will take place during the Joint Annual Meeting called the Employer Showcase. Held in conjunction with the 2013 Employment Center, the Employer Showcase is a one-day event taking place on Sunday, August 4, 11:00am-3:00pm in the Employment Center room (Exhibit Hall B South). Employers interested in promoting their job opportunities, departments, or other programs can register for a table where they can display their promotional materials and interact with meeting attendees in an informal job fair setting. Registration is FREE for employers and all meeting attendees are invited to attend. Additionally, a professional photographer will be on-site offering free professional headshots to meeting attendees.

The Employer Showcase is a great lead-in to the more formal 2013 Employment Center which will take place on Monday and Tuesday. Employers who are registered for both events can follow up their informal conversations that take place on Sunday with a more in-depth interview regarding specific opportunities.

To register for the Employer Showcase as an employer, please fill out the online form found on the employment page of the AAEA website. If you have any questions about the Employer Showcase, please contact Sarah Kenner at skenner@aaea.org.

AAEA Career Opportunities Gets a New Look

The AAEA Employment Services Committee recently updated the look and functionality of the AAEA Career Opportunities area of the AAEA website.

Job Market Candidates

Previously called the Resume Bank, the Job Market Candidates area of the website is where job seekers can post information about themselves to be viewed by prospective employers. In order to post their information, Job Market Candidates must be current members of AAEA. Anyone can view the Job Market Candidates listings.

Job Openings

The Job Board will now be known as Job Openings. This area of the website is where employers can post employment ads for positions of interest to AAEA members. Anyone may view the ads for open positions for free, while Employers are charged a fee of \$300 to post a position. Posted positions are viewable online for 2 months and are automatically published in the next issue of the *Exchange* newsletter at no additional cost.

What's New?

In addition to the changes mentioned above, the functionality of the submission forms and listings have been improved. Updates include:

- A streamlined submission process
- HTML based postings
- Increased flexibility in the layout and format of postings
- Visually appealing Job Market Candidate posts with the option to include a photo
- Integrated with the Annual Meeting Employment Center (no longer two separate posting systems)

We hope that these updates provide a more enjoyable browsing and searching experience for those in the job market. If you have any questions regarding these changes or are interested in posting your resume or an open position, please visit the [AAEA website](#) or contact the AAEA Business Office.

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The deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month preceding the issue date (e.g., December 10, for the Jan./Feb. issue). Submit all items to: AAEA, 555 E. Wells Street, Suite 1100; Milwaukee, WI 53202; Phone: (414) 918-3190; Fax: (414) 276-3349; e-mail: info@aaea.org; Internet: <http://www.aaea.org>



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AAEA News

Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award Call For Applications

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust is now accepting applications for the Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award. The Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award supports a mentorship relationship with a view to promote high quality research of a policy/problem solving nature in countries with food insecurity and environmental pressures. It is meant to promote collaboration between an early career scholar who is a citizen of and resides in a developing country and a distinguished mentor.

The award is intended to cover the costs of travel and expenses for a scholar and mentor to work together on a specific research project in a high priority area for the scholar's country. The maximum fellowship grant will be \$5,000. Up to \$4,500 can be allocated for travel expenses for the scholar to visit the mentor's workplace and/or to meet with the mentor at a professional meeting. Up to \$1,500 can be allocated for mentor travel and other expenses during the fellowship period. Research topics should fall within the mission of the AAEA (www.aaea.org/about-aaea).

Scholars should be professional economists who are citizens of and reside in a developing country. A complete list of qualifying countries is available under the headings "Low-income economies" and "Lower-middle-income economies"

at: http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income. Scholars should either have completed their terminal degree or will complete it within the year. Students studying in countries that are not considered "low-income economies" and "lower-middle-income economies" may apply, but they must be completing their degree and planning to permanently reside in a "low-income" and "lower-middle-income" country by the end of 2013. Mentors can reside in any part of the world, but each must be an AAEA member.

To apply, scholars should submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information for the mentor, proposed dates, nature of the research project and collaboration, and outputs expected
2. Recent CV
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that the applicant will work on with his or her mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation from the applicant's department head/supervisor stating that the institution supports the applicant's participation
5. Letter of intent to collaborate from the proposed mentor
6. Budget

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Brian Mondragón Jones at bmjones@aaea.org by **October 7, 2013**. Awards will be announced in January 2014.

This fellowship is supported by donations to the Uma Lele Special Purpose Fund of the AAEA Trust. The ultimate goal of the Uma Lele Special Purpose Fund is to create vibrant, long-lasting networks of scholars working on current and newly emerging challenges to economic development. <http://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/uma-lele-mentor-fellowship-fund>

Dr. Uma Lele is a recognized international leader, thinker, and policy analyst with extensive research, operational and evaluation experience in the World Bank, the CGIAR and other international organizations and U.S. universities. Her areas of work include food, agriculture, health, environment, global public goods, science and technology, and external assistance and partnerships. Dr. Lele is a fellow of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association and India's National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and has been recognized as an Outstanding Alumna by Cornell University.

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health implications, and consequences for rural communities.

Agriculture can at once provide solutions to the great challenges confronting this young century and, yet, if improperly managed, imperil them. Thus, I see a renaissance for our profession and increasing demands for the teaching, research, and outreach only we can provide. The rest of the world may not yet fully appreciate its increased need for the services of agricultural economists to overcome obstacles in the arenas for food, energy, and the environment. Yet hope for growing awareness is found in the recent recommendation by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology that federal funding of agricultural research increase \$700 million per year. Still, we must, as a profession, aggressively market the value of what we provide to funding agencies, university administrators, legislators, and the public at large. We have a very strong case to make. If we succeed in making it, our profession can grow and prosper, and we can contribute importantly to better decisions and policies to solve some of society's most vexing problems.

Richard Sexton
AAEA President

Joint Annual Meeting Presenters Must Meet Requirements by June 3

All Selected Presentation presenters at the 2013 AAEA & CAES Joint Annual Meeting must meet the following three requirements by **Monday, June 3, 2013**:

- A full version of your paper or poster is required to be submitted electronically to the AgEcon Search. You can download instructions and guidelines on how to submit to AgEcon Search.
- You must be a 2013 member of AAEA or CAES and registered for the Joint Annual Meeting.

Unfortunately, if the preceding requirements are not met by June 3, your paper will be withdrawn from the program. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Wright (kwright@aaea.org).

News

Call for Papers Special Issue - Rural Entrepreneurship Issue *American Journal of Entrepreneurship (AJE)* <http://americanjournalentrepreneurship.org/>

Due July 1, 2013 *Guest Editor Dr. Kathleen Liang, University of Vermont*

Articles in AJE are intended for a diverse audience of individuals including, but not limited to, academic scholars and educators, practitioners, and policy officials. AJE prefers research based upon quantitative evidence, or upon qualitative evidence, broadly defined. We seek papers that are grounded in the extant literature, include appropriate analysis, and make a new contribution to the received literature in the field of entrepreneurship. Please note that we will also accept "conceptual" papers. Conceptual manuscripts must clearly make a new, significant contribution to the existing literature and show promise of being verifiable by future research.

Aim and Scope of the Rural Entrepreneurship Volume

This special rural entrepreneurship volume will be a multidisciplinary publication from a variety of scholarly perspectives. This volume will be open to papers from any scholarly tradition with high quality and

focus on rural entrepreneurship including, but not limited to, the following topics:

- The concepts and/or comparative analysis of rural entrepreneurship and rural entrepreneurs
- Innovation and technology for rural enterprises
- Identifying and assessing venture opportunities for rural development
- Financing rural business ventures
- Public policy toward rural new ventures
- Challenges and barriers for starting and managing entrepreneurial ventures in rural communities
- Developing sustainable finances for rural entrepreneurs and ventures
- Innovative marketing for rural enterprises
- Human resources management in rural ventures
- International/global rural entrepreneurship

Manuscripts should be double-spaced and no more than 25 pages in length, including figures, models, and tables. For questions regarding grammar or style, authors should refer to the current edition

of the APA Publication Manual. Author names should not appear anywhere in the manuscript except on the title page. All papers and proposals must be submitted electronically in MS Word format or PDF format. Papers should be double-spaced including page number. They must include a separate title page with the title of the paper, name(s), affiliation(s), and full contact information for all authors. The body of the paper should contain a second cover page without any author identification. A 150-word abstract with no author identification should be placed on the third page. Submitted papers shall not have been published or presented previously.

Authors must use electronic mail to submit their manuscripts. All submissions should be sent to: Dr. Kathleen Liang, guest editor of the special edition (CLIANG@uvm.edu) by **July 1, 2013**. **Only electronic submissions will be accepted. Please indicate in the email subject line: paper for AJE rural entrepreneurship by (last_name).**

AgEcon Search adds ERS documents

AgEcon Search has added a number of older ERS documents over the last several months. They include:

- *Agricultural Economics Research /Journal of Agricultural Economics Research* (Vol 1-45, 1949-1994)
- Economics Statistics and Cooperative Services (ESCS) Reports (1978-1980)
- Foreign Agricultural Economic Reports (FAER, 1961-1986)

Thanks to the ERS staff who digitized these items.

A number of other ERS materials may also be found in AgEcon Search, including the full run of Amber Waves and a selection of Agricultural Information Bulletins, Economic Information Bulletins, Economic Research Reports, Economics and Statistics Services (ESS) Reports, and Technical Bulletins.

We are always seeking new publications and collaborations, so please contact us with your ideas.

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News

AARES-AAEA Young Professionals Exchange Award 2013 HEADING SOUTH AWARD

We are pleased to invite submissions for the **2013 Heading South Award**.

The Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) and the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) through the AAEA Trust will jointly offer this travel award to attend the 2014 AARES conference in Port Macquarie, on the mid-north coast of New South Wales. It is available to members of AARES or AAEA normally resident in North America. Applicants for the award can be a member of either AARES or AAEA but must be a member of AARES to participate in the conference.

The objective of the award is to provide the winner with an opportunity for professional and personal development and international professional and cultural exchange. The award will have a value of US \$3,000 to be used to assist the winner to participate in the **2014 Annual Conference of AARES**

to be held in Port Macquarie, Australia from 4-7 February 2014.

Selection Process

The 2013 Heading South selection committee will be chaired by the incoming President-Elect of AAEA (Julie Caswell). Other members will include the President-Elect of AARES (Prof. Alan Randall), another member of AARES, usually the president of the North America Branch, and another member of AAEA.

Applications should include:

- a paper for presentation at the AARES Annual Conference in Port Macquarie, for which the applicant is the sole or first author and which represents their original and unpublished work,
- a one-page biographical statement, and
- a one-page statement in support of their application, indicating what they would

hope to accomplish through the award, why they would be deserving of the award, and confirming that they would be unable to attend the conference without this financial support.

Submission Deadlines and Details

Electronic submissions (in PDF form) for this award must be emailed to Brian Mondragón Jones (bmjones@aaea.org) by Friday, August 30, 2013 (for travel in February 2014).

Kind regards,

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California Polytechnic State University

• **Awards:** **Jay Noel**, Outstanding Researcher Award; **Craig Hooper**, Rain for Rent Staff Award; **Christiane Schroeter**, New Faculty Award; **Jenni James**, Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award; **Sean Hurley**, Sustained Excellence Award, College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences, Cal Poly.

Colorado State University

• **Awards:** **Allie Gunter**, CSU, DARE and ECON Research Symposium, 2013 Best Research Proposal; **Eyosiyas Tegegne**, CSU, DARE and ECON Research Symposium, 2013 Best Research Proposal Runner-up; **Michelle Kibler**, CSU, DARE and ECON Research Symposium, 2013 Best Completed Graduate Research Runner-Up; **John Loomis**, CSU, College of Agricultural Sciences, 2013 Charles N. Shepardson Meritorious Teaching Award; **Stephan Kroll**, CSU, College of

Agricultural Sciences, 2013 Outstanding Research Award; **James Pritchett**, CSU, College of Agricultural Sciences; 2013 Outstanding Academic Advising Award; **Dawn Thilmann**, CSU, College of Agricultural Sciences; 2013 Outstanding Service Award; **Stephan Kroll**, CSU School of Global Environmental Sustainability, Resident Fellow 2013-2014.

• **Position Taken by Recent Graduate:**

Madilynne Mcguire, Master of Science, Independent Consultant for Context Net.

• **Visitor:** **Rogério Pereria De Araújo**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Federal University of Ceara, Brazil, January – December 2013.

International Food Policy Research Institute

• **New Appointments:** **Stephen Davies**, Senior Research Fellow; **Clara Delavalade**, Research Fellow; **Beliyou Haile**,

Postdoctoral Fellow; **Nancy Johnson**, Senior Research Fellow; **Ho-Young Kwon**, Research Fellow.

• **Honorary Positions:** **Suresh Babu**, nominated as an Associate Editor of the journal "Food Security."; **Ephraim Nkonya**, appointed member of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on land degradation.

Louisiana State University

• **Appointment Change:** **Hector Zapata**, Associate Vice Chancellor for International Programs.

• **Awards:** **Ashok Mishra**, Mid-Career Research Award "LSU Rainmaker Award"; **Gamma Sigma Delta**, Research Merit Award; **Jeff Gillespie**, SAEA, 1st Place Poster; **Josh Detre**, Gamma Sigma Delta, Teacher Merit Honor Roll, 2012 Tiger Athletic Foundation Outstanding Teacher in College of Agriculture, 2012 Phi Kappa Phi Non-tenured Faculty

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Award; **Wes Harrison**, Teacher Merit Honor Roll, Gamma Sigma Delta; **Krishna Paudel**, Gamma Sigma Delta, Teacher Merit Honor Roll

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Arun Adhikari**, PhD, Economist, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals; **Hiroki Uematsu**, PhD, The World Bank; **Kayla Brown**, M.S., USDA National Needs PhD Fellow, Louisiana State University; **Basu Bhandari**, M.S., Ph.D. Program, Louisiana State University; **Cristian Nedelea**, PhD, Economist, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals; **Paul Darby**, PhD, APHIS, USDA, Washington, DC; **Jeremy D'Antoni**, PhD, ERS, USDA, Washington, DC.
- **Honorary Positions:** **Jeff Gillespie**, President, LSU Gamma Sigma Delta; **Krishna Paudel**, Vice-President, LSU Gamma Sigma Delta.
- **Visitors:** **H. Marte Bjornsen**, Norwegian Agricultural Institute, Oslo, Norway; **Takashi Sonoda**, Nagoya University, Japan; **Won Koo**, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND.

Michigan State University

- **Position Taken by Recent Graduate:** **Kirimi Sindi**, PhD, Impact Assessment Specialist, International Potato Center, Nairobi, Kenya.

University of Minnesota

- **New Appointment:** **Rodney Smith**, Director of Graduate Studies.
- **Award:** **Paul Glewwe**, University of Minnesota, 2013 Distinguished McKnight University Professor
- **Honorary Position:** **James Hammill**, Outstanding Alumni, University of Minnesota Department of Applied Economics, 2012-2013.

Mississippi State University

- **Appointment Change:** **Corey Miller**, promoted to Senior Research Associate, Department of Agricultural Economics.
- **Awards:** **Kelsey Unruh**, President's Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW), Student Leadership Award; **Jeremy Jack**, Bayer CropScience, 2013 Young Sustainable Farmer Award; **Debra Price**, CALS-MAFES Support Staff Excellence Award;

Kalyn Coatney, Assistant Professor, CALS-MAFES Excellence in Teaching Award (Upper Division).

University of Missouri

- **Awards:** **Chris Boessen (Club Advisor) and Mizzou Agricultural Economics Club**, CAFNR, Outstanding Student Club; **Scott G. Brown**, University of Missouri, Division of Student Affairs, Excellence in Education Award; **Scott G. Brown**, Missouri Institute of Cooperatives, Friend of Cooperatives Hall of Fame; **Jill Findeis**, University of Missouri, CAFNR Teaching Academy, Inducted April 2013; **Judith I. Stallmann**, University of Missouri, CAFNR top 5 newsmaker of 2012; **Pat Westhoff**, MU Ag Alumni Association, Honorary Membership.
- **Leave:** **Peter G. Klein**, Carl Menger Research Fellow, Ludwig von Mises Institute, Auburn, AL, 2013-14.
- **Visitors:** **Bozhidar Ivanov and Emilija Shanova**, Center for Agricultural Policy Analysis, Institute of Agricultural Economics, Sofia, Bulgaria, FAPRI Visiting Scholars, April 14-26.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Elizabeth Juchems**, MS, Field Day Coordinator and Conservation Educator, Iowa State University; **Edward Rubin**, MS, PhD program, UC Berkeley; **Diego Alvarez**, PhD, Assistant Professor, National University of the Northeast, Argentina; **Kepifri Lakoh**, PhD, Program Officer, Africa, Howard Buffett Foundation; **Vahid Omidvar**, PhD, Trade Policy Analyst, Canadian Sugar Institute.

North Dakota State University

- **New Appointments:** **Dr. William Nganje**, Department Chair; **Dr. Lie Zhang**, Assistant Professor
- **Visitors:** **Yunsuck Hur**, Instructor, Sungkwan University Korea, Visiting Scholar, March, 2013-February, 2014; **Mr. Masaru Hongo**, Nippon Flour Mills Japan, visiting scholar, April-December 2013.
- **Resignation:** **Dr. Linda Burbidge**
- **Awards:** **Dr. Siew Lim**, North Dakota State University, College of Agriculture, Food Systems and Natural Resources, Earl and Dorothy Foster Excellence in

Teaching Award; **Dr. David Ripplinger**, American Economic Association, Best dissertation; **Dr. Ryan Larsen**, NDSU Bison Ambassadors, Apple Polisher Award; **Michele Swandal**, NDSU Bison Ambassadors, Apple Polisher Award.

The Ohio State University

- **Awards:** **Dr. Steven Vickner**, College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, 2013 Rodney F. Plimpton Outstanding Teacher Award; **Elena Irwin**, recognized as the 12th most influential author in the field of environmental and ecological economics. Irwin was recognized for her research "The effects of open space on residential property values", which was published in 2002 in the journal *Land Economics*, and which on average was cited 12 times per year from 2002 to 2009; **Sathya Gopalakrishnan**, **H. Allen Klaiber**, and **Brian Roe**, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), awarded 2013 SEEDS grant.
 - **Honorary Position:** **Brent Sohngen**, serves as Co-Author for Forestry Chapter of the U.S. National Climate Assessment Report.
 - **News & Other Stories:** **Neil Drobný**, and the Ohio State EEDS Program, announced The Ohio State University as National Champion of the Environmental March Madness Tournament, The Wall Street Journal's MarketWatch, April 9, 2013; **Sathya Gopalakrishnan**, and **Brent Sohngen AEDE**, has been awarded SEEDS funding to pursue new research with **Gajan Sivandran** in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Geodetic Engineering, on the linkages between agricultural output and water quality in the Upper Big Walnut Creek (UBWC) watershed, Ohio. The proposal is titled "*Linking Economics and Hydrology: A Coupled Model of the Physical Processes and Economic decisions that impact Non-Point Source Pollution and Water Quality in the Upper Big Walnut Creek Watershed*".
- ### Purdue University
- **Appointment Changes:** **Brent Gloy**, promoted to Professor of Agricultural Economics; **Scott Downey**, promoted

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to Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics and awarded tenure; **Ben Gramig**, promoted to Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics and awarded tenure.

- **Awards:** **Dr. Michael Gunderson and Dr. Michael Boehlje and the MS-MBA in Food and Agribusiness Management**, Purdue University's 2013 Award for Excellence in Distance Learning.
- **Return from Leave:** **Dr. John G. Lee** returned from a sabbatic leave at Colorado State University.

University of Saskatchewan

- **Appointment Changes and Leaves:** **Professor William J. Brown**, appointment as Department Head for the Department of Bioresource Policy, Business & Economics started July 1, 2012; **Buwani Dayananda** appointed Research Officer, AFBI (Alliance of Food and BioProducts Innovation) fund at the Department of Bioresource Policy, Business & Economics; **Dr. Cami Ryan** appointed Professional Affiliate; **Dr. Lana Awada**, appointed Postdoctoral Fellow.
- **Awards:** **David Sauchyn, Harry Dias, and Suren Kushreshtha**, The New Normal: The Canadian Prairies in a Changing Climate, June 2012 was shortlisted for the Saskatchewan Book Awards in two categories "Scholarly Writing Award" and "Publishing in Education Award"; **Richard S. Gray and Stavroula Malla**, Outstanding Journal Article -2011/12, CAES. "Managing Public IP with Downstream Inter-firm Research Spillovers". Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics; **James A. Chalfant, R.S. Gray, and Kenneth J. White**, Article of Enduring Quality 2012, CAES, "Evaluating Prior Beliefs in a Demand System: The Case of Meats Demand in Canada". American Journal of Agricultural Economics; **Mohammad Torshizi (PhD)** 2012 SK Innovation & Opportunity Scholarship; **Brian Ochieng' (MSc)** Collaborative Training, Research and Outreach Agreement funded research, Farm Credit Canada, Regina.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Buwani Dayanada (MSc 2012)**, Bioresource Policy, Business & Economics, University of Saskatchewan; **Leigh Anderson (MSc 2012)**, Saskatchewan Gov-

ernment, Regina; **Eric Froystad (MSc 2012)**, Canadian Wheat Board, Winnipeg; **Katrina Carr (MSc 2012)**, Prairie Swine Institute, Saskatoon; **Lyndon Lisitza (MSc 2012)**, Saskatchewan Government, Regina; **Caalen Covey (MSc 2012)**, Louis Dreyfus Commodities, Calgary; **Jason Wood (MSc 2012)**, Alberta Government, Edmonton; **Liou Huang (MSc 2013)**, China; **Akos Krasznai (MSc 2013)**, Canadian Forces Naval Reserve; **Helen Zou (PhD 2011)**, Government of Canada, Ottawa; **Douglas Akhimienmhonan (PhD 2012)**, Alberta Government, Edmonton; **Lana Awada (PhD 2012)**, Bioresource Policy, Business & Economics, University of Saskatchewan; **Mengisteab Chokie (PhD 2012)**, BMO, Toronto.

- **Honorary Positions:** **Dr. Richard Gray**, Grain Policy Research Chair, Canadian Wheat Board, July 2011; **James Nolan**, Academic Vice-President for the Transportation Research Forum (TRF).
- **Returns from Leave:** **Professor William J. Brown, Dr. Jill Hobbs, Dr. William Kerr, and Professor Clayton Jackson.**
- **Visitors:** **Dr. Wu Yunhua**, College of Economics and Management, Inner Mongolia Agricultural University, China, December 9, 2011 to December 9, 2012; **Dr. Alpar Guzel**, Department of Economics, Ondokuz Mayıs University, Turkey, May 15, 2012 to September 10, 2012; **Moharaj Kanagaraj**, PhD candidate, Visiting Commonwealth Scholarship, Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Sociology, Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development Studies, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), India, September 6, 2012 to February 27, 2013.

USDA Economic Research Service

- **Retirement:** **Richard (Rick) Reeder**, 37 years of service.

Washington State University

- **Appointment Changes:** **Bidisha Mandal**, Associate Professor with tenure; **Richard Shumway**, Distinguished Professorship in Agricultural and Resource Economics; **Jia Yan**, Associate Professor with tenure.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Jude Bayham**, PhD, Post Doctoral Researcher, Yale University; **Scott Colby**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Penn State Uni-

versity; **Lillian Carrillo**, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Economic and Mgt Sciences, Universidad Autónoma de Occidente, Cali-Colombia; **Yongwon Cho**, PhD, Research Fellow, Korea Institute for Industrial Economics and Trade; **Xiaojiao Jiang**, PhD, Post Doctoral Researcher, Washington State University; **Jeff Luckstead**, PhD Assistant Professor, University of Arkansas; **Martin Jun Ma**, PhD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Washington State University; **Aaron Olainie**, PhD, Research Economist, ESMI Consulting; **Max St. Brown**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida; **Qiangqiang Wang**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Henan University, China.

- **Honorary Position:** **Tom Marsh**, President-Elect for the Western Agricultural Economics Association.

University of Wisconsin-Madison

- **New Appointment:** **Steve Deller**, President-elect of the Southern Regional Science Association.
- **Appointment Changes:** **Dan Phaneuf**, Professor; **Jennifer Alix-Garcia**, Associate Professor.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Dylan Fitz**, PhD expected August 2013, Assistant Professor, Davidson College, Davidson, NC; **Rebecca Cleary**, PhD expected August 2013, Associate at Analysis Group in Boston, MA.
- **Return from Leave:** **Brad Barham.**
- **Award:** **Dan Mooney**, CALS Thomsen Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship 2013-14.
- **Visitors:** **Joseph Herriges**, Visiting Professor, Dept. of Economics, Iowa State University, Jan – June, 2013; **Vitor Dalla Corte**, Visiting Scholar, Center of Studies and Research in Agribusiness UFRGS, Porto Alegre, Brazil, Dec. 2012 – May, 2013; **Anne-Kathrin Bodenbender**, visiting Scholar, ETH Zurich Switzerland, Jan.-June, 2013; **Nguyen Hung Anh**, Dao Hong Van, Nguyen Hai Nui and Duong Ha Nam visiting lecturers, Hanoi University, Hanoi, Vietnam, Feb. – May, 2013.

Obituaries

Yujiro Hayami

Professor Yujiro Hayami died on December 24, 2012. He had been suffering from the after effects of a stroke in June, 2008.

He was one of the first Japanese to earn a U.S. PhD in agricultural economics at Iowa State University in 1960. He held positions at the Tokyo Metropolitan University, Aoyama-Gakuin University, and National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, in Tokyo, Japan. He also served as visiting professor at the University of Minnesota, Yale University, Cornell University, and Australian National University, and as an economist at the International Rice Research Institute.

Hayami advanced knowledge in our profession significantly in three important areas.

The first was to identify working mechanisms of agricultural development through both historical and inter-country comparative analysis. His book with Vernon W. Ruttan, *Agricultural Development: An International Perspective* was a major product of this effort. His second major contribution was based on a series of village-level studies in Asia, which are reported in *Asian Village Economy at the Crossroads* (with Masao Kikuchi) and *The Economics of Contract Choice: An Agrarian Perspective* (with Keijiro Otsuka). Hayami's third contribution was in the area of political economy, including *The Political Economy of Agricultural Protection* (with Kym Anderson).

Reflecting his enormous contributions to our profession, he received a large number of honors from AAEA, including the Outstanding Published Research Award in 1971 and 1973, Award for the Best Article in *AJAE* in 1976 and 1978, Enduring-Quality Publication Award in 1985, and Award for the Quality of Research Discovery in 1993. He became a Fellow of AAEA in 1991 and Honorary Life Member of IAAE in 1997. In Japan, Professor Hayami received the Purple Ribbon Medal in 1999 and was selected as Man of Cultural Merit in 2004.

James Nielson

James Nielson, 91, retired agricultural economist, administrator and consultant died on March 18, 2013 in Lacey, WA. A native Kansan, Nielson interrupted work toward a degree in agricultural economics at Kansas State University during World II to serve as an officer in an aviation truck company in the Southwest Pacific. After completing his BS degree, he was a county agricultural extension agent for two years before going to Harvard where he earned MA and PhD degrees in economics.

He spent 14 years on the faculty in agricultural economics at Michigan State University, first working in farm management extension and then research on measuring managerial performance, agricultural credit and finance, farm practice adoption and evaluation of extension programs. He was Chair of the Agricultural Economics Department at Washington State University; Director of the Agricultural Research Center at WSU; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Conservation, Research and Education in the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and Chief of the Research Division in BIFAD in the Agency for International Development where he was involved in programs to assist developing countries build their agricultural research capabilities.

After serving as an administrator, he returned to research, designing and leading a national project to evaluate the targeting of soil and water conservation efforts of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, stationed at Oregon State University. This was a joint Agricultural Research Service/Economic Research Service evaluation of targeting conservation programs at county, state and national levels.

During a "phase-out" period, he worked part time for USDA's Cooperative State Research Service and also did consulting work. For CSRS he developed guidelines for planning and conducting program reviews; served as team leader on 20 reviews in colleges of agriculture; and assisted in planning and reviewing regional research. His consulting included assignments for USAID, ISNAR (International Service for National Agricultural Research), the World Bank, Winrock International, and several domestic organizations.

During his professional career, he authored or co-authored chapters in four books, 42 journal articles and invited papers at professional meetings, 15 research bulletins, and over 200 other reports, articles and papers.

Throughout his career, Nielson was active in professional organizations. He served as Editor of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*; Vice-President of AAEA; President of AAEA; and President of the Western Agricultural Economics Association. He helped organize the National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators, and was a Founding Director and Fellow of the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association.

He received a Carnegie Fellowship for study at Harvard; a USDA Superior Service award; a USDA cash award for his performance on the targeting research project; and was named Distinguished Agricultural Economics Alumnus of Kansas State University.

In retirement he was active in volunteer work, including serving as a tax preparer and Washington State Coordinator of the AARP Tax-Aide program.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Beverly, sons Noel and Douglas, and two grandsons.

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William Saupe

William Edward "Bill" Saupe, age 85, of Madison, Wisconsin died Sunday, March 17, 2013.

Bill was born in a farmhouse on January 23, 1928, near Sheldon, Iowa, to Edward F. and Eva S. Saupe. He attended a one room country school and later attended school in Sheldon, where he graduated from high school and junior college. He continued his college education at Iowa State College (now University) and received a BS degree, a master's degree, and a PhD in Agricultural Economics. Bill married Lorna Kruse in 1952. They had three children, Rebecca, Barbara and Kurt.

Bill joined the faculty of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1965, where he retired 30 years later as a full professor. Because of the importance of agriculture in developing economies, Bill had many opportunities for international work that included two years in southern Brazil. His

family accompanied him on this adventure, opening their eyes to the wonder of travel. Bill was a longtime member of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association. Their annual meetings provided destinations for family vacations throughout the United States.

Bill became an avid runner after turning 50. He competed in more than 100 races, including seven marathons. He and Lorna devoted many hours to gardening. They continued to travel, exploring new places, visiting friends and relatives, and staying warm and dry in Arizona for several winters. Asbury United Methodist Church was his church home for 47 years. His faith was important to him and took the form of leadership, diligent Bible study, and support of mission projects.

Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years, Lorna Saupe; two daughters, Rebecca (David) Luther and Barbara (Barry) Hein; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Sweitzer; seven

grandchildren, Amy (Chris) Claffin, Kristy Luther, Sara, Elizabeth and LeeAnn Hein, and Geneva and Peter Saupe; and a sister, Ruth Larson. His son, Kurt W. Saupe, died in 2012. Bill was also preceded in death by his parents and sister, Patricia Schwartz.

Memorials may be directed to the Kurt W. Saupe Foundation at www.kurtwsaupe-foundation.org or Asbury United Methodist Church.

A Celebration of Life was held at Asbury United Methodist Church, 6101 University Ave., Madison, Wisconsin at noon on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, with the Rev. Harold Zimmick presiding. Bill's cremated remains were buried in the Saupe family plot in Sheldon, Iowa at a later date. Online condolences may be made at www.gunder-sonfh.com.

AAEA Career Opportunities
Position Report

Assistant/Associate (preferred) Professor of Regional Economics

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Position Information

Start Date: September 1, 2013
Duration:
Location: Columbia, Missouri United States
Tenure Track: Yes
U.S. Citizenship Required: No
Languages

Specialty Desired

Primary Specialty: Agricultural Economics
Other specialties: Public Policy
Econometrics

Educational Requirements

regional economics, including applied or agricultu Doctorate

More Information: <http://dass.missouri.edu/regionaljob/>

Position Description

The University of Missouri is seeking applicants working in the modeling, integration, and assessment of regional economies to inform public and private decision-making. Applicants' substantive training and expertise may be in any discipline relevant to regional economics, including applied or agricultural economics, public policy, state and local public finance or similar fields. Applicants should have a strong scholarly record in spatial econometrics and regional analysis. Dynamic simulation modeling methods for regional analysis is desirable, a strong record of applied research and working collaboratively across policy areas as they affect regions, ie, policies and their impacts on regions, regional governance, state and local public finance, infrastructure and the built environment, agriculture, environment and natural resources, food security, and public health, as examples.

This position is a joint appointment between the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in DASS/CAFNR and the Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs. The two units have a long history of

collaboration.

The successful candidate will:

- 1) Build a strong applied research program consistent with the missions of DASS/CAFNR and TSPA,
- 2) Develop a research program that attracts extramural funding,
- 3) Mentor and supervise doctoral and master's students,
- 4) Develop and teach courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels (according to demand) that include spatial econometrics or dynamic simulation and regional policy and analysis, and
- 5) Collaborate with multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary colleagues to address societal problems that require sophisticated theoretical and empirical approaches.

The successful candidate must have a strong scholarly record using:

- 1) Economic theories as the basis of quantitative models of economic and regional processes,
- 2) Spatial statistics and econometrics to study cross-sectional patterns and relationships among economic, social and policy phenomena or system dynamics to simulate and study dynamic economic, social and policy processes, and
- 3) Multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary collaborations to address societal problems requiring sophisticated theoretical and empirical approaches.

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**AAEA Career Opportunities
Position Report**

Analyst, Economic Impact

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Position Information

Start Date:

Duration:

Location: Tucson, United States

Tenure Track: No

U.S. Citizenship Required: No

Languages: English

Specialty Desired

Primary Specialty: Community Resource Economics

Other specialties:

Educational Requirements

More Information:

<https://www.uacareertrack.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=207747>

Position Description

Conduct economic impact analysis within Arizona by:

- Assembling and processing relevant economic development data
- Performing input/output and project evaluation analyses
- Preparing written reports and formal presentations of results