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From the President



Farewell, Thanks, and a Final Request

My term as AAEA President comes to an end at the conclusion of our upcoming annual meeting in Washington, DC, when I will pass the gavel into the capable hands of Julie Caswell. It has been an honor serving the Association. I want to take a moment to offer thanks to the many people who have contributed to making my term as President a pleasurable and positive experience. I greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness, collegiality, and service of my fellow Board members. Staff support from our management company, EDI, has been characteristically outstanding. Dave, Kristin, Brian, Kristen, and the entire EDI staff carry on the day-to-day functions of the Association in exemplary fashion, provide the Board with great wisdom and experience regarding the big issues confronting associations like AAEA, and with good humor and grace prompted me to meet deadlines, including this one.

As important as our excellent professional staff is, AAEA's success is also predicated on the goodwill and service of member volunteers. The President must make dozens of appointments to the committees that perform the essential business of the Association, as well as enlist volunteers for a variety of special projects and tasks. As I look back over my term, I can scarcely recall being

turned down in my requests, and I am very grateful to all who agreed to serve.

AAEA stands in a strong position today. In spite of the great challenges facing professional associations overall, our total membership is stable, and we have successful journals, and ample financial reserves. Our strength has enabled us to markedly reduce member dues. I have communicated recently to members about the state of AAEA and my optimism regarding our profession generally, and I don't wish to repeat any of that here. Rather, I want to conclude with a request that we all stick together in AAEA. Many of us, myself included, are also members of smaller associations specialized according to topic area or geography. However, I think a great benefit is served from having a larger association with an international membership that serves the broader field of agricultural and applied economics. We need a venue to interact and network with professionals outside of our regional and subject-area foci, and we need an organization with heft and gravitas to represent us and look out for our broader collective interests.

We keep statistics on continuity and turnover among the membership. Relative to past times the rate of turnover of membership within AAEA is high. Likely for many of the younger members of our profession, my two children among them, membership in any given year is strongly influenced by

attendance at the annual meeting. Whereas our journals help to finance the association and provide publishing opportunities, most members can access them through their employers and, unlike me, don't value adding the latest hard copy issue to their collection. I hope, however, that these professionals who represent the future for AAEA come to recognize the collective good and "existence value" that the Association provides and commit to membership as a long-term proposition. Today's fee structure makes it easy with very low costs for students and members from low- and middle-income countries, modest dues for early-career professionals, and full dues standing today at less than \$100.

Thanks again for a great year, and I hope to see everyone in DC August 4-6!

Richard Sexton
AAEA President

Join us in Washington DC!



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AAEA News

New Members of the AAEA Executive Board Announced

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2013 AAEA Executive Board election! Barry Goodwin from the North Carolina State University was chosen as President-Elect. Michael Boland of University of Minnesota and Hayley Chouinard of Washington State University were elected as Directors.

The election opened on April 15, 2013 when AAEA e-mailed 1,696 electronic ballots and mailed 94 paper ballots for a total of 1,790 ballots. AAEA received votes from 551 members before the May 15, 2013 deadline.

Following the 2013 AAEA & CAES Joint Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, Richard Sexton will become the Past President and Julie Caswell will take over as President. Keith Coble, Jayson Lusk, Dawn Thilmany McFadden, and Scott Swinton will continue as Directors. Please take a moment to get to know the members of the 2013 AAEA Executive Board and to thank them for their generous donations of time and energy as volunteer leaders.

Please also extend a special thank you to the members of the Board who are completing their terms. Rob King, Lori Lynch and GianCarlo Moschini will rotate off the Board at the end of the 2013 Annual Meeting. Their commitment and guidance throughout the last three years is deeply appreciated.



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AAEA Business Meeting

Monday, August 5, 8:00 am–8:30 am

AAEA's annual Business Meeting will be held in Washington, DC on Monday, August 5 at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, in Salon 2. This meeting gives members the chance to discuss issues facing the association and share your comments or concerns. Please consider attending and contributing to the conversation.

25th ANNIVERSARY OF ACADEMIC BOWL

This year marks 25 years since the first Academic Bowl competition was held at the AAEA meetings in 1988. The Student Section would like to commemorate this anniversary by recognizing the chapters and individuals who have participated over the years and made the competition a success. If your chapter has pictures of students participating in Academic Bowl in electronic format, please send them to Corey Miller, SS-AAEA Junior Advisor (miller@agecon.msstate.edu). In addition, if your department has any faculty members or outstanding alumni who participated in Academic Bowl, please forward their names as well. The pictures and names received will be included in a display and/or presentation for the meetings in DC!

CHOICES

Choices is changing its distribution frequency to improve the timeliness of our articles. There will now be 8 releases per year, featuring one themed set of articles, rather than 4 releases per year featuring two themed set of articles.

Use AgEcon Search Papers For Your Course Readings

If you are looking for alternatives to traditional textbooks for your courses, consider using the journal articles, conference papers or working papers in AgEcon Search. They are free and can represent very timely research.

To locate materials that support the topics covered in your course, you can search by title words, author names, and other subject terms, and you can limit your search to a particular journal or conference. All papers are full text and there is no need to sign in or create an account to access any of the documents.

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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>

News

REE Action Plan Report

USDA's Research, Education, and Economics (REE) Mission Area has sought input from stakeholders through many means in recent years and C-FARE thanks those members of the profession who have responded to Federal Register notices, provided stakeholder input during listening sessions and comments to steer the REE Roadmap. The 2012 REE Action Plan Report has been posted to their website and is available here: <http://www.ree.usda.gov/ree/news/2012REEActionPlanReportFINAL.pdf>

As Under Secretary for REE and the Chief Scientist Catherine Woteki states, "The report is an accounting of progress made towards the goals laid out in the REE Action Plan. It is not a listing of every single project within the mission area, but highlights significant, representative progress for each goal."

The Goals, Challenges, Strategies, and Actions that are included in the report are:

- Goal 1. Local and Global Food Supply and Security

Subgoal 1A. Crop and Animal Production

Subgoal 1B. Crop and Animal Health

Subgoal 1C. Crop and Animal Genetics, Genomics, Genetic Resources, and Biotechnology

Subgoal 1D. Consumer and Industry Outreach, Policy, Markets, and Trade

- Goal 2. Responding to Climate and Energy Needs

Subgoal 2A. Responding to Climate Variability

Subgoal 2B. Bioenergy/Biofuels and Biobased Products

- Goal 3. Sustainable Use of Natural Resources

Subgoal 3A. Water Availability: Quality and Quantity

Subgoal 3B. Landscape-Scale Conservation and Management

- Goal 4. Nutrition and Childhood Obesity

- Goal 5. Food Safety

- Goal 6. Education and Science Literacy

- Goal 7. Rural Prosperity/Rural-Urban Interdependence

In the May/June 2013 Exchange, AAEA President Richard Sexton stated, "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." Applied economists should review this report and celebrate the successes with our colleagues from our discipline and others. But they should also consider the research needs within these goals. By doing so our profession can address and help to better position ourselves to respond to changes in policies in the coming years.

We are fortunate to have Dawn Thilmany as the Social Science Association representative to this Board for another couple of years. If you find issues or ideas in the report that you want to contribute another perspective on, you can share that in a short (500 word) summary to her at: Dawn.Thilmany@colostate.edu.

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Download the 2013 Joint Annual Meeting app to your iPhone, iPad, Blackberry or Android.

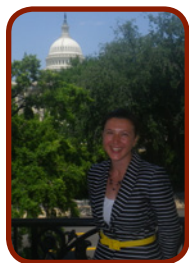
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C-FARE

Associate ED Update



It is with great honor that we announce our new Associate Executive Director. Ms. Caron Gala started with C-FARE on June 21.

She has extensive experience co-organizing successful education and outreach activities with C-FARE through her previous position as a Science Policy Associate at the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America (ASA, CSSA, and SSSA). Caron also has experience as the former co-chair of the AFRI Coalition and working with research funding issues/questions associated with USDA NIFA, USDOE, NSF and others. She received her Master of Science in 2006 from Virginia Tech in Soil Chemistry/Mineralogy/Environmental Quality, and her Bachelor of Science in 2002 from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, NY in Environmental Studies.

C-FARE Responding the AAEA Priorities for the Membership

Continue to educate agencies and decision makers; increase resources to the profession.

C-FARE Blue Ribbon Expert Panels provide short- and long-run guidance about national and international matters of mutual interest to policy makers and food, agricultural and resource economists. Information based on the panels' expertise flow two ways. Each panel consists of experts in priority areas. Panels will be added and terminated based on the changing needs of food, agricultural and resource policies. Seven panels are currently in place:

- (1) Energy
- (2) Global Competitiveness and Profitability of Agriculture
- (3) Economic Opportunities in Rural Communities

- (4) Natural Resources and Environmental Issues
- (5) Consumer Concerns about Food, Health and Safety
- (6) Climate Change
- (7) Development

Market Forces or Regulation?

On May 13, 2013 C-FARE sponsored Dr. Rachael Goodhue (UC Davis) as the National Coalition for Food and Agricultural Research (NCFAR – www.ncfar.org) speaker. Dr. Goodhue's briefing in the US House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture had more than 40 attendees and she met with various staff from the California Congressional delegation to highlight her federally funded research that focused on the organization, regulation and performance of agricultural and natural resource markets.

C-FARE's Executive Director continues to work with partners from other disciplines in a variety of ways to increase funding for applied economics research, including letters to Congress, visits with Congressional staff and seminars highlighting the necessity of various statistical agencies.

Demonstrating application of research directly through the marketing of Choices.

In June, C-FARE provided a special communications to Congressional staff to remind them of the resources from the profession, including Choices, Amber Waves, and several C-FARE publications.

Connecting AAEA leadership with other associations that would be willing to work on interdisciplinary work with applied economists.

On May 16, 2013 C-FARE held a seminar as a part of a project to elucidate the value of data collected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Specific objectives of the project are to:

1. Summarize the major USDA data collection efforts;
2. Provide a conceptual framework for determining the value of information;

3. Summarize the academic research on the effects and value of USDA data products;
4. Provide, where possible, case-study accounts of effects of prior discontinuations of USDA data products; and
5. Make recommendations, should any arise, on opportunities to increase the value of USDA data collection efforts.
6. Finally, outline an approach that measures the net benefits of alternative USDA data products.

We appreciated the input from several members of the profession. The final report will be shared with the profession and stakeholders when it is complete later this year.

Further development of students and young professionals.

For the eleventh year, C-FARE is inviting students with an interest in economics who are interning in Washington, DC to participate in our Summer 2013 Intern Briefings which will focus on careers with Capitol Hill, agencies and non-governmental organizations. Students can contact C-FARE at www.cfare.org for information, or visit C-FARE's Facebook page.

Nominations to advisory Boards to broaden influence of the profession.

C-FARE provided recommendations for committee members to the National Research Council for "A Framework to Assess the Effects of the Food System."

In addition, in May C-FARE provided comments to a National Academies public planning meeting to address "Public Access to Federally Supported R&D Data."

Calls for Applications and Submissions

Call for Nominations

2014 Fellows Award Nominations

The AAEA Fellows Selection Committee is inviting nominations for the 2014 AAEA Fellows Awards. The deadline for submission of nominations and supporting biographical documentation is Monday, **October 7, 2013**. Selection is based mainly on a continuous contribution to the advancement of agricultural or applied economics as defined by the Vision Statement of the AAEA. Achievements may be in research, teaching, extension, administration, Public Service, or business. The nominee must be a living current member of AAEA and have been a member for at least five years.

Please follow these guidelines to submit Fellows nominations (non-complying materials will be returned). The nomination package should focus on documentation of the case for the nominee's contributions rising to a level that warrants recognition as a Fellow. "Continuous contribution" means exceptional service over a period of years. Such exceptional service may be demonstrated by: research discoveries published in major professional journals; leadership

in the development of extension programs extensively utilized by other professionals; the development of undergraduate or graduate programs of learning that have become nationally recognized professionally and by students who have, in turn, demonstrated success as a result of these teaching programs; or outstanding performance in government, business, or NGOs. As a general principle, continuous service means more than a single act that might be rewarded by an outstanding journal article, extension award, or outstanding teaching awards. The documentation for the nominee provided should make clear the impact of the individual nominated in the areas of achievement to which the nominee has contributed. This evidence could include, but is not limited to, reference to publications, awards, honors, reports, or testimonials to notable tasks undertaken and outcomes achieved, or other contributions to the profession.

Members of the Fellows Selection Committee and AAEA Executive Committee

(President-Elect, President, or Past President) may not nominate or provide support statements for nominees. Nomination packages that include support statements from a member of the Fellows Selection Committee and/or the AAEA Executive Committee will be sent back to the nominator for revisions.

Testimonial letters or vitae are not required. The total nomination package should be limited to a maximum of eight typed pages using 12-point font and with margins of at least one inch on all four sides. All material must be double-spaced. Please include the name, institution, and contact information of all of the nominators within the eight page package. Nominations should be submitted as a single PDF file to AAEA Director of Administration, Brian Mondragon Jones, at bmjones@aaea.org. Please contact Brian if you have any questions.

The 2014 Fellows Recognition Ceremony will be held as part of the 2014 Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. Information on previous AAEA Fellows and the procedures used to select Fellows is available on the AAEA Fellows page.

AAEA Trust Call for Proposals

The AAEA Trust Committee and Executive Board are seeking proposals for programs or projects that:

- Support graduate student and young professional development **AND/OR**
- Enhance the Annual Meeting, broaden participation in AAEA, and reach out to new groups.

Funds donated to the unrestricted and student and early career professional development categories of the AAEA Trust will be used to fund proposals approved by the AAEA Trust Committee and Executive Board. Proposals from AAEA Committees and Sections are encouraged. Please note that the Trust does not fund

individual research projects, nor does it retroactively fund activities that have already taken place.

Proposal submissions should include:

1. A cover sheet with name of applicant; applicant's mailing address; e-mail and phone number; title of the project; abstract of the project; timing, duration, and location of the project; and amount of funding requested.
2. A project description, not to exceed five double-spaced pages, including the purpose, scope, implementation procedures, the individuals responsible for management of the project, date/timing of the project, and location of the project.
3. An itemized budget, indicating costs to

be borne by the Trust and funding provided by other sources, if any.

The AAEA Business Office may be a resource for budget information.

Final proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file by **Monday, October 7, 2013**, to ensure consideration for funding for the next year. Proposals will be reviewed by the AAEA Trust Committee, which will make recommendations to the Executive Board for action at the January 2014 Board Meeting. Proposals can be submitted to Brian Mondragón Jones via e-mail at bmjones@aaea.org. If you have any questions, please contact the AAEA Business Office at (414) 918-3190.

Calls for Applications and Submissions

Luther G. Tweeten Scholarship Call for Applications

The Luther G. Tweeten Scholarship provides support for graduate student research on socioeconomic problems of Africa, especially addressing issues of food, population, and environment that affect economic development, poverty, and food security.

At least one grant of up to \$2,000 will be awarded for use during the 2014 calendar year. The funding is designed to cover the costs associated with fieldwork in Africa such as research materials, programs, and/or travel expenses.

The application deadline is **October 7, 2013**. The award will be announced in January 2014.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Description of the proposed research (maximum of 5 pages)
2. Itemized budget
3. Letter of support from the major advisor
4. Graduate transcript
5. Financial support for the proposed research expected to run concurrent with the Tweeten Scholarship
6. Timetable for research under the Tweeten Scholarship in the context of the candidate's overall graduate program.

Applications should be submitted in a single PDF format to Brian Mondragón

Jones, at bmjones@aaea.org by **October 7, 2013**.

The Luther G. Tweeten Special Purpose Fund was established to encourage and facilitate graduate student research on economic development, poverty, food security, and the environmental issues of Africa.

Dr. Tweeten spent more than 20 years as a professor of agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University, and is currently a professor emeritus of agricultural policy and trade at The Ohio State University, where he has been on the faculty since 1988. His extensive international experience in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America is highlighted in his more than 500 journal articles and papers and seven published books, as well as in his research in public policy and economic development and trade.

Dr. Tweeten served as President of the AAEA in 1981, was named a Fellow of the AAEA in 1983, and has received numerous AAEA awards for his research and writings. He was given the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Agricultural Economics Association in 2000, and earned the Henry A. Wallace Award for Distinguished Service to Agriculture in 1995 from his alma mater, Iowa State University.

Call for Applications McCorkle Scholarship Applications

The AAEA Trust Committee is accepting applications for the 2014 Chester O. McCorkle Jr. Student Scholarship. This scholarship will support applied research by a graduate student on economic issues relating to agriculture. The scholarship, which is expected to be approximately \$2,000, provides funds to be used for tuition and program related expenses such as fees, books, supplies and equipment, provided the items are required of all students in the program.

Applicants should submit:

- 1) Description of the proposed research (maximum of 5 pages)
- 2) Itemized budget
- 3) Letter of support from their major advisor
- 4) Graduate transcript.

Applications are due **October 7, 2013**, and should be submitted as a single PDF file to the Brian Mondragón Jones at bmjones@aaea.org.

Applications will be reviewed by the AAEA Trust Committee, who will make a recommendation to the Executive Board. Applicants will be notified about the status of their application by the end of January 2014.

Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship Call for Applications

The Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship provides an opportunity for young female scholars working on food, agricultural, or resource issues to collaborate with an established expert at another university, institution, or firm.

At least one fellowship of up to \$2,500 will be awarded for use during the 2014 calendar year. The funding is designed to cover the costs of travel and expenses for the recipient to work directly with the mentor on a specific project. Preference will be given to new mentoring relationships as opposed to continuing an existing one.

The application deadline is **October 7, 2013**. The award will be announced in January 2014.

To apply, please submit the following:

1. Cover letter outlining proposed plan for mentorship, including contact information

for the mentor, proposed dates of collaboration, and outputs expected

2. Recent CV
3. Research proposal outlining the research project that you will work on with your mentor (maximum 3 single-spaced pages)
4. Letter of recommendation
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**.

For more information about the award, please contact Cheryl Doss at Cheryl.Doss@yale.edu.

The Sylvia Lane Mentorship Fund was established by the Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics (CWAE) for

the AAEA Trust. The purpose of the fund is to sponsor activities that encourage the academic and professional development of individuals (especially women) conducting economic analyses of food, agricultural, or natural resource issues.

Sylvia Lane has a distinguished record of research and teaching in the areas of consumer credit, health care, rural health service delivery, food stamps, and other areas concerning low-income consumers. She was named a fellow of the AAEA in 1984, one of the first women to receive this honor. She served as a consultant to the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization and was a member of the President's Committee on Consumer Interests. She is a Professor Emerita of agricultural and resource economics at the University of California, Berkeley.

Calls for Applications and Submissions

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.

2014 AAEA Organized Symposium at AARES

AAEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE Port Macquarie, AUSTRALIA 4 – 7 February 2014

The AAEA is accepting submissions for the AAEA Organized Symposium at the Annual Conference of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) in Port Macquarie, Australia, 4-7 February 2014.

The Organized Symposium will be allocated a session 1.5 hours in length during the AARES general program. Organizers should submit a proposal for a complete session that will take up the full time period allotted. The format of the session may involve panel

discussions of prepared questions, debates, roundtable meetings, paper presentations, or other formats. Whichever format is proposed, the organizer should ensure that the presentations fit into a tightly coherent theme and that there is plenty of time for discussion.

Submissions for the organized symposia should be sent to Brian Mondragón Jones (bmjones@aaea.org) by **July 31, 2013**. Submissions (in PDF format) should include the following:

- Symposium title
- Abstract of 250 words or less
- Organizer name and contact information
- Participant names/affiliations

All presenters/speakers/discussants must be members of AAEA. A membership waiver request can be included in the proposal in the case of extenuating circumstances. In addition, participants need to register for the 2014 AARES Annual Meeting. AAEA cannot grant registration waivers for the meeting. It is the responsibility of the organizer to ensure all participants are willing to participate and meet the presentation requirements.

Submissions will be reviewed by the President of AAEA and the organizer of the selected symposium will be notified by the AAEA Business Office by August 16, 2013.

Calls for Applications and Submissions

Call for Nominations

Travel Grants for Economists from Less Developed Countries

The Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) Trust invites nominations for economists from less developed countries to be awarded full travel grants to attend the 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN July 27–29, 2014. Nominees should be professional economists who are from and residing in a developing country. A complete list of qualifying countries is available here, under the headings “Low-income economies” and “Lower-middle-income economies”: http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups#Low_income. Or see list below.

Nominees should be working in one or more of the following fields or another closely related field of applied economics:

Agribusiness Economics and Management, Agricultural economics, Economic development, Food and consumer economics, Regional Economics, Resource and environmental economics.

Nominations should include:

1. Nominee’s name, institution, postal address, and e-mail address.
2. Nominator’s name, institution, postal address, and e-mail address.
3. Brief statement of support written by the nominator.
4. Brief statement of interest written by the nominee.
5. Proposed travel budget.
6. Paper (no longer than 20pp. double-spaced pages, including tables and figures) describing the research to be presented at the meetings

Eligible nominators include department chairs or administrators, advisors, or any AAEA member.

Nomination packages should be submitted electronically in a single PDF to Brian Mondragón Jones at bmjones@aaea.org by 5 p.m. CDT on Monday, November 4, 2013.

Selected applicants will be scheduled to present their research (as a paper or poster) during the meeting. Details regarding presentation will be provided after the acceptance notices are sent out.

The funds for these travel grants are provided by a grant from USDA-ERS.

Low-income economies

Afghanistan	Central African	Ethiopia	Korea, Dem Rep.	Mozambique	Somalia
Bangladesh	Republic	Gambia	Kyrgyz Republic	Myanmar	Tajikistan
Benin	Chad	Guinea	Liberia	Nepal	Tanzania
Burkina Faso	Comoros	Guinea-Bissau	Madagascar	Niger	Togo
Burundi	Congo, Dem. Rep	Haiti	Malawi	Rwanda	Uganda
Cambodia	Eritrea	Kenya	Mali	Sierra Leone	Zimbabwe

Lower-middle-income economies

Angola	Egypt, Arab Rep.	Iraq	Mongolia	Principe	Turkmenistan
Armenia	El Salvador	Kiribati	Morocco	Senegal	Tuvalu
Belize	Fiji	Kosovo	Nicaragua	Solomon Islands	Ukraine
Bhutan	Georgia	Lao PDR	Nigeria	Sri Lanka	Uzbekistan
Bolivia	Ghana	Lesotho	Pakistan	Sudan	Vanuatu
Cameroon	Guatemala	Marshall Islands	Papua New Guinea	Swaziland	Vietnam
Cape Verde	Guyana	Mauritania	Paraguay	Syrian Arab Republic	West Bank and Gaza
Congo, Rep.	Honduras	Micronesia, Fed. Sts.	Philippines	Timor-Leste	Yemen, Rep.
Côte d’Ivoire	Indonesia	Moldova	Samoa	Tonga	Zambia
Djibouti	India		São Tomé and		

People

University of Arizona

- **Appointment Change:** **Trent Teegerstrom**, Extension Specialist.
- **Leave:** **Gary Thompson**, Università degli Studi di Foggia, Italy and Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, 6-month sabbatical.

University of California, Davis

- **New Appointments:** **Dalia Ghanem**, Assistant Professor.
- **Appointment Change:** **Cynthia C.-Y. Lin**, Associate Professor with tenure.
- **Awards:** **Justin Beaudoin**, PhD Student, 2013-14 Provost's Dissertation Year Fellowship in the Art, Humanities & Social Sciences Award; **Carlo Russo**, **Rachael E. Goodhue**, and **Richard J. Sexton**, Quality of Policy Contribution Award, European Agricultural Economics Association, 2011; **Matthew Reimer**, PhD, 2013 Gordon A. King Outstanding Dissertation Award for "Revisiting the Fishery Production Function: Space, Time, and Policy Invariant Relationships."
- **Visitor:** **Gucheng Li**, Associate Professor, College of Economics and Management Huazhong Agricultural University P.R. China, March 1, 2013 - March 31, 2014.
- **Leave:** **Steve Boucher**, Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, sabbatical, September 1, 2013 - July 1, 2014.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Christopher Gustafson (PhD)**, Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska; **Sharon Shewmake (PhD)**, Assistant Professor, Western Washington University; **Liz Pienaar (PhD)**, Assistant Professor, University of Florida; **Joeri de Wit (PhD)**, Energy Economist, Energy Anchor Unit of the Sustainable Development Network, The World Bank; **Cloé Garnache (PhD)**, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University; **Joseph Janzen (PhD)**, Assistant Professor, Montana State University; **Sarah Janzen (PhD)**, Assistant Professor, Montana State University; **David King (PhD)**, Assistant Professor, Oregon State University; **Dale Manning (PhD)**, Assistant Professor, Colorado State University; **Andrés Moya (PhD)**, Assistant Professor, Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia; **Dingqiang Sun (PhD)**, Assistant Professor, Nanjing Agricultural

University; **Mateusz Filipski (PhD)**, Development Economist, IFPRI; **Conner Mullally (PhD)**, Assistant Professor, University of Florida; **Sunny Jardine (PhD)**, Assistant Professor Marine Policy Program at University of Delaware.

California Polytechnic State University

- **Appointment Changes:** **Christiane Schroeter**, Associate Professor with Tenure; **Sean Hurley**, Professor.
- **Retirements:** **James Ahern 33 years;** **Marcia Tilley 7 years.**

Colorado State University

- **New Appointments:** **Jordan Suter**, Assistant Professor; **Dale Manning**, Assistant Professor and **Mike Martin**, Assistant Professor.
- **Appointment Changes:** **Marco Costanigro**, Associate Professor; **Chris Goomans**, Associate Professor; **James Pritchett**, Professor; **Stephen Koontz**, Professor.
- **Awards:** **John Loomis**, Fellow, Association of Environmental and Resource Economics June 2013; **Honoree, Jim H. Lewis**, Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Agricultural & Resource Economics Hall of Fame, May 16, 2013; **Honoree, Former Colorado Supreme Court Justice Bill Neighbors**, Dept. of Agricultural & Resource Economics Hall of Fame, May 16, 2013; **Honoree, Former Governor Roy R. Romer**, Dept. of Agricultural & Resource Economics Hall of Fame, May 16, 2013.
- **Return from Leave:** **Dustin Pendell**
- **Leaves:** **Dana Hoag**, sabbatical August 2013-May 2014. **Marco Costanigro**, sabbatical January 2014-May 2014.
- **Retirements:** **Stephen Davies**, 28 years of service. **Barb Brown**, 24 years of service.
- **Visitor:** **Melina Barrio Martinez**, Visiting Scholar, Fundamental of Economic Analysis, University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain; Until July 27, 2013.

University of Connecticut

- **New Appointment:** **Chad Cotti**, Associate Professor.
- **Award:** **Nataliya Plesha**, North American Colleges and Teaching of Agriculture, NACTA Teaching Award.

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Nataliya Plesha**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Eastern Connecticut State University; **Tsvetan Tsvetanov**, Postdoc, Yale School of Forestry; **Umi Muawanah**, Natural Resource Economist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Conservation; **Chen Zhu**, Assistant Professor, College of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University; **ORISE**, Post-doctoral Fellow; **Jason Patalinghug**, Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Wesleyan University; **Charles Rhodes**, ORISE, Post-doctoral Fellow.
- **Resignation:** **Joshua Berning**
- **Visitor:** **Iraj Saleh**, Associate Professor, University of Tehran, Visiting Scholar, February 2013-October 2013.

Cornell University

- **Visitor:** **Jun Xiong**, Ph.D. candidate and lecturer, Jiangsu Economics and Trade College, College of Economics, School of Business, Nanjing University, Visiting Scholar, April 2013-April 2014.

University of Idaho

- **New Appointment:** **Jason Winfree**, Assistant Professor.

International Food Policy Research Institute

- **New Staff:** **Mekamu Kedir**, Research Analyst; **Mateusz Filipski**, Postdoctoral Fellow
- **Award:** **Kristin Davis**, Outstanding Service Award 2013 from Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education.
- **Visitor:** **Emily Bielecki**, from May 20-June 30, 2013.

University of Kentucky

- **New Appointments:** **Wuyang Hu**, Professor; **Jill Stowe**, Director, Kentucky Ag Equine Programs
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Kar Ho Lim**, PhD, Asst. Professor, Korea University; **Shang-Ho Yang**, PhD, Asst. Professor, National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan; **Ben Collier**, PhD, Post Doc, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania; **Guzhen Zhou**, PhD, Post Doc, University of Florida; **Chaquenta Smith**, MS, County 4-H Extension Agent; **Tarrah Dunaway**, MS, Specialist,

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Kentucky Farm Business Management Program; **Rachael Brown, MS**, doctoral program, Louisiana State University; **Dan Hardin, MS**, Appraiser, Farm Credit Services Mid-America.

- **Leave:** **Jerry Skees**, Entrepreneurial Leave, May, 2013 – April, 2014.
- **Retirements:** **David Debertin**, 39 years of service; **Lionel Williamson**, 28 years of service,
- **Visitors:** **Changming Song**, Huazhong Agricultural University; **Shuai Yan**, Hohai University.

University of Maryland

- **New Appointments:** **Lint Barrage**, Assistant Professor; **Snaebjorn Gunnsteinson**, Assistant Professor; **Jorge Holzer**, Assistant Professor.
- **Appointment Change:** **Anna Alberini**, Professor.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Claudia Hitaj (PhD)**, Economist, Economic Research Service, USDA; **Adan Martinez Cruz (PhD)**, Mexican Central Bank.
- **Honorary Positions:** **Lori Lynch**, Fellow of ARER Inaugural Class, Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association; **Wes Musser**, Fellow of ARER Inaugural Class, Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association.
- **Return from Leave:** **Marc Nerlove**
- **Retirements:** **Doug Lipton**, 25 years; **Wes Musser**, 19 years.

Michigan State University

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Dingiswayo U.C. Banda (MS)**, Chief Economist, Agriculture Statistics and Early Warning Section Policy and Planning Department Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock; **Christina Plerhoples (PhD)**, Research Associate, The Urban Institute; **Jordan Chamberlin (PhD)**, Assistant Professor, Indaba Agricultural Policy Research Institute (IAPRI); **Fang Xia (PhD)**, Assistant Professor, Central University of Finance and Economics; **Scott Weicksel (MS)**, Senior Analyst, Nielsen, Marketing Performance Division.

University of Minnesota

- **New Appointments:** **Marc Bellemare**, Assistant Professor of International Development and Microeconomics; **Metin**

Cakir, Assistant Professor of Food Systems Economics; **Laura Kalambokidis**, Minnesota State Economist.

- **Appointment Changes:** **Laura Kalambokidis**, Full Professor; **Elton Mykerezi**, Associate Professor with Tenure; **Liz Davis**, Full Professor; **Tom Stinson**, Resigned as State Economist.
- **Award:** **Stephen Polasky**, University of Minnesota, Regents Professor.
- **Return from Leave:** **Steve Taff**
- **Resignation:** **QQ Huang**
- **Visitor:** **Nori Tauri**, Associate Professor and Graduate Chair, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Visiting Associate Professor, June 1st 2013- December 31st, 2013.

University of Missouri

- **Appointment Change:** **Brady Deaton**, Chancellor Emeritus and Executive Director, Brady and Anne Deaton Institute for University Leadership in International Development (effective Nov 15).
- **Awards:** **Center for Applied Research and Environmental Systems (CARES)**, received from Esri, Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award for 2013; **Joseph Dolginow**, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Frank Miller Graduate Student Award; **D.J. Donahue**, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Frank Miller Graduate Student Award; **Kateryna Goychuk**, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Albert Hagan Memorial Fellowship Award; **Ye Su**, AAEA Early Professional and Student Travel Grant.
- **Honorary Position:** **Michael L. Cook**, Visiting Scholar, CARD, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China, June 3 – 17.
- **Visitors:** **Susan Brauner**, Director of Public Affairs, Blue Diamond Growers, Executive-in-Residence, April 21-24, 2013; **Cynthia Giagnocavo**, Research Fellow, Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Almeria, Spain, Visiting Scholar, July – September, 2013; **Yasutomo Kojima**, Associate Professor, Tokyo University of Agriculture, Visiting Scholar, April 2013 – March 2014.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

- **New Appointments:** **Dr. Chris Gustafson**, Assistant Professor, starts September 1, 2013.

- **Honorary Positions:** **Traore Dossou (MS)**, Markets and Trade Analyst, Famine Early Warning Systems Network, Washington, D.C.; **Amin Abdelsamad (MS)**, Survey Analyst, National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, St. Louis, Missouri.
- **Return from Leave:** **Dr. Gary D. Lynne**, Arizona State University School of Sustainability.
- **Retirement:** **Dr. Bruce B. Johnson**, 38 years.

North Dakota State University

- **Retirement:** **Dr. Richard Rathge** - 32 years.
- **Visitor:** **Kathleen Wyatt**, Student, Melbourne University, Visiting Student, July, 2013.

The Ohio State University

- **Award:** **Brian Roe**, AEDE McCormick Professor and Undergraduate Studies Leader, 2012-2013 Outstanding Professor Award at the April 15th AEDE yearly banquet.
- **Honorary Position:** **Mark Partridge**, AEDE Professor and C. William Swank Chair in Rural-Urban Policy, named a Southern Regional Science Association Fellow at the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA), which was held from April 4-6 in Washington D.C.
- **Visitor:** **Dr. Vecdi Demircan**, Visiting Professor, Suleyman Demirel University, Turkey.

Oklahoma State University

- **New Appointment:** **Dr. Rodney Jones**, Associate Professor and recipient of the OK Farm Credit Professorship in Agricultural Economics effective July 1, 2013.
- **Appointment Changes:** **Dr. Shannon Ferrell**, Associate Professor; **Dr. Phil Kenkel**, Regents Professor; **Dr. Jayson Lusk**, Regents Professor; **Dr. Dan Tilley**, Professor, recipient of the Barry Pollard MD/P&K Equipment Inc. Professorship in Agribusiness.
- **Awards:** **Dr. Shannon Ferrell**, received the outstanding advisor award at the Agricultural Economics/Aggie-X Banquet; **Dr. Phil Kenkel**, received the outstanding teacher award at the Agricultural Economics/Aggie-X Banquet; **Dr.**

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Joe Schatzer, was presented with the Outstanding Faculty Award in Support of the Master of International Agriculture Program – Oklahoma State University.

Purdue University

- **Appointment Changes:** **Dr. Brent Gloy**, Professor of Agricultural Economics; **Dr. Scott Downey**, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics and awarded tenure; **Dr. Ben Gramig**, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics and awarded tenure.
- **Awards:** **Emeritus Professor John M. Connor and Robert H. Lande**, 11th Annual Jerry S. Cohen Award, Best Antitrust Scholarship of 2012, “Cartels as Rational Business Strategy: Crime Pays”, which demonstrates that the combined level of U.S. cartel sanctions (including private and government enforcement) has been only 9% to 21% as large as it should be to protect potential victims of cartelization optimally; **Thomas Hertel**, chosen to receive the inaugural Purdue University Research and Scholarship Distinction Award. The award recognizes university faculty whose recent research or scholarship has made a major impact in their field. His primary research focuses on the economywide impacts of global trade and environmental policies; **Dr. Michael Boehlje and Dr. Michael Gunderson**, received the Purdue Distance Ed Award for 2013.
- **Return from Leave:** **Dr. Roman Keeney**, has returned from a six month leave in Germany.

Texas A&M University

- **New Appointment:** **Tiffany Dowell**, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist (Attorney at Law)
- **Appointment Changes:** **Vicky Salin**, Director, Master of Agribusiness (MAB) and Chair of the Intercollegiate Faculty of Agribusiness.
- **Awards:** **David Bessler**, Commodityhq.com Top 15 Commodity-Friendly Professors Worldwide; **Danny Klinefelter**, Top Producer Magazine “Brave Thinkers: 30 Leaders Who Made a Difference” and “7 Economists, Bankers Who Challenged the Status Quo”.

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **William Watson Dowtin (MAB)**, Sysco, Supply Chain Analyst; **Gabriel Fernando Perciallo (MAB)**, Informa Economics, Inc, Industry Economist; **Randi Lynn Standley (MAB)**, Texas Farm Bureau Insurance, Insurance Agent; **Tamara Kay Tapp (MAB)**, The Rand Group, LLC, CFO The Rand Group; **Katlyn Lee Klabunde (MS)**, MDA, Daymon Worldwide, Management Development Associate; **Austin Dean Miller (MS)**, Phillips Healthcare, Nuclear Medicine Business Manager; **Matthew Phillip Murch (MS)**, Davis & Associates, LLC, Financial Manager; **Miriam Juarez Torres (PhD)**, Banco de Mexico, Research Economist; **Mariano Mezzatesta (PhD)**, Federal Regulatory Commission, Industry Economist; **Patrick Conrad McMahon (MAB)**, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Market Analyst; **Wael Qasim Mudhaffer (MAB)**, Qassem Agricultural Company, Export and Import Manager; **Lauren Ann Payne (MAB)**, Burnett Commodities, Broker; **David Eldon Bingham (MS)**, HEB, Retail Insight Analyst; **Fabian Mendez Ramos (PhD)**, World Bank, Consultant.

USDA Economic Research Service

- **New Appointments:** **Michael D. Smith**, Agricultural Economist, Food Assistance Branch, Food Economics Division; **Annemarie Kuhns**, Agricultural Economist, Food Markets Branch, Food Economics Division; **Jean Buzby**, Branch Chief, Diet, Safety and Health Economics Branch, Food Economics Division; **Lindsay Kuberka**, Agricultural Economist, Market and Trade Economics Division; **Getachew Nigatu**, Agricultural Economist, Market and Trade Economics Division
- **Retirements:** **Margaret Andrews**, 22 years of service; **Kenneth Hanson**, 26 years of service; **Barry A. Krissoff**, 29 years of service; **Robert A. Dismukes**, 33 years of service; **Wen Yuan Huang**, 34 years of service.
- **Resignations:** **Paula Dutko**, Food Assistance Branch, Food Economics Division; **Anita Regmi**, Senior Economist in the

Food Security and Development Branch of the Market and Trade Economics Division.

- **Award:** **Abigail Okrent**, Western Agricultural Economics Association Published Research Award “The Effects of Farm Commodity and Retail Food Policies on Obesity and Economic Welfare in the United States”.

Virginia Tech

- **New Appointments:** **Kim Morgan**, Assistant Professor; **Kathryn Boys**, Assistant Professor
 - **Appointment Changes:** **Jason Grant**, Associate Professor; **Wen You**, Associate Professor; **Ambassador Richard Crowder**, C.G. Thornhill Professor of Agricultural Trade
 - **Awards:** **Wen You**, 2013 Faculty Research Award, Gamma Sigma Delta, Virginia Tech; **Ambassador Richard Crowder**, 2013 Distinguished Service Award, American Farm Bureau Federation; **Gordon Groover**, 2013 Harland White Distinguished Service Award, Virginia Forage and Grassland Council; **Mike Ellerbrock**, 2013 Access and Inclusion Award, Services for Students with Disabilities, Virginia Tech; **Kurt Stephenson**, 2013 Outstanding Faculty Service Award, CALS Alumni Association, Virginia Tech; **Mary Marchant**, 2012 Best Paper Award, China Section of AAEA
 - **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Ranju Bhattarai (PhD)**, Post-Graduate Fellow, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington, Seattle, WA; **Darren Enterline (MS)**, Economist, Devteck, Arlington, VA; **Matt Baker (MS)**, Research Analyst, Association of American Medical Colleges, Washington D.C.; **Katie DuBreuil (MS)**, Loan Officer, Carolina Farm Credit, Winston-Salem, NC
- ### West Virginia University
- **Award:** **Fonda Holehouse**, Associate Professor awarded West Virginia University Foundation Outstanding Teaching Award for 2013.
 - **Position Taken by Recent Graduate:** **Oleg Kucher**, PhD in Natural Resource Economics, Assistant Professor at Frostburg State University.