

From the President



Making the 2014 Minneapolis Meeting

The program for the 2014 AAEA Meeting is in your making! The calls for invited paper proposals, selected presentation abstracts, case

studies, pre- and post-conferences, frontier sessions, and organized symposia are out. The Sections are very actively putting together their tracks. Sharing your research, teaching, and extension is at the heart of our meetings.

I want to bring two areas of our 2014 meeting program to your particular attention:

Invited Papers. For the 2014 meeting we have one invited session that features case studies organized by the Case Study Committee (Peter Stenberg, Michael Boland, Conrad Lyford, and Fabio Chaddad) and six invited paper sessions. The Program Committee (Keith Coble, Scott Swinton, and me) welcome your innovative and provocative invited paper proposals. Invited papers may take formats that advance understanding and share emerging knowledge on topics in agricultural and applied economics likely to define future research agendas, such as broader thought-pieces or syntheses of literature. They may also present related or complementary research papers. In all cases, we are looking for sessions that will be talked about and have an impact on the profession. Case studies and invited papers are posted on AgEcon Search and are very much encouraged to be submitted to the

AJAE where they go through an expedited peer-review process for consideration for publication. We look forward to your proposals—please send me an email (caswell@umass.edu) or give me a call (413) 545-5735 if you would like to discuss your ideas.

Posters. Posters are an excellent way to present your work and get feedback in an interactive, informal atmosphere. The creativity and attention to communication that go into poster design often enhance the work itself. Our DC meeting in 2013 featured a record number of posters at 248; however, many presenters found that the meeting format, which did not feature dedicated attended poster times, left quite a bit to be desired in terms of generating feedback and connections to other attendees. For Minneapolis, we are working on a format that will feature posters on all three days of the meeting (Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday) offering poster presenters focused times to attend their posters and get great feedback from meeting participants. The Selected Presentations submission allows you to specify that you want your work considered as a poster or as either a selected paper/poster. In DC, four Sections experimented with including posters as part of their tracks with great success. We are again offering Sections the opportunity to submit posters and poster tours as part of their tracks. I'm looking forward to a great poster atmosphere in Minneapolis.

A Farewell to Sylvia Lane

We have received news of Sylvia Lane's passing on October 17. A remembrance by Jean Kinsey is in this issue of the Exchange. Sylvia's achievements as an economist were outstanding. For my generation of agricultural and applied economists, the generation before me, and the ones after, particularly for women, Sylvia was and is a light to follow. Her energy and intellectual curiosity were infectious. She was a leader. It is particularly appropriate that the Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship recognizes and carries on the mentorship that she so generously provided to so many of us. Farewell Sylvia Lane.

Julie Caswell
AAEA President



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AAEA News

Renew Your AAEA Membership for 2014

You can now renew your AAEA membership for 2014 on the AAEA website (<http://www.aaea.org/membership/>). Simply log in to the My Account section to renew. Completing your renewal online saves you time by filling out most of the information for you automatically.

Alternatively, if you prefer to renew using the paper form, be sure to keep an eye on your mailbox as paper forms will be sent out in early December.

The benefits of your AAEA membership only last through the spring of 2014, so be sure to renew soon to ensure that you keep receiving services from AAEA throughout the upcoming year.

Heading South Award Winner Announced

Congratulations to Mykel Taylor from Kansas State University! She was selected to receive the 2013 AARES & AAEA Heading South Award. Mykel will receive funding from the AAEA Trust and from AARES to present her research at the 2014 Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) conference in Sydney.

More information about this award and other awards supported by the AAEA Trust are posted on the [Trust Funded Programs](#) page of the [AAEA Trust](#) website.

Call for Nominations: 2014 AAEA Awards

The AAEA Awards Program recognizes excellence in the work of agricultural and applied economists. The Awards Committee, chaired by Jeffrey Dorfman of the University of Georgia, welcomes nominations for all award categories. Specific details on the criteria used to judge each award, as well as instructions on how to submit nominations for the award are available below.

The selection process for each award is administered by a subcommittee. The chairperson of each subcommittee receives all nominations and administers the review process. The chairperson will eliminate any conflicts of interest with members of the subcommittee during the evaluation process.

The deadline for nominations is **February 3, 2014**. All nomination materials shall be submitted via e-mail as a PDF file to the AAEA business office at info@aaea.org.

Restrictions

Except for the Publication of Enduring Quality Award, only one AAEA award can be received for essentially the same work. It is the nominator's responsibility to assure that no AAEA award (other than Master's thesis or PhD dissertation award) has already been received for the nominated work. Should a nomination be selected for more than one award in the same year (e.g. Journal Article and Research Discovery), the awardee(s) will be permitted to choose which award is received.

No member of the executive board—elected, appointed, or ex-officio—is eligible to participate as a principal recipient in competition for awards. The exclusion does not preclude participation if (s)he is a junior participant with respect to other(s) for whom exclusion from participation clearly would be a handicap.

Individual Award Criteria

The criteria for each award can be found on the AAEA website at <http://www.aaea.org/about-aaea/awards-and-honors/aaea-annual-awards/submit-an-awards-nomination>

The award categories are:

Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award	Quality of Research Discovery
Distinguished Teaching Award	Quality of Communications
Outstanding Master's Thesis	Publication of Enduring Quality
Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation	Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis

AAEA at 2014 ASSA Annual Meeting

The 2014 Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia, PA on January 3-5, 2014 at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. AAEA will be involved in several [sessions](#) including the T.W. Schultz Memorial Lecture and Reception. AAEA Exhibit Booth 109 will be located in the Franklin Hall of the Philadelphia Marriott. For more information about the ASSA Annual Meeting please visit their website: http://www.aeaweb.org/Annual_Meeting/.

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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>

AAEA News

2014 AAEA/EAAE/CAES Joint Symposium Social Networks, Social Media and the Economics of Food

May 29-30, 2014 • Montreal, Canada

2014 Joint Symposium Deadlines

December 2, 2013:

Abstract Submission Deadline

March 31, 2014:

Early Registration Deadline

April 3, 2014:

Deadline for Final Papers to be uploaded
on AgEcon Search

May 15, 2014:

Registration Deadline
Cancellation Deadline

Call for Papers

Submit an abstract through the [online submission site](#).

The purpose of this symposium is to provide a forum for presenting studies on the economics of food production and choice in a world in which social media and social networks have assumed a prominent role. The objective is to promote a better understanding of peer group influence on food consumption, and how social media and social networking affect food production and food choice decisions. Recognizing the role of social media in the broader food environment can help explain food choices that lead to unhealthy diets or the consumption of unsafe food. Understanding social media and social learning will help inform policies that use social concepts to control these, and other, food-related problems.

Choices, including those around health (diet quality), location (restaurant versus home), and ethical production decisions (animal welfare), can influence change in supply chains. Understanding the role of important determinants in production and consumption decisions can enhance efficiency and improve welfare. Peer effects, social media, and social networking represent only a few of the many factors that influence consumer choices, but how they interact with others in the broader economic context of food choices has been largely unexplored.

The symposium invites an international scientific audience in the fields of agricultural and food economics, agribusiness, behavioral and health economics, marketing, and related disciplines. Participants who would like to present a paper or poster are requested to submit an extended abstract in English (max. 2 pages; Times New Roman font, point size 12, single spacing) before *December 2, 2013* via our [website](#). The abstract should indicate: the question addressed, the concepts and theories to which one refers, the methodology used and the results obtained. Notification of acceptance or rejection will be communicated by *January 31, 2014*. The deadline for the submission of the full version of the accepted papers is *April 3, 2014*. A selection of contributed papers will be published in a special issue of the *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

The symposium will be held in beautiful and historic Montreal, Canada, on May 29-30, 2014. Seminar participants will be able to sample the finest in regional Canadian cuisine, participate in one of the many festivals offered year-round in Montreal, and visit some of the most important cultural attractions in Canada. Always friendly, Montreal residents are famous for their *joie de vivre* and invite you to join them.

Questions? Contact the organizing committee at social.food.econ@gmail.com or the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org.

2014 AAEA Annual Meeting Minneapolis MN

July 27-29, 2014

Submitting to the 2014 Annual Meeting

The 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, July 27-29.

Submit your abstracts and session proposals through the [online submission system](#). For more information regarding the submission categories, click on the links to the calls below.

- [Invited Paper Sessions](#)
- [Case Studies](#)
- [Selected Presentations](#)
- [Organized Symposia](#)
- [Frontier Sessions](#)

If you are interested in submitting a [Track Session](#) proposal, please send session information to Sarah Kenner at skenner@aaea.org by completing the online Track Session [submission form](#).

Proposals for [Pre- and Post-Conference Workshops](#) can be sent to Kristen Wright at kwright@aaea.org by completing the Pre- and Post-Conference Workshop [submission form](#).

If you have any questions regarding submissions for the 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting, please contact the AAEA Business Office at info@aaea.org or (414) 918-3190.

AAEA News

AJAE Editor Update

AJAE's Scholarly Metrics – Beyond Impact Factor

Much ado was made of the recently released ISI/Thompson Reuters metrics for indexed scholarly journals. These metrics are used increasingly by administrators to assess scholarly quality, award promotions and allocate scarce institutional resources. One metric in particular, the 2 year Impact Factor, has gained favor among administrators who frequently deal with natural sciences, where publication lags are brief. The 2012 Impact Factor, for example, is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{\# of citations during 2012 to articles published in the AJAE during 2010 and 2011}}{\text{\# of qualifying articles published in AJAE during 2010 and 2011}}$$

Larger impact factors are considered an indicator of scholarly quality as the 'average' article during the two year time period is generating more citations in the chosen year. There is also a 5-year version, where the years 2007 – 2011 replace 2010 and 2011. ISI/Thompson Reuters also issue several other annual metrics, including total citations, half-life, immediacy index, article influence and a quality-weighted eigenscore metric.

Compared to natural science fields, many social science journals generate lower Impact Factors due to longer publication lags. Furthermore, among AJAE's ISI category (Agricultural Economics and Policy), which

features 17 total journals, and among other key journal competitors (*Land Economics*, *JEEM*), we are one of the few that has published proceedings papers (i.e., invited papers). For the purposes of Impact Factor, these 40 or so papers each year add substantially to the Impact Factor's denominator. In many years, however, these invited papers don't generate many citations.

In 2012, AJAE had a 2-year Impact Factor of 0.99, which ranks 7th in the Agricultural Economics and Policy category behind *Food Policy* (2.21), *ERAE* (1.85), *AEPP* (1.62), *J. Agricultural Economics* (1.50), *Australian J. of Ag. & Res. Econ.* (1.41) and *Agr. Econ.* (1.03). For perspective, in 2012, the *American Economic Journal – Applied Economics*, AEA's newly created second-tier journal, ranked 7th among all 2-year Impact Factors in Economics with an Impact Factor of 3.54 while the *American Economic Review* ranked 20th with a 2-year Impact Factor of 2.79. We doubt that few economists will now submit top ideas to *AEJ-Applied Economics* before turning to *AER*. However, due to a lack of perspective by authors outside traditional departments of Agricultural and Resource Economics and due to institutional emphasis on Impact Factor, we fear the same might not be true of the AJAE.

When one considers the various measures and metrics of scholarly quality for the AJAE, rankings emerge. For example, the AJAE's

market share of 2012 citations among all journals of Agricultural Economics and Policy Journals was 41% (Table 1), which is nearly three times the market share of the next closest journal. When we expand this list to include the top six environmental and resource economics titles, we still retain a 14% market share, second only to *Ecological Economics*, which relies upon its heavy citations from scientific journals (Table 2).

Indeed, when all of ISI/Thomson Reuters Quality Metrics are considered (Table 3), AJAE fares poorly only in the metrics involving Impact Factor or transformations of the Impact Factor (e.g., article influence), while faring very well in metrics that deal with total impact and quality adjusted impact (cited half life, eigenfactor score). In terms of total impact, AJAE generated 1% of all economics citations in 2012, ranking it 20th among all economics journals, just behind the *Journal of Banking and Finance* and just ahead of *Economics Letters*. As for quality adjustment, AJAE's dominance with the Agricultural Economics and Policy category makes sense, as few other journals in this category were being cited by *Econometrica*, *AER*, *REStat*, *JET*, *PNAS* and *Science* in 2012. If colleagues or administrators need guidance on this discussion of journal quality, feel free to share these figures with them and help them put Impact Factor and AJAE's record in proper perspective.

Title	Cites to Each Journal in 2012	
	Total	Market Share
AGR ECON-BLACKWELL	1284	11.70%
AGREKON	104	1.00%
AM J AGR ECON	4462	40.80%
APPL ECON PERSPECT P	101	0.90%
AUST J AGR RESOUR EC	473	4.30%
CAN J AGR ECON	378	3.50%
CHINA AGR ECON REV	43	0.40%
CUST AGRONEGOCIO	3	0.00%
EUR REV AGRIC ECON	744	6.80%
FOOD POLICY	1736	15.90%
INT FOOD AGRIBUS MAN	199	1.80%
ITEA-INF TEC ECON AG	54	0.50%
J AGR ECON	829	7.60%
J AGR RESOUR ECON	534	4.90%
LANDBAUFORSCH VOLK	--	--
REV AGR ECON	--	--
"Agricultural Economics & Policy Journals*"	10944	100.00%

Expanded Journal List	Cites to Each Journal in 2012	
	Total	Market Share
AM J AGR ECON	4462	13.90%
ECOL ECON	9938	30.90%
ENVIRON RESOUR ECON	2237	6.90%
J ENVIRON ECON MANAG	3350	10.40%
LAND ECON	1910	5.90%
RESOUR ENERGY ECON	911	2.80%
REV ENV ECON POLICY	350	1.10%
All other "Ag Econ & Policy" Journals	9034	28.10%
Relevant Market Segment	32192	100.00%

Total Cites	1
Impact Factor	7
5-yr Impact Factor	6
Immediacy Index	1
Cited Half-Life	1
Eigenfactor Score	1
Article Influence Score	4

AAEA News

Call for Applications Editor of *Choices Magazine*

The AAEA Board now seeks applications for one editor of *Choices Magazine* to be appointed for a four-year term, beginning in January 2015. This term runs from January 1, 2015–December 31, 2018; however, appointment extensions and/or renewals may be considered. Editorship appointments for *Choices Magazine* are staggered such that one new appointment is made every two years. The degree to which candidate's expertise complements that of the continuing editor, Mary Ahearn, will be considered in the selection process.

Choices is an online peer-reviewed magazine published by the AAEA for readers interested in the policy and management of agriculture, the food industry, natural resources, rural communities, and the environment. Issues are published twice quarterly and include theme articles and submitted articles.

The new *Choices* editor will work with the continuing editor to manage all submitted articles and to develop and coordinate theme proposals for *Choices*. The editors also provide leadership, coordination, and oversight of all aspects of publishing in conjunction with the AAEA Business Office. Once a new editor is selected, the editors will divide the editorial responsibilities as appropriate.

The new editor should be prepared to begin January 1, 2015. Applications should include a statement of editorial philosophy and ideas for furthering the publication's goals, a curriculum vitae, and a statement of support from the applicant's host institution. AAEA will provide financial assistance to defray some portion of the editor's time and expenses. According to AAEA policies, all editors must maintain current AAEA membership while serving as an editor.

Applications should be sent electronically in a single document to Brian Mondragón Jones, AAEA Executive Director, at bmjones@aaea.org by Monday, February 3, 2014. Third-party nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their application materials are also welcome.

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Call for Papers

SCC-76 Conference “Economics and Management of Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resources”

The 2014 Annual Meeting of the SCC-76 “Economics and Management of Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resources” Group will tentatively be held from March 27-29, 2014 at the Hilton in Pensacola, Florida.

The objective of the conference is to provide a forum to facilitate the exchange of applied approaches to risk analysis, economics, and policy--both empirical and theoretical--as well as to nurture the development and application of dynamic and original research efforts related to agriculture and natural resources. Applied work in domains of government, industry, and academia is most welcome.

Authors are welcome to submit finished papers as well as those in the early stages of development. All papers relevant to risk in agricultural and applied economics as well as their constituent fields will be considered.

Note: In order to enhance the quality of the discussions, when submitting a paper, please indicate whether you would like a discussant or not. Any author who requests a discussant implicitly agrees to discuss another author’s paper.

Paper abstracts should be submitted as pdf documents by December 20, 2013 by e-mail to the Conference Chair, Eric Belasco at eric.belasco@montana.edu. Abstracts should normally not exceed two double-spaced pages and should outline the research question, methodology, and results of the research. Authors will be informed whether their papers are accepted by December 31, 2013. If a discussant is requested, a draft paper will be due by March 1, 2014.

The website for the conference is being updated and can be found here:

<http://www.agriskgroup.org/>

ERS Productivity Accounts Review

The USDA Economic Research Service has convened an external committee of Spiro Stefanou, Lilyan Fulginiti, Barbara Fraumeni, Jon Samuels, and Richard Shumway (chair) to review the ERS productivity accounts. This is the first comprehensive review these accounts have received since the joint AAEA-ERS review chaired by Bruce Gardner in 1978 that led to a major overhaul in the procedures used to develop the accounts. The committee has been charged to address issues of methodology in the development of estimates, ongoing research programs to improve methodology and operations, documentation and reporting of methods and uses of the data, and the frequency and timeliness of reporting.

One of their charges is to seek stakeholder input. The committee would appreciate input from the AAEA membership concerning such questions as the following:

- How are the national and state ERS productivity accounts being used?
- Do you use the national and/or state ERS productivity accounts?
- If so, how do you use them?
- What are the most important features of these accounts?
- Do you have questions about the methodology of their construction?
- Are you satisfied with the manner in which they are communicated?
- Is there additional information about the productivity accounts you would like to have provided online?
- Are there ways to make access to the accounts more convenient?
- Are you satisfied with the timeliness with which the productivity accounts are posted?
- Do you have recommendations for improving the quality of the productivity accounts or the effectiveness of their use?

Please send your input by **December 1** to Richard Shumway (email: shumway@wsu.edu or fax: 509-335-1173). Please also inform the committee of other stakeholders you recommend they query.

17th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis

“New Challenges in Food Policy, Trade and Economic Vulnerability”

June 18-20, 2014 | Dakar, Senegal

The 17th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis is being jointly organized by the Center for Global Trade Analysis and AGRODEP, facilitated by IFPRI.

The goal of the annual conference is to promote the exchange of ideas among economists conducting quantitative analysis of global economic issues. Particular emphasis will be placed on applied general equilibrium methods, data, and application. Related theoretical and applied work is also welcome.

The overall theme of the conference is “New Challenges in Food Policy, Trade and Economic Vulnerability” with sub-themes on:

- International Trade and Food Security
- International Trade and Finance
- Foreign Direct Investment in Land and Land Markets
- The Impact of Demographic Transition and Population Aging on the World Economy
- Trade, Environment, Natural Resources, and Sustainable Development
- The Impact of the Internet and New Technological Innovations on Global Trade
- The Interaction between Global Trade, Poverty, Income Distribution, Inequality, and Development: The Integration of Africa into the World Trade System
- The Potential for Africa to “Feed the World”

Abstracts and organized session proposals are currently being accepted on the GTAP website through January 15. A number of scholarships will be available for presenters currently residing in Africa. Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on and following the review of their submitted abstract.

Registrations for this event will be accepted from early January through April 30.

For further information or to submit an abstract or session proposal, please visit the conference homepage on the GTAP website at: www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/conferences/2014/.

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22nd Annual Short Course in Global Trade Analysis “Introduction to Applied General Equilibrium Analysis in a Multi-Region Framework”

August 2-8, 2014 | West Lafayette, IN, USA

The 22nd Annual Short Course in Global Trade Analysis is being organized and hosted by the Center for Global Trade Analysis at Purdue University.

The objectives of this course are to introduce participants to a standardized framework for conducting global trade analysis in an applied general equilibrium setting, provide hands-on training with software that has been tailored to global trade analysis and give participants the opportunity to interact with economists working on global trade and resource use issues while becoming part of an international network.

The course will consist of two parts:

Part I: Web-based Modules (May 19 – July 20, 2014)

Part I is a series of modules delivered on-line. By working through this material in advance of the on-site course, participants will become familiar with the theory behind GTAP, the standard GTAP notation as well as the course software.

Part II: On-site intensive training (August 2-8, 2014)

Part II is an intensive, onsite short course consisting of a mix of daily lectures, lab assignments, and informal discussions designed to introduce participants to the basic features of the model and data base. These activities culminate in a major application based on one of the many extensions of the

GTAP Model undertaken by small groups and presented on the final day of the course. Each group is assigned two instructors who are intimately familiar with their project to act as resource persons. Participants leave with the capability of designing, conducting, and analyzing their own simulations.

Applications for this course are currently being accepted on the GTAP website through February 16. Applications will be reviewed as they are submitted. Demand for this course is very high; therefore, we strongly encourage early application. Please note that application does not guarantee acceptance.

For further information or to submit an application, please visit the course homepage on the GTAP website at: www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Short_Courses/2014/.

The Implications of Hydraulic Fracturing for Creating Sustainable Communities

SUNY Conversations in the Disciplines

April 10 -11, 2014 • Binghamton University

Call for Proposals

The Conversations in the Disciplines (SUNY CID) grant program is designed to bring together SUNY faculty and visiting scholars from non-SUNY institutions to examine new trends, address changes and challenges, review promising research findings, and become acquainted with professional developments in their fields and on other campuses.

The advent of new hydraulic fracturing (aka hydrofracking or just fracking) technologies for natural gas development has required many communities across the United States to wrestle with challenging scientific, managerial, and political issues as they try to manage the local impacts the industry generates. Whether or not the State of New York lifts its current moratorium on drilling, these issues command public attention and demand policy outcomes that enhance the well-being of the residents who are most directly affected. The goal of the CID is to provide a forum for clarifying what we currently know about the impacts of the industry on local communities, and to develop interdisciplinary research agendas

that address the most pressing questions that remain. An outcome of the conference will be an edited volume and/or on-line materials that will disseminate the participants' essential findings to a wider audience.

Binghamton University is seeking proposals for individual presentations on the implications of hydraulic fracturing at the community level. Please note that the purpose of this CID is not to either promote or discourage hydraulic fracturing but to understand the impacts, both positive and negative, and provide communities with the knowledge and tools that they need to decide what is in their own best interest.

Presentations should be 15-20 minutes each. In addition to presentations, conference organizers will provide additional scholars with opportunities to share their research and projects in a poster session. The purposes of this conference are:

- 1) Identify what is known about the community impacts of hydraulic fracturing including the economic, environmental, health, and social conditions of the communities in which it occurs.
- 2) Identify strategies that communities have used to respond to hydraulic fracturing including ways to increase the economic benefits while minimizing any negative costs to the environment, health of community members, or social conditions.

- 3) Identify gaps in knowledge regarding community impacts of hydraulic fracturing and establish interdisciplinary research collaborations to address these gaps.
- 4) Identify gaps in knowledge regarding strategies that communities have used to respond to hydraulic fracturing and establish interdisciplinary research collaborations to address these gaps.

- 5) Publish the best papers from the Conversation in an edited volume.

To submit a proposal, email the following to Tom Sinclair, Associate Professor of Public Administration (sinclair@binghamton.edu), by December 15, 2013:

- 1) Name(s) of presenter(s) and departmental/organizational affiliation of each
- 2) Are you proposing a presentation or poster? If not chosen to give a presentation, would you be willing to prepare a poster?
- 3) A maximum 250 word abstract for your presentation/poster
- 4) Indicate whether your abstract(s) refer(s) to:
 - a. Proposed research
 - b. An active research project
 - c. A published (or forthcoming) work
- 5) A list of recent publications related to the local impacts of hydraulic fracturing, or related issues, for each presenter

In the subject line of your email, please indicate that you are submitting a **SUNY Conversations in the Disciplines Proposal**.

News

NAREA Call for Workshop Papers Unconventional Gas and Oil Development: Economic and Environmental Impacts

**Abstract Deadline: February 14,
2014**

The 2014 Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Workshop on Unconventional Shale Gas and Oil Development will be held at the Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown, West Virginia immediately after the NAREA Annual Meeting. The NAREA Workshop will take place on June 4-5, after the Annual Meeting on June 1-3. The Workshop may be attended either alone or in combination with the NAREA Annual Meeting.

The workshop will include addresses from recognized experts in the field, selected paper presentations chosen on the basis of submitted abstracts, and in-depth working sessions. A special issue of the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* (ARER) will be published from workshop papers accepted after an expedited version of the journal's peer-review process. Based upon available funding, the Workshop Committee anticipates providing a stipend to the presenting author of all selected papers.

Topics for Selected Papers

According to a recent International Energy Agency report, natural gas is poised to enter a golden age as a significant portion of the world's vast resources of unconventional gas are developed profitably and in an environmentally acceptable manner. The huge U.S. boom in shale gas development has been made possible to two principal technologies: horizontal drilling and high-volume, hydraulic fracturing. Despite the boon of these newly discovered energy resources, there are public fears over contamination of drinking water sources due to the chemical contents in hydraulic fracturing fluid. Until recently unconventional oil and gas development has received relatively little attention among applied economists. This Workshop will bring together researchers examining a broad range of economic and environmental issues surrounding the phenomena of unconventional fossil fuel development as a way to broaden our understanding of the key concerns facing land owners, government regulators, and private industry. In addition, analyses of economic issues facing different

types of unconventional energy development are expected to have wider applications across disciplines. The Workshop Planning Committee is particularly interested in cutting-edge economic research with issues that are relevant to unconventional gas and oil development. The goal of the 2014 NAREA Workshop on Unconventional Shale Gas and Oil Development is to convene recognized and emerging experts to debate and advance research on the contemporary economic problems in energy, resource, and agricultural economics, with an emphasis on the development of policies that address economic development, sustainability, environment, human health considerations, and climate change.

The workshop committee is seeking papers that advance the frontiers of economic analysis related to unconventional gas and oil development and policy issues. This includes papers from cutting-edge economic science and related fields that provide (1) novel methods for exploring economic impacts, (2) evaluate environmental impacts and risks, (3) develop and evaluate mechanisms for policies that aim to influence future unconventional fossil fuel development in the United States, and/or (4) otherwise address the role of unconventional gas and oil in the development of sustainable energy systems and climate change mitigation. Although the emphasis is on U.S. applications, relevant work from outside of the United States will also be considered. Top priority will be given to papers that incorporate well-conceptualized empirical applications, such as quasi-experimental or experimental economic methods, that will result in broader impacts through its effects on society.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Authors wishing to have a paper considered for the NAREA Workshop should submit an extended abstract by Friday, February 14, 2014. Abstracts may be submitted online at www.narea.org/2014/ and/or via email to the Wesley Burnett, the Workshop Chair (e-mail to wesley.burnett@mail.wvu.edu). Abstracts may be e-mailed at any time prior to February 14.

The abstract file (MS Word or pdf) should contain the following information:

Cover page with:

- *title of paper;*
- *name, address, e-mail address and phone number of paper presenter or primary contact;*
- *name and institutional affiliation of paper presenter and co-author(s); and*
- *4-6 key words.*

Separate pages with:

- *title of paper; and*
- *extended abstract (1000 to 1500 words maximum; title and any references cited are in addition to this word limit).*

Abstracts that do not comply with these guidelines will be returned without review. Electronic acknowledgements of submissions will be sent to all submitters. Abstracts will be reviewed by the NAREA Workshop Selected Papers Committee in terms of the significance to the field, strength of methodology/design, and clarity of writing. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstract by March 31, 2014.

Selected paper presentations will be 30 minutes. Full papers must be received from notified authors by May 16, 2014, to be included in the workshop's program. ARER must receive final papers by July 15, 2014, to be considered for expedited review in the special issue of ARER.

For More Information

Further information concerning workshop registration and the final program will be provided in the spring issue of the NAREA Newsletter and on the NAREA website.

For more information, contact the NAREA Workshop committee:

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C-FARE

About the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics

The C-FARE is a non-profit organization based in Washington, DC. C-FARE promotes the work of applied economists and serves as a catalyst for incorporating economic thinking into the analysis of food, agricultural and resource decisions. The C-FARE serves as a conduit between the academic research community and Washington, DC policymakers and agency personnel, matching expertise to public needs. C-FARE is pleased to work with the AAEA to accomplish key priorities for the profession, which the AAEA Board outlined for C-FARE in 2011. AAEA's support for C-FARE occurs through the AAEA Trust.

Washington Update:

Farm Bill Update – On October 12, 2013 the House of Representatives majority and minority leadership named negotiators to serve on the House-Senate Conference Committee charged with resolving differences between the House and Senate-passed Farm Bills. See the list of conferees [here](#). Conference is scheduled to formally begin during the week of October 28. House Agriculture Committee Chairman Frank Lucas, R-OK 3rd will chair the conference.

FY 2014 Appropriations Update - The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2014 (H.R.2775) which passed the U.S. Senate (81 – 18) and the House of Representatives (285 – 144) October 16, 2013, makes continuing appropriations through January 15, 2014 and ending the 2013 government shutdown. The bill also increases the debt limit through February 7, 2014. Public Law No: 113-046

Choices Magazine Webinar: Unraveling Uncertainties in Ag. Markets with Federal Data and Statistics

November 8 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET

Agricultural commodity markets are driven by products and information. Today, the nation's data and statistical agencies face unprecedented pressure to assess and reduce their costs. As a result, there have been suspension, aggregation, and even in some cases, an elimination of data and statistical assessments critical for alleviating market volatility and uncertainties.

Steve Meyer, President of Paragon Economics; **Andrew Novakovic**, E. V. Baker Professor of Agricultural Economics at Cornell University; and **Samuel Funk**, the Chief Economist of the United Soybean Board will speak about the role of federal data sources in dairy, livestock, and commodity markets. **Kitty Smith** of the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS) will moderate the event. The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE), along with the American Statistical Association (ASA) and COPAFS will host the webinar on **November 8 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET**. Register here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/610093563858307586>.

This webinar is part of C-FARE series highlighting Choices Magazine stand-alone articles and themes. [Kitty Smith](#), [Andrew Novakovic](#), [Mark D. Partridge](#), [Stephan J. Goetz](#), and [Maureen R. Kilkenny](#) recently published related articles in [Choices Magazine](#).

C-FARE Friend of Agricultural Economics will be presented to Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR 2nd)

The Friends of Agricultural Economics Award, sponsored jointly by C-FARE and the National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators (NAAEA), will be given to Representative Greg Walden (R-OR 2nd) on November 13, 2013. Dr. Susan Capalbo nominated Rep. Walden, stating that “in his role as Chairman of the House Communications and Technology Subcommittee of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, Greg brings free market principles to policy. Rep. Walden uses his small business experience to influence beneficial pro-growth economic and agricultural policy.” *The Friends of Agricultural Economics Award is presented every other year when we honor Members of Congress for their support of economics research, extension, education and reasoning.*

From Farm Income to Food Consumption: Valuing USDA Data Products

On October 23, 2013 C-FARE released the report, “From Farm Income to Food Consumption: Valuing U.S. Department of Agricultural (USDA) Data Products.” The report outlines eight questions to provide a framework for making more informed and subjective judgments about the relative merits of competing data products. In addition, the report also emphasizes recommendations for further research, understanding the extent of data use across Federal agencies and streamlining data collection to more closely match how and when they are most useful. The report was authored by project manager, Dr. Jayson Lusk, Professor and Willard Sparks Endowed Chair at Oklahoma State University. C-FARE prepared the report at the request of USDA's Office of the Chief Economist (OCE), in cooperation with the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS), and the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) in an effort to review the value to the public of surveying and reporting commodity statistics. The report can be accessed on C-FARE's website at www.cfare.org/datareview.

C-FARE's Blue Ribbon Panels Seek Nominations for New Members

C-FARE Blue Ribbon Panels provide short- and long-run guidance about national and international matters of mutual interest to policymakers and food, agricultural and resource economists. There are currently seven panels (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, and (7) Development.

In the coming year, the panels will:

- Provide public comment on federal reports on climate change and other topics.
- Develop one-page summary documents to communicate the economic tools for determining policy tradeoffs and impacts, as well as a summary of current research.

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- Provide visionary analyses on current policy topics by contributing to Choices Magazine.
- Provide the media with impartial information on broad topics.
- Organize collaborative policy symposia for members of the profession as well as policy-makers.

The C-FARE is soliciting nominations from the profession for new Blue Ribbon Panel members. If you would like to nominate yourself or a colleague to a panel, please fill out the Google form here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AgMHUkusXObtXf0DVRsU-wBB8eXHg7R1z26KNoX-pO0/viewform>.

Please submit your nominations by **November 13, 2013 at 5 pm ET**. Thank you.

USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum Student Diversity Program – Award Program Open to Junior-Senior Undergraduate and Graduate Students! Apply through your department.

The USDA Agricultural Outlook Forum Student Diversity Program is designed to expose students to contemporary agribusiness, future trends, scientific research, and agricultural policy in today's real world environment. In addition to attending the 2014 Agricultural Outlook Forum, stu-

dents selected will have the opportunity to participate in an introductory briefing and explore career opportunities. The 2014 Agricultural Outlook Forum occurs February 20-21, 2014 in Arlington, Virginia. The program announcement is available [here](#). To view winning essays from previous years go to [Examples of winning essays](#). Notes from the C-FARE sponsored informational call on September 27 are available as a ppt [here](#).

Please note the deadline change. Schools should submit essays (for both graduate and undergraduate students) to Lisa Purnell (lisa.purnell@osec.usda.gov) with individual letters of recommendation from the institution's dean by Nov. 22, 2013.

C-FARE Seeks Your Input to Develop Success Stories for Policy Makers and Granting Agencies

Members of the C-FARE Board of Directors and members of the profession regularly visit decision-makers to discuss the ways that agricultural and applied economics can help inform the policy-making process. Decision-makers seek specific examples describing how data and research from USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), the Economic Research Service (ERS) and other agencies support the growth of agricultural, food and natural resource industries. C-FARE seeks your input on

how data and research from NASS, ERS and others impact the economy, local industries, and management decisions at the farm or forest gate and beyond. We particularly seek information for: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. **To participate, you may submit your entry [here](#).** Thank you.

In 2013, the C-FARE is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. View a list of twenty programs and actions through which C-FARE has supported the agricultural and applied economics professions [here!](#)

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People

University of Arizona

- **New Appointment:** **Ashley Kerna**, Economic Impact Analyst

University of California, Davis

- **Leave of Absence:** **Pierre Mérel**, Professor, Department of Environmental Systems Science, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETHZ), Zurich, Switzerland
- **Award:** **Dale Manning**, PhD, Dennis J. O'Brien U.S. Association for Energy Economics Best Student Paper Award, 2013. "Migration and Fuel Use in Rural Mexico."
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Santiago Bucaram**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Universidad de los Andes; **Sandro Steinbach**, MS, PhD student in the Agricultural Economics Group, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETHZ), Zurich, Switzerland

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

- **Award:** **William Amspacher**, Coach of the 2nd Place FDRS Student Food Marketing Challenge Team

Colorado State University

- **New Appointment:** **Dawn Thilmany**, Food Distribution Research Society, President-Elect
- **Visitors:** **Jelena Cubrilo**, Undersecretary for Provincial Secretariat of Agriculture, Water, Economy & Forestry in Serbia; **Goran Jesic**, Vice President in Government of the AP Vojvodina & the Provincial Secretary for Agriculture, Water, Economy & Forestry in Serbia; **Goran Zivkov**, consultant at SEEDEV in Serbia; **Ivana Dulic Makovic**, consultant at SEEDEV in Serbia; **Jasmina Miljkovic**, Senior adviser at Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Water Management in Serbia; **Mirjana Bojceviski**, adviser in the Sector for Agrarian Policy at Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Water Management in Serbia; **all USDA FAS Cochran program visiting scholars; September 2013**

University of Connecticut

- **Appointment Change:** **Syma Ebbin**, Associate Professor in Residence
- **Awards:** **Chad Cotti**, University of Connecticut, DelFavero Fellowship for 2012-2016 academic year

Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:

- **Justin Grimm-Greenblatt**, MS, Research Associate, University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff's Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries; **Xiaoou Liu**, PhD, Associate Professor, School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Renmin University of China; **Chen Zu**, Assistant Professor, College of Economics and Management, China Agricultural University

Resignation: Rui Huang

University of Idaho

- **New Appointment:** **Jason Winfree**, Assistant Professor
- **Appointment Change:** **Larry Makus**, Associate Dean of Academic Programs
- **Retirement:** **Joseph Guenther**, 33 years of service

International Food Policy Research Institute

- **New Appointments:** **Susan Godlonton**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Dawit Mekonnen**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Jessica Hoel**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Sherian Roggeband**, Head of Human Resource Services; **Kimberly Keeton**, Communications Specialist II; **Nicostrato Perez**, Senior Scientist I; **Catherine Ambler**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Berber Kramer**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Naureen Karachiwalla**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Meghan Olivier**, Project Manager; **Jessica Heckert**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Elodie Becquey**, Research Fellow; **Vivian Hoffmann**, Research Fellow; **Aulo Gelli**, Senior Scientist; **Danielle Resnick**, Research Fellow; **Emily Brearley**, Research Coordinator; **James Thurlow**, Senior Research Fellow; **Renie Eppenstein**, Project Manager; **James Warner**, Research Coordinator; **Keith Wiebe**, Senior Research Fellow
- **Award:** **David Laborde**, GTAP Research Fellow for 2013-2016, Center for Global Trade Analysis at Purdue University

Kansas State University

- **Awards:** **Tim Dalton**, awarded \$13.7M competitive grant to support research on sorghum and millet and decrease hunger in Africa from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The award was made under Feed the Future, the U.S. government's global hunger and

food security initiative; **Ronnie Sullivan**, sophomore in agribusiness, one of the 56 undergraduate college students who are members of the first class of Cargill Global Scholars.

Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:

- **Levi Russell**, PhD, Assistant Professor and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agricultural economist-management in Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend area; **Alexi Thompson**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Indiana University of Pennsylvania; **Bryon Parman**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Mississippi State University

University of Maryland

- **Appointment Changes:** **Lori Lynch**, ADVANCE Professor
- **Positions Taken By Recent Graduates:** **Tim Essam**, PhD, U.S. Agency for International Development; **Takahiko Kiso**, PhD, University of Aberdeen, Scotland; **Kabir Malik**, PhD, Young Professionals Program, World Bank; **Ariel Ortiz-Bobea**, PhD, Resources for the Future; **Amparo Palacios Lopez**, PhD, World Bank; **Trang Tran**, PhD, Young Professionals Program, World Bank

University of Massachusetts Amherst

- **Appointment Changes:** **Christian Rojas**, Associate Professor with Tenure.
- **Award:** **Dr. Sylvia Brandt**, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS-NIH) Papers of the Year for 2012, "Costs of childhood asthma due to traffic-related pollution in two California communities."
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **César Viteri Mejía**, PhD, Economic Researcher of Marine Conservation, Conservation International, Puerto Ayora, Galapagos Islands; **Nikolaos Ziogiannis**, PhD, Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University; **Andrew Goggins**, MS, Analyst, Climate Policy Initiative, San Francisco; **Joseph Walsh**, MS, Analyst, Maguire Associates; **Jon Farland**, MS, Senior Analyst, DNV KEMA Energy & Sustainability; **Sarah Tuttle**, MS, Analyst, DNV KEMA Energy & Sustainability
- **Return from Leave:** **Bernard Morzuch**

People

- **Leaves:** **Christian Rojas**, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Sede Ecuador, August 2013 – August 2014; **John Spraggon**, Erskine Fellowship, University of Canterbury, January 2014 – August 2014.
- **Visitor:** **Antonio Baselice**, PhD, Student, University of Foggia, Foggia, Italy, Visiting Researcher, September – December, 2013

Michigan State University

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Dale Yi**, PhD, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Adelaide, Australia; **Min Chen**, PhD, Senior Risk Modeler, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), McLean, VA; **Mariam Thiam**, MS, Consultant in Financial Analysis, JP Morgan Chase Bank, Columbus, OH

University of Minnesota

- **Appointment Changes:** **Frances Homans**, Interim Head of Applied Economics; **Brian Buhr**, Interim Dean, College of Food Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences

University of Missouri

- **Award:** **Brady J. Deaton**, Mizzou Alumni Association, 2013 Geyer Public Service Award

Purdue University

- **Awards:** **David Ortega**, 2013 Applebaum Outstanding Dissertation Award, 54th Annual Conference of the Food Distribution Research Society Annual Conference; **Akuffo Amankwah and Kadjo Didier**, PhD students, Fellows for the Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program (LEAP) of the Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellows Program. Akuffo

will be conducting research in Ghana and Kenya. Didier will complete his research on “Effects of Storage Losses and Market Imperfections on Household Grain Management: Evidence of Maize Production from Benin.”

- **Visitors:** **Yuanfeng Zhao**, PhD, Professor of Agricultural Economics at the College of Economics and Management at Inner Mongolia Agricultural University, October 2013 thru October 2014; **Carlos Trejo Pech**, Universidad Panamericana at Guadalajara, August 2013 thru July 2014; **Michele Rasetti**, Università Politecnica delle Marche, August 2013 thru December 2013; **Sunil Prasad Dhoubhadel**, Traveling Scholar Program, an academic collaboration among Big Ten Universities, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Department of Agricultural Economics, Fall Semester 2013

Obituaries



Professor of Agricultural Economics, Emeritus; Davis; 1923-2013

Professor Benjamin (Ben) French, 90, professor emeritus of agricultural economics at the University of California, Davis, died August 23, 2013 at his home in Davis, California. Born May 30, 1923, in Hanford, California, Ben attended elementary schools in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta region of Northern California and graduated from Rio Vista High School in 1941. He developed a passion for duck hunting and fishing in his formative years and his love of the outdoors remained strong throughout his life.

Ben enrolled at UC Berkeley in 1942, but was soon called to active military duty in March 1943. As a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division he saw active duty in both France and Germany. After the war, he reenrolled under the GI Bill, earning BS (1948), MS (1949), and PhD (1953) degrees in agricultural economics at UC Berkeley.

Professor French joined the faculty at Michigan State University in 1953 as an Assistant Professor in Agricultural Economics. He returned to the University of California's Davis campus in 1959 as an Associate Professor in the Agricultural Economics Department where he would establish a distinguished career in agricultural marketing.

Benjamin C. French

He retired from UC Davis in 1989. During his early career Professor French extended the topics of economic efficiency in plant operations, covered in his award winning PhD dissertation, with a landmark *Hilgardia* monograph coauthored with Sammet and Bressler. This early research fostered a professional line of inquiry in Agricultural Economics that was well documented in his review article in *Survey of Agricultural Economics Literature, Volume 1*. Subsequent work in several topical areas was characterized by his attention to detail, depth of analysis, innovative approach and the application of applied econometrics to market policy questions. Significant contributions include supply response models examining market control programs for perennial crops including apples, pears, lemons, cling peaches, Brussels sprouts, asparagus and raisins. He also contributed to industry economic models for processing tomatoes, honey and eggs in addition to the literature on price bargaining for agricultural commodities. Professor French's pioneering research received numerous awards and recognitions. In 1981, he was selected as a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association, its highest recognition.

Professor French's teaching contributions at both the undergraduate and graduate levels were noted for his thoughtful and rigorous development of the subject matter. He worked closely with his students and many now hold prominent positions in

universities, businesses and government. Professor French also made significant program contributions to development of the Department of Agricultural Economics at UC Davis, where he served for several years as Vice Chairman and then as the first Chairman when the Department became administratively separate from UC Berkeley in March of 1966. He served a full term as Department Chairman from 1976 to 1981. His insistence that the new Department meet the highest standards of scholarship greatly influenced its future development.

Professor French was widely respected by colleagues across campus for the rigor he insisted on in the newly revised teaching programs emerging in the College of Agriculture at Davis in the period 1964-68. His wisdom and commitment to what he saw as the required high standards of The University of California was particularly appreciated by Campus administrators for many years.

Three weeks after Ben's death, his wife of 65 years, Mary (Loscutoff) French, also passed away. Ben and Mary are survived by their daughter Susan French Weeks; sons Ben and Stan; son-in-law Ed Weeks; daughter-in-law Wendy Chan French; granddaughters Aubree French and Gillian Weeks; and great-granddaughter Bristol Bullivant.

Obituaries

Sylvia Lane



Sylvia Lane (1916 – 2013) was the first woman to be named a Fellow of the AAEA (1984) and one of the first women to be a tenured full professor in the agricultural economics profession. She has been an inspiration to countless students and colleagues at UC Davis, Berkeley and beyond. She was a primary party to initiating the Committee on Women in Agricultural Economics (CWAE – 1981). The Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship was established by CWAE to memorialize her mentorship legacy through the AAEA Trust. **To make a donation to this fund in her honor and memory click [HERE](#).**

Sylvia Lane died of natural causes October 15, 2013 in San Mateo, CA. Sylvia was born on May 26, 1916 in New York City, NY and moved to California at the age of 10. She attended UCLA and UC Berkeley and received her AB degree in Economics in 1934. At eighteen, Sylvia was one of the youngest women ever to graduate from Berkeley with a Bachelor's Degree. She received her MA in Economics in 1936 from Berkeley and performed additional graduate studies at Columbia University in 1937. Sylvia returned to Los Angeles to teach economics and met and married Benjamin Lane in 1939.

Sylvia taught Economics at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento and obtained her pilot's license during World War II. After

the war, she returned to Los Angeles and was a lecturer, then an assistant professor at the University of Southern California from 1947-1960 and received her PhD from the University of Southern California in 1957. She held the positions of Associate Professor of Economics, San Diego State University (1961-1965), Professor of Finance at California State Fullerton (1965-1969) and Chairperson of Department (1967-1969). She was a tenured Professor of Agriculture Economics at UC Davis (1969-82). Sylvia was the first consumer economist and tenured female faculty member appointed in that Department and one of the only women in the Agricultural Economics profession at the time. While at UC Davis she was one of the pioneers in the economics of nutrition and the household and through out her academic career, she was consistently focused on consumer interests and had a genuine concern for consumer welfare. She was an active Professor Emerita and economist at Giannini Foundation, at UC Berkeley after retiring from UC Davis. Over the course of her career, her research interests included consumer credit, consumer class actions, health care and rural health service delivery, housing, tax incidence, elderly needs assessment, low income nutrition and food stamps.

One of her noteworthy accomplishments was helping to draft the Food Stamps Program for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In addition, she performed work for the World Health Organization (WHO) in Egypt. She was instrumental in advancing the careers of women in Agricultural

Economics, mentoring numerous graduate students at Berkeley even after she retired. She was on the executive board of AAEA (1972-1974), a member of the American Economics Association, American Council of Consumer Interests, the Omicron Delta Epsilon Society (President 1973-1975, Trustee 1975-83, and Chairman Board of Trustees 1982-1984). Sylvia's legacy is clearly in the success of her mentees as so many of them have made major advances in food in nutrition in the U.S. and abroad. Sylvia's advice to her mentees was "Choose your goals carefully".

A memorial celebration of Sylvia's life will be held November 17, 2013, 2pm - 4pm at UC Berkeley Women's Faculty Club. Donations may be made in to the Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship administered by the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Trust. For information about this fellowship and to donate go to:

<http://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/sylvia-lane-mentorship-fund>.

To read a statement about Sylvia Lane when she was named an AAEA Fellow go to *Am. J. Agr. Econ.* (1984) 66 (5): v-vi.

<http://ajae.oxfordjournals.org/content/66/5/v.full.pdf>.

To read Sylvia Lane's Fellows Address go to *Amer. J. Agr. Econ.* 77 (December 1995): 1096-1109.

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Obituaries

John Blair Riley

RILEY, JOHN BLAIR - died September 16, 2013. He was 66. He is survived by a sister and brother in law, Linda and David Hickey of Staunton, VA; and by a brother and sister-in-law, Doug and Donna Riley also of Staunton. He is also survived by nephews, Matthew Hickey and his wife, Stacie, and Jonathan Riley and his wife, Sandra. Other survivors include a niece, Rosalea Potter and her husband, Chas; as well as three great nephews, Benjamin and Bryson Riley, Scott Hickey; and special friend, Mrs. Fritzie Logan. John also had a beloved cat named "Peebles" who had been his constant companion for twelve years. He was preceded in death by his parents, J. W. and Edith Riley; and nephew, William Scott Hickey.

Following academic degrees at Virginia Tech and Oklahoma State University, Dr. Riley began his professional career as a professor in agricultural economics at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. While at Kansas State University he also served as acting head of the department and became the assistant director of Resident Instruction for the College of Agriculture.

In 1995, he became the Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tennessee. He later returned to what he enjoyed the most—the teaching and advising of students. He was currently a professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at University of Tennessee (UT).

Dr. Riley was very active in 4-H as a youth. He showed sheep and steers and took neighbors' flocks of sheep to county fairs as his way of raising money for his

college education. Numerous county leadership awards came his way, including being named a 4-H All Star. He continued to support 4-H and FFA activities throughout his life and received Honorary State Farmer's Degrees from both Kansas and Tennessee. His work with college students took many forms. He was advisor to the FarmHouse Fraternity at both Kansas and Tennessee. He coached the National AgriMarketing Association (NAMA) Marketing Teams at both Kansas and Tennessee and served as a team coach longer than any other university's team coach. His teams won several national competitions, but were always considered a team that you had to beat if you were going to win. He won the NAMA Outstanding Advisor Award while at both universities. For his work with the National NAMA Careers Committee, he was the only university person to be recognized by NAMA with its National Leadership Award. He was also advisor to departmental clubs but it was his contact with students as an academic adviser that was his true calling. John spent many hours, at any hour of the day or night, with students who needed his assistance. His advising efforts were recognized with several college and university awards. His classroom teaching was also recognized. For both his teaching and advising, he received the UT Institute of Agriculture's Lidvall Award. John provided leadership to numerous organizations. In Kansas, he chaired the local county Extension Council and provided leadership to the Kansas Junior Livestock Exposition. He chaired the university's board for the management of its cultural arts center and was the co-director of the

university's first all University Careers Fair. At UT he was president of the Faculty Club. At both universities, he served as president of the Phi Kappa Phi all university honor society and held officer positions in the agriculture honor society of Gamma Sigma Delta. He also served both honor societies at the national level. He was International President of Gamma Sigma Delta and served for 10 years as International Secretary. He was always active in his church, especially the choir, and was known for the cinnamon rolls he would occasionally make for a Sunday morning. John enjoyed the theatre, the opera, music, and cooking. He also spent much time helping care for his older neighbors and friends wherever he resided.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, September 23, at Lake Hills Presbyterian Church, 3805 Maloney Road, Knoxville, TN 37920 with Rev. James McTyre officiating. The family received friends after the service at the church. Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm on Monday, September 24, at Hebron Presbyterian Church, 423 Hebron Road, Staunton, VA 24401. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Members of the FarmHouse Fraternity served as pallbearers. Memorials may be made to Bachman Academy, 414 Brymer Creek Road, McDonald, TN 37353 or to Hebron Presbyterian Church. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the Riley family. - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/knoxnews/obituary.aspx?n=john-blair-riley&pid=167033100&fhid=5920#sthash.Yf9STBXQ.dpuf>