

## AAEA News

### **President-Elect Seeks Volunteers for AAEA Committees**

Committees drive the direction and impact of the AAEA by influencing its activities and awards. Please consider shaping the AAEA's future by volunteering for one of the committees listed below. Committee service also offers an excellent opportunity for developing contacts, refining leadership skills, and increasing professional networking.

AAEA President-Elect, Brian Roe will make appointments to the following 2025–2026 committees in June 2025:

- AAEA Trust
- Awards
- Case Study Invited Paper
- Communications
- Employment Services
- Fellows Selection
- Finance
- Galbraith Forum and Award
- Membership
- Mentoring
- Nominating
- Selected Presentations
- T.W. Schultz Lecture



For information about these committees and a list of their current members, please visit <http://www.aaea.org/about-aaea/aaea-committees>.

Any AAEA member interested and willing to serve on a committee should contact Jeanne Rhodes at [jrhodes@aaea.org](mailto:jrhodes@aaea.org) or (414) 918–3190 by **May 2, 2025**.

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### **2025 AAEA Awards**

#### **Calls for Nominations**

- [AAEA Mentoring Award](#)
- [Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis Award](#)
- [Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Awards](#)
- [Distinguished Teaching Awards](#)
- [Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award](#)
- [Outstanding Master's Thesis Awards](#)
- [Publication of Enduring Quality Award](#)
- [Quality of Communication Award](#)
- [Quality of Research Discovery Award](#)

The deadline for all Award Nominations is **February 5, 2025**.

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## 2025 AAEA Membership Renewal

We invite and encourage you to [renew your AAEA membership](#) for 2025! Renewing ensures that you'll stay connected with your association and peers. It also gives you the chance to be engaged with leading edge work being done by our members and support your AAEA through the activities of the association.

You can get involved in the AAEA through:

- **Serving on a Committee:** Each year, AAEA asks our members to help in various roles including being part of an association committee. AAEA has a number of committees that need volunteers each year, including membership, employment services, and the AAEA Trust. You now have the opportunity to express your interest in volunteering right on the [online membership form](#). AAEA President-elect makes appointments in the spring.
- **Joining a Section:** Being involved in AAEA Sections is one of the best ways to make new connections within the profession. Sections are specialized sub-groups of AAEA members organized around similar interests. AAEA currently has [29 Sections](#), each with its own area of focus. Once you've joined a Section, you have many more opportunities to get involved. These include serving on the Section leadership, being involved in the Section's Annual Meeting sessions and activities, and communicating with other Section members through a listserv.
- **Reviewing Annual Meeting Submissions:** Being part of an association means that you have a direct connection to a wide range of expertise in your field. Each year, AAEA takes advantage of the expertise of our members and enlists numerous volunteers to review submissions to the Annual Meeting and make recommendations as to which should be included in the program. When you renew this year, you'll have the chance to indicate your areas of expertise if you're interested in helping the association by serving as a reviewer.

An active and engaged membership is the lifeblood of our AAEA. We appreciate all that you do to support AAEA and hope that you will take advantage of the opportunities that are available to connect with and engage your peers, the profession, and AAEA. If you have any questions about AAEA or about opportunities for becoming involved, please do not hesitate to contact us anytime at [info@aaea.org](mailto:info@aaea.org) or by phone at (414) 918-3190.

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## Defining and Developing a Professional Brand - CWAE Networking Series

CWAE is excited to invite you to our upcoming Professional Development & Networking Series event, focusing on "Developing and Designing a Professional Brand."

Event Details:

- Date: Thursday, February 13, 2025
- Time: 3:00 pm Eastern
- Registration: [go.osu.edu/cwae-profnetwork](https://go.osu.edu/cwae-profnetwork)

Panelists:

- Seanicaa Edwards Herron, Freedman Heirs Foundation Inc.
- David Just, Cornell University
- Elena Irwin, Ohio State University

Moderator:

- Jamille Lasanta, Arizona State University

Join us for a panel discussion where invited speakers will share insights and experiences on successfully developing a personalized brand in the field of agricultural and applied economics.

We look forward to your participation!

**CWAE** **AAEA**  
Agricultural & Applied Economics Association

COMMITTEE ON WOMEN IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS  
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & NETWORKING SERIES

## Defining and Developing a Professional Brand

 <p><b>Seanicaa Edwards Herron</b> Founder &amp; Executive Director Freedmen Heirs Foundation, Inc.</p> <p>PANELIST</p>	 <p><b>David Just</b> Professor Cornell University</p> <p>PANELIST</p>	 <p><b>Elena Irwin</b> Distinguished Professor The Ohio State University</p> <p>PANELIST</p>	 <p><b>Jamille Lasanta</b> Clinical Associate Professor Arizona State University</p> <p>MODERATOR</p>
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**DATE** February 13, 2025 | **TIME** 3:00 - 4:00 PM ET

**REGISTER NOW**  
[go.osu.edu/cwae-profnetwork](https://go.osu.edu/cwae-profnetwork)

Panel Discussion at 3:00 pm Eastern  
**All are welcome!**

## **Health Economics Section Panel Discussion on Food Is Medicine**

**Featuring Hollie Raynor (University of Tennessee), Michelle Shippy (Indiana Department of Health), and Wen You (University of Virginia)**

The Health Economics Section is hosting a **virtual** panel discussion on “Food is Medicine: Exploring the Intersection of Nutrition and Health Policy”. The event will feature experts from diverse fields of health economics, public policy, nutrition science, and policymakers to explore how food can play a pivotal role in improving health outcomes and reducing healthcare costs. Panelists will discuss the latest research, successful interventions, and the challenges in implementing food-as-medicine initiatives at both individual and systemic levels.

We invite questions from the AAEA community for the panelists about Food Is Medicine. Please click on the link below to submit your questions by **5:00 pm on Friday, February 14**.

[https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4Sztrcf7ZnYpzRY](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4Sztrcf7ZnYpzRY)

**When:** Wednesday, March 5, 2025

**Time:** 2:00 – 3:00 pm Eastern Time

**Register here:** <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/YbES946PRTqZlhmlg0L2cq>

Please get in touch with Bhagyashree Katare ([bkatare@purdue.edu](mailto:bkatare@purdue.edu)) in case you have any questions.



**Hollie Raynor, PhD, RD, LDN:** Hollie is the Executive Associate Dean of Research and Operations in the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences at the University of Tennessee. She holds a MS in Public Health Nutrition and a PhD in Clinical Psychology. She conducts lifestyle intervention research in pediatric/adult obesity care, has published >150 peer-reviewed articles, and has received funding from the National Institutes of Health and others. She served as a member of several guideline development committees for obesity care (American Psychological Association, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics) and was a member of the Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee.



**Michelle Shippy, MS, RDN:** Michelle is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) who has worked in public health nutrition for over 16 years. Her current role is the Food is Medicine Director at the Indiana Department of Health’s Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity. Michelle is a subject matter expert in food is medicine program management and implementation including securing grants, creating and executing project work plans, braiding and weaving diverse funding streams, and evaluation and quality improvement. Sustaining authentic relationships and good communication is her foundation in creating better policies and systems for access to nutritious food.



**Dr. Wen You:** Dr. Wen You is a health economist and applied econometrician, serving as a Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of Virginia, where she also directs the Population Health and Cancer Outcomes Core at the UVA Comprehensive Cancer Center. Her research focuses on addressing health disparities through the integration of economics and other disciplines, with extensive expertise in randomized control trials (designs and analysis), economic program evaluation, and incentive design, contributing to over 100 peer-reviewed publications and over 20 multiple interdisciplinary projects funded by organizations such as NIH, ACS, USDA and PCORI.

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### **Call for Volunteers: Senior Discussant for Selected Presentations - Paper Sessions**

Members wishing to get involved may volunteer for an essential role as a senior-level discussant for Selected Paper Sessions at our [2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in Denver, CO, July 27–29, 2025. A discussant will be assigned to a Selected Presentation Paper Session whose topic area correlates with the discussant's expertise. The discussant would be tasked with reviewing the papers within their session, provide constructive feedback and stimulate discussion. The goal is to make these sessions more impactful and meaningful.

Some things to know about Selected Paper Sessions:

- Each AAEA Selected Paper Session is 90 minutes long and can feature up to four papers.
- Each presenter will have 15 minutes to present and 5 minutes for discussion. The discussion should occur immediately following each presentation
- To help you prepare, links to the manuscripts from the authors/presenters will be provided in mid to late June.

Qualifications and Requirements to Serve as a Senior-level Discussant

- Tenured Associate or Full Professors.
- Retired
- Senior Researcher at a Government or Private Organization

Schedule of Selected Presentation Paper Sessions.

Monday, July 28

- 10:00 am to 11:30 am
- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm

Tuesday, July 29

- 10:30 am to 11:30 am
- 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm
- 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Discussants will receive their session assignment and session details in mid to late June.

Please click [here](#) to volunteer! If you have any questions, please contact the AAEA Business Office at [info@aea.org](mailto:info@aea.org) or (414) 918–3190.

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## 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting

### Room Block open

#### [Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel](#)

1550 Court Place  
Denver, Colorado, USA, 80202  
(303) 893-3333

AAEA Group Rate: \$229.00  
Reservations must be received on  
or before **Tuesday, June 24, 2025.**

Please book using the AAEA Group rate here:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50926533>

Join us at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel for the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting. The fully renovated family hotel in Denver, CO offers access to some of the best attractions in downtown Denver. Experience the best shopping, dining and entertainment including RiNo, LoDo and Uptown neighborhoods. Explore effortlessly thanks to the nearby light rail station, which takes you to Coors Field, Denver Zoo or Denver Art Museum. Recharge after a full day in Denver at their luxury Denver hotel with a year-round heated rooftop pool, 5,000-square-foot Sheraton Fitness center, Topgolf Swing Suite or on-site dining at Yard House and BEZEL. The four-star hotel maximizes your time from a lobby with town-square energy to a full-service Club Lounge to more than 140,000 square feet of flexible meeting space. Work smart from a pet-friendly hotel room with free Wi-Fi and a height-adjustable desk with an ergonomic chair. Take in the spectacular views from one of the 138 suites options. Work, meet and relax at Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel.



### Choices Magazine: Article Highlight

#### [Automatic Milking Systems: Labor-Savings Route or Costly Gamble for Dairy Farmers?](#)

*Alejandro Gutiérrez-Li, Grace Melo, Shaheer Burney, Cesar Escalante, and Shree Ram Acharya*

Automatic milking systems (AMS) can greatly impact labor dynamics on U.S. dairy farms. Survey results reveal that AMS adopters require fewer full-time workers, rely more on part-time labor, and face higher wages, highlighting labor cost variability and adoption barriers. Our findings have implications for policies addressing labor shortages and supporting mechanization.

*Interested in publishing in Choices? Submit your Individual, Theme, or Data Visualizations [here](#).*

# AAEA at 2026 ASSA Annual Meeting

## **Call for submissions: AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2026 ASSA Annual Meeting**

President-Elect Brian Roe is soliciting proposals and suggestions for AAEA invited paper sessions at the 2026 Allied Social Sciences Association (ASSA) Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, January 3–5, 2026.

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

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

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

Papers in approved Invited Paper sessions are eligible to be peer reviewed for publication in the proceedings issue of the *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policies*. Authors will be contacted by the *AEPP* editors with manuscript submission details.

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

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

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

Please send proposals by **May 21, 2025**, in Word or PDF format to Mary Annen at [mannen@aaea.org](mailto:mannen@aaea.org).

## Other News

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### **Agricultural History Society Award for Public Engagement**

The Award Winner(s) will demonstrate:

- Depth of historical understanding and the ability to communicate historical context to non-specialists while preserving essential details and complexity
- Creativity in approach appropriate to the intended audience
- Evidence of effectiveness appropriate to the activity
- If the nomination is for a body of work, evidence of professionalism and leadership in promoting public engagement in the fields of agricultural and rural history

The application package, prepared as a single PDF file, 12–point font, 1–inch margins, will include:

- Nominator’s letter (not to exceed 750 words) - self-nominations encouraged. The letter should describe the nature of the work undertaken, evidence of public engagement, and the work’s distinctive contribution to furthering public understanding of agricultural and /rural history
- CV of applicant, limited to 2 pages (single spaced).
- Additional supporting materials (limited to 2 pages), which may include webpage links, photographs of exhibitions or public programs, record of engagement with farmers or rural communities, archival collection/oral history repository created, historic structure reports, policy publications, etc.

The Effland–Grim–Reid Award Committee will adjudicate the competition. Please submit all materials to [aghistorysociety@gmail.com](mailto:aghistorysociety@gmail.com) as a single PDF document. More information about this award can be found here: [Agricultural History Society Award for Public Engagement — Agricultural History Society](#)

The deadline for submission of materials is **January 31, 2025**.

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### **Seeking Equitable Pathways to Community Disaster Resilience**

In this program, students will engage in cutting–edge research, develop valuable skills, and contribute to important societal challenges like:

- Historical and current social inequities in infrastructure
- Disaster planning and preparation
- Rural and urban infrastructure challenges and solutions
- Resilience of water, energy, and transportation system

**Students will gain:**

- A stipend of \$7,000
- Research Experience
- Summer housing and a meal plan
- Professional skills, like science communication and data analysis,
- & much more.

**Eligibility:**

- Must be undergraduates who have completed their first year of college.
- Must be U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, or permanent residents.

Students from all majors are encouraged to apply.

Apply at <https://nsfepscor.ku.edu/reu/>

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## Call for Posters

The Farm Financial Standards Council invites all Students, Instructors, and Industry Professionals to prepare Posters for presentation during the Council's 2025 Annual Conference which will be held July 23 – 25 in Lexington, KY.



Posters will be displayed the afternoon of July 23 and the morning of July 24. Students submitting posters will receive complimentary registration.

## Schedule

- Abstract (250 words) submission deadline: **March 1, 2025.**
- Notification of acceptance by March 21, 2025.
- Authors' registration deadline May 1, 2025.
- Poster display times: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., July 23; 8 a.m. - noon, July 24.
- Posters to be removed at noon on July 24.

A complete meeting agenda and registration information will be provided to all as they submit abstracts.

For further definition/clarification, contact the FFSC Administrator via email at [contact@ffsc.org](mailto:contact@ffsc.org)

All materials should be sent directly to: [contact@ffsc.org](mailto:contact@ffsc.org)

Learn more here: <https://www.ffsc.org/docs/Call-For-Posters-FFSC-2025-Annual-Meeting.pdf>

### Member Benefits

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### The Exchange

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or

[info@aaea.org](mailto:info@aaea.org)

[www.aaea.org](http://www.aaea.org)



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### Open Jobs

- [Dean, College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences \(CAHNRS\)](#)  
**Washington State University** (Posted: 01/16/2025)
- [Associate Research Fellow #25-103](#)  
**The International Food Policy Research Institute** (Posted: 01/15/2025)
- [Chief Operating Officer](#)  
**Root Capital** (Posted: 01/14/2025)
- [Executive Director](#)  
**Corn Marketing Program of Michigan** (Posted: 01/10/2025)

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[AAEA Job Board](#)

### Working with the Media

What research are you working on? Want to be an expert source for journalists working on a story?

Contact Allison Ware at [AWare@aaea.org](mailto:AWare@aaea.org)

[View all Press Releases HERE](#)

### Member in the News

Do you know an AAEA Member who has made statewide, national, or international news? Fill out [this online form](#) or send a link of the article to Austin Sparbel at [asparbel@aaea.org](mailto:asparbel@aaea.org) or [info@aaea.org](mailto:info@aaea.org).

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### Anti-Harassment and Code of Conduct Policy

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

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

View the [policy](#) here.