

AAEA News

AAEA Business Office Update

After eight years serving as AAEA's executive director, Kristen McGuire has resigned her position as executive director of AAEA. Her last day was October 16th. Please join us in thanking her for all that she has done for AAEA and wishing her well in her new endeavors.

At the same time, we are happy to announce that Jeanne Rhodes (jrhodes@aaea.org) will now be serving as AAEA's executive director. She looks forward to continuing the good work of AAEA.

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Pre- and Post-conference Workshops

Call for Proposals:

The AAEA Executive Board invites proposals for Pre- and Post-conference Workshops at the [2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting](#) in Denver, CO. The deadline for proposals is **December 2**. Selections will be finalized at the AAEA Executive Board meeting in early January and organizers will be notified soon thereafter by the AAEA President.

Submissions will be judged on the merits of the proposal and the space and time available at the Annual Meeting. Organizers will work with the AAEA Business Office to develop a budget for final approval at the January Board meeting.

Proposals should be submitted using the [Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal Form](#) available on the AAEA website, <https://www.aaea.org/meetings>, Title of proposed session and the proposed date and time that the workshop would take place (potential dates include Saturday, July 26, and Wednesday, July 30).

1. Objectives of the workshop, as well as the timeliness of the subject and why the content of the workshop is relevant to AAEA members/meeting attendees
2. Potential speakers, presenters, or panel members, and the total time required for these presentations.
3. Intended audience and expected attendance at the workshop
4. Contact information for organizers in charge of overall development and coordination (complete addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses)
5. Complete budget information, which includes: financial support expected, speaker travel expenses, stipends, and honoraria, catering needs, administrative fees, and other income and costs. Detailed information will be needed, including any catering requests (e.g. boxed lunches, buffet, coffee breaks, etc.), so that a registration fee for the workshop can be determined
6. Any requests for membership and/or registration fee waivers that may be required in order to properly conduct the workshop

7. Any special software or electronic needs, including if the attendees will be required to bring a laptop
8. If you are requesting funding from the AAEA Trust for the workshop, please visit [this](#) website for proposal submission details. Proposals are due Monday, October 14, 2024.

Incomplete proposals cannot be considered. Please include as much information as needed when submitting; there is no minimum or maximum length for the proposal.

Submit proposals using the [Pre- and Post-conference Workshop Proposal Form](#) available on the AAEA website, <https://www.aaea.org/meetings> by December 2, 2024.

If you have any questions about submitting a proposal, please contact Mary Annen at mannen@aaea.org or at (414) 918-3190.

Choices Magazine: Article Highlight

[U.S. Agricultural Trade Challenges Amid Climate and Geopolitical Disruptions](#)

Raghav Goyal, Sandro Steinbach, Yasin Yildirim, and Xiting Zhuang

We discuss the impact of climate events and geopolitical disruptions on U.S. agricultural trade, highlighting the vulnerabilities to droughts and shipping blockades affecting key transport routes like the Mississippi River and the Panama Canal. We stress the need for adaptive strategies to safeguard global market access.

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

2024 AAEA Early Career Professionals Workshop

What: AAEA Early Career Professionals Workshop: Supporting Scholars to Thrive in Applied Economics

Where: Davis, CA

When: December 13, 2024 (6:30 PM Pacific) to December 15, 2024 (2:00 PM Pacific)

Who: Open to pre-tenure or equivalent career stage applied economists with a PhD currently working in US or Canadian universities or organizations who have seven or fewer year of work experience post-PhD (not including time for parental leave, or similar)

Topics to include: Career goals and motivations; being an ethical applied economist; teaching, advising, and mentorship; Extension, outreach, and policy communication; building the field you want to see through service; generating ideas and scholarly projects; funding and carrying out scholarship; publishing and disseminating scholarship; building a mentorship network; and more!

Confirmed speakers include:

- Tim Beatty (University of California, Davis)
- Vincenzina Caputo (Michigan State University)
- Kristin Kiesel (University of California, Davis)
- Saweda Liverpool-Tasie (Michigan State University)
- Valerie Mueller (Arizona State University)

- Rudy Nayga (Texas A&M University)
- Zoë Plakias (Western Washington University)
- Rich Sexton (University of California, Davis)
- Norbert Wilson (Duke University)
- Wendong Zhang (Cornell University)
- David Zilberman (University of California, Berkeley)

This workshop is organized by the AAEA Mentorship Committee. Questions can be directed to outgoing Mentorship Committee chair and lead workshop organizer Dr. Zoë Plakias (plakiaz@wwu.edu).

South Asia Section Virtual Webinar: Seasonal Poverty and Internal Migration: A Research Agenda in Bangladesh and Nepal

When: Friday, October 18, 2024

Time: 2:00–3:15pm Central Time

Organizer: Modhurima Dey Amin, *Texas Tech University*

Speaker: Dr. Mushfiq Mobarak, *Yale University*

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

This virtual session hosted by AAEA's SAS Section will outline a research agenda and open questions around the causes and consequences of internal (within-country) migration, as well as the opportunities and impediments associated with such movements. Much of that movement is seasonal and circular, in response to seasonal deprivation during pre-harvest lean periods.

Dr. Mushfiq Mobarak from Yale University will join to discuss the details of a research paper titled “Remittance Constraints and Seasonal Poverty.” Rural households send migrants to mitigate seasonal deprivation, but remittances don't always arrive in time. We observe a counter-intuitive pattern in Nepal where remittances are low when rural residents are food insecure, and migrants return with remittances later during harvest. To overcome this apparent remittance constraint indirectly, we provide a \$90 loan to randomly-selected rural households during the pre-harvest lean season. Harvest period remittances increase in loan-recipient households, and 89% of the loan principal is repaid. Food security improves, and those households increase fertilizer use and own-farm labor. That increases their rice harvest, revenues, and subjective well-being. In a two-period model of household decision-making, we show that remittance frictions are necessary to qualitatively match our experimental results.

We look forward to seeing you there!

AAEA's South Asia Section



2024 Virtual Health Economic Seminar

Featuring Noémi Berlin (University Paris Nanterre), and Lyudmyla (Lucy) Kompaniyets (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Noémi and Lyudmyla (Lucy) will present research on the influence of external factors on dietary behaviors and obesity. Below, you will find abstracts for both presentations for your convenience.

Date and Time: Friday, November 8th, from 11 AM to 12 PM EST

To obtain the Zoom link, please register for the webinar using the link below:

<https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tjwoduGpqzwiGNUts4a22tDarfoNPclnF6OE>

“Children as Receptors and Messengers for Health Education” (ERMES project)

Presenter: Noémi Berlin, CNRS (French National Center for Scientific Research) researcher affiliated with the University Paris Nanterre, EconomiX

This interdisciplinary project brings together humanities and social sciences (anthropology, sociology, education sciences), behavioral sciences (psychology, decision sciences, behavioral economics), and computer science (machine learning, knowledge representation). ERMES seeks to understand how children transmit food-related messages and the effects of peer education on eating behaviors compared to traditional teacher-led education.

The presentation will focus on an upcoming randomized controlled trial (RCT) scheduled for 2025-2026 in 10 elementary schools. The study will evaluate the impact of promoting fruit and vegetable consumption using different sources (peer vs. teacher) and content (health-focused vs. environmentally-sensitive) on children's knowledge, eating intentions, message transmission to parents, and actual eating behaviors in school canteens.

“COVID-19 pandemic on body mass index among US children and adults”

Presenter: Lyudmyla (Lucy) Kompaniyets, senior health economist at the Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This research analyzes body mass index (BMI) trends among U.S. children and adults before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, using deidentified data from IQVIA's Ambulatory Electronic Medical Records database. The study examines changes in BMI using mixed effects models to compare pre-pandemic (before March 2020) and pandemic periods (after March 2020).

In a cohort of 4.25 million adults aged 18-84, the average weight gain during the first year of the pandemic (March 2020–March 2021) was modest (0.1 kg).

Among children aged 2-19 years, the rate of BMI increase doubled during the pandemic, particularly in those already affected by overweight or obesity. However, follow-up data through November 2021 showed that BMI increases slowed, though childhood obesity prevalence remained high at 22.5%, highlighting the importance of healthy lifestyle interventions, particularly among US children.

On behalf of the AAEA's Health Economics Section (HES)

AJAE Editorship Applications***Call for Applications***

Editorship appointments for the American Journal of Agricultural Economics are staggered such that two new appointments are made every two years. The AAEA Board now seeks a diverse group of applicants at the full

professor level (or equivalent) by the start of the appointment for two co–editors to be appointed to replace current co–editors Jesse Tack and Rudy Nayga for a four–year term beginning in January 2026. Each co–editor handles approximately one–fourth of the submitted manuscripts and makes independent editorial decisions on these submissions. The degree to which candidate’s expertise complements that of continuing editors Nicholas Magnan and Christian Langpap will be considered in the selection process.

In addition, editors share the administrative responsibilities of managing the AJAE. Each editor should plan to dedicate up to 25 percent of his/her time to AJAE editorial duties. AAEA will provide financial assistance to defray some portion of the editors’ time and most expenses.

Transition Timing

The AAEA Board will make final selections by early 2025. The new editors should be prepared to begin the transition process at the 2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, July 27–29, 2025 and expect to be fully engaged in editorial duties by January 1, 2026. Interested candidates can consult the journal website for information on the journal at <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/14678276>.

Please note that all editors need to maintain their AAEA membership throughout their service to the journal.

Applications

Applications should include:

- a brief statement expressing interest which should include applicant’s areas of expertise and editorial philosophy for the AJAE,
- curriculum vitae (including descriptions of previous editorial work),
- statements of administrative support from the candidate’s department chair, dean or other appropriate administrative officer.

Applications should be sent electronically via PDF to Allison Ware, Senior Communications & Membership Manager, at aware@aaea.org by **November 29, 2024**. Nominations of potentially interested candidates who can then be solicited for their materials are also welcome.

AERE Fall Workshop

Online via Zoom • October 24 and 25, 2024 • 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET

Join AERE and the [Agricultural and Applied Economics Association \(AAEA\)](#) for an engaging and insightful virtual workshop dedicated to bridging the gap between economic research and policy implementation. This two–day event is designed to provide environmental and resource economists with actionable insights and strategies for influencing policy decisions.

Why Attend?

Gain Insight From Federal Experts: Learn directly from experienced panelists representing key federal agencies about the latest research trends and policy needs.

Practical Tools and Strategies: Gain practical knowledge on engaging effectively in policy conversations, securing research funding, and developing cutting-edge methodologies.

Collaborative Opportunities: Identify potential collaborations and partnerships with federal agencies to enhance the relevance and impact of your research.

Focused Sessions on Critical Issues: Benefit from focused discussions on emerging areas, resource allocation, methodological advancements, and inter-agency collaborations, particularly on pressing issues like water quality.

View the Agenda here: <https://www.aere.org/assets/2024Fall/AERE%20-%20Fall%20Virtual%20Workshop%20%282024%29%20-%20Agenda.pdf>

This workshop is free to attend. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your research's policy impact and connect with key policymakers.

Register now to secure your spot!: <https://aere.memberclicks.net/2024virtualfallworkshop#!/>

If you have a question about an upcoming AERE workshop, please contact info@aere.org. Learn more about our past Fall Workshops [here](#).

People Section

Arizona State University

- New appointment: **Justin Bina**, Assistant Professor
- Appointment change: **Carola Grebitus**, Full Professor
- Resignation: **Alexis Villacis**

Florida A&M University

- Position Taken by Recent Graduate: **Crenel Francis Jr.**, M.S. Associate Director of Diversity Initiatives, Daniels School of Business, Purdue University

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

- New Appointments: **Ryan Goodrich**, Clinical Assistant Professor; **Diego Cardoso**, Assistant Professor; **Brittney Goodrich**, Assistant Professor; **Gal Hochman**, Professor
- Appointment Changes: **Mary Arends-Kuenning**, Full Professor; **Angela Lyons**, Full Professor
- Award: **Khashi Ghorbani** (Graduate Student), First Place, AAEA Extension Competition
- Positions Taken by Recent Graduates: **Mayra Saenz**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Universidad del Rosario, Colombia; **Rocío Valdebenito**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chili; **Victor Funes-Leal**, PhD, Postdoctoral researcher, University of Arkansas
- Retirement: Alex Winter-Nelson, 32 years

International Food Policy Research Institute

- New Appointments: **May Wang**, Research Assistant; **Melkamu Tadesse**, Research Officer; **Moogdho Mahzab**, Associate Research Fellow; **Reza Nia**, Senior Research Analyst; **Jasmine Jiang**, Research Analyst; **Sonjida Simi**, Research Analyst; **Sabyasachi Puhan**, Research Analyst; **Bhumika Mishra**, Research Analyst; **Ruth Hill**, Unit Director, Markets, Trade, and Institutions; **Kemit Price**, Senior Program Manager; **Surender Reddymalla**, Coordinator, Seed System; **Sydney Honeycutt**, Research Analyst I; **Antonate Owuor**, Research Officer; **Steven Were Omamo**, Unit Director, Development Strategies and Governance
- Resignations: **Shreya Kapoor**; **Patty Arce**; **Benjamin Tshibang**; **Prianjay Tiwari**; **Sonali Katoch**; **Greg Seymour**; **Anindya Tomar**; **Junyan Tian**; **Parthu Kalva**; **Abdullahi Idris**; **Alaa Mazloum**; **Mohamed Khalafallah Ali**; **Yumna Kassim**; **Carmen Ruiz**; **Cyril Inegbedion**; **Hadiza Abubakar**; **Abubakar Inuwa**; **Md. Masum Ali**; **Himanshu Pathak**; **Luciana Delgado**; **Subhransu Pattnaik**; **Taoyi Sun**; **Emmanuel Hami**; **Nicostrato Perez**; **Shweta Yadav**; **Aminu Abubakar**; **Rui Mao**; **Jenny Walton**
- Visitors: **Samuel-Jacob Lovat**, Sep 23–Oct 11; **Dr. Bjorn Vollan**, Sep 30–Oct 3
- Award: **Anjani Kumar**, Confederation of Horticultural Association of India, Lokniti–Kautilya Award

University of Kentucky

- New Appointments: **Thomas Keene**, Assistant Professor; **Aslihan D. Spaulding**, Chair & Professor

University of Missouri

- Retirement: **Laura McCann**, 23 years of service
- New appointment, **Jason Franken**, Associate Professor of Agricultural and Applied Economics and MFA Chair in Agribusiness

University of Rhode Island

- Appointment Change: **Pengfei Liu**, Associate Professor
- Award: **Emi Uchida**, Pew Charitable Trusts, Pew Marine Fellow 2024
- Honorary Position: **Dafna Disegni**, Visiting Scholar, August 2024–July 2025
- Leave: **Hirotsugu Uchida**, University of Rhode Island, July 2024–June 2025

Texas Tech University

- Awards: **Stephen Devadoss**, Western Agricultural Economics Association, 2024 Outstanding Reviewer for the Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics; **Stephen Devadoss**, International Food and Agribusiness Management Association, 2024 Best Paper for Policy Analysis and Managerial Relevance; **Nathan Holtman**, Western Agricultural Economics Association, 2024 Graduate Student Paper Competition (First Prize)

Virginia Tech

- Appointment Change: **Mary Marchant**, Professor Emerita

Other News

Gund Institute for Environment Funded PhD Opportunities

The Gund Institute for Environment at the University of Vermont (UVM) seeks exceptional PhD applicants to conduct interdisciplinary research on global environmental challenges beginning in fall 2025. Applications are due January 5, 2025.

The Gund Institute is a research center dedicated to understanding and tackling the world's most critical environmental challenges, where over 250 faculty, global affiliates, postdocs, and graduate students collaborate widely to understand interactions among ecological, social, and economic systems.

Driven by the belief that research should inspire action, we explore environmental issues at the interface of five pressing research themes—climate solutions, health and well-being, sustainable agriculture, resilient communities, and equity and justice—in partnership with government, industry, and broader society.

We are committed to ensuring an inclusive environment where diverse voices and perspectives are active and welcome. We encourage applicants who bring diverse perspectives to our community.

Students will receive up to four years of funding, including an annual stipend of \$35,000, plus tuition. All students are eligible for health insurance and additional funds for conference travel and research costs.

For more details and application instructions, explore uvm.edu/gund/gund-phd-research-fellowships.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Julianna White at julianna.m.white@uvm.edu

Call for paper proposals

The NCCC-134 Multi-state Research Coordinating Committee on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management invites paper proposals for presentation at its upcoming conference to be held April 14-15, 2025 in Chicago, Illinois. We are excited to bring this conference back to Chicago, a hub of global commodities trading, for the first time since 2007.

We encourage paper proposals on all aspects of commodity price analysis and risk management, especially those related to agricultural commodities and agribusiness risk management. Proposed papers should emphasize applied research. The deadline for submissions is November 22, 2024. The Committee will notify all submitting authors of their decision by January 2025. One author must be registered for the meeting by February 1, 2025. Completed papers are due on June 1, 2025 for posting in the NCCC-134 paper archive.

Full instructions on how to submit a proposal, including format and a sample proposal, plus other information about the 2025 conference can be found on the [updated NCCC-134 website](#). Venue and hotel details will be posted soon. Questions about paper proposal submissions can be directed to NCCC-134 co-chair [Andres Trujillo-Barrera](#). Questions about meeting logistics can be directed to NCCC-134 co-chair [Joe Janzen](#).

Please share this call widely and encourage your colleagues, collaborators, and graduate students to submit and attend the conference. More information on how to connect with NCCC-134 can be found on our [website](#).

See you in Chicago in 2025!

[Joe Janzen](#), University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

[Andres Trujillo-Barrera](#), University of Idaho

NCCC-134 co-chairs

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Eastern Kentucky University (Posted: 10/10/2024)
- [Program Director of Agribusiness and Supply Chain Management \(Open Rank\)](#)
California State University, Monterey Bay (Posted: 10/09/2024)
- [\(Senior\) Research Scientist](#)
Virginia Tech (Posted: 10/09/2024)
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University of Wisconsin–Madison (Posted: 10/08/2024)

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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.