



AAEA News

Announcing the Incoming AJAE Editors



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University of Georgia



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Thank you to everyone who applied!

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 or (414) 918–3190 by **May 2, 2025**.

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.



2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Workshops Preview

Additional details on workshops located on the annual meeting webpage:

<https://www.aaea.org/meetings/2025-aaea-annual-meeting/events/ticketed-events/pre--and-post-conference-workshops>

Pre-Conference Workshops Saturday, July 26, 2025

(PC11) BEER Section Craft Industry Tour

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

(Note: will depart Sheraton at 11:45 am) light lunch included in tour

Limited space available

(PC12) Inside Look into Ardent Mills: Challenges and Opportunities in the U.S. Flour Milling Industry & Implications on Agribusiness Strategy

8:00 am – 4:00 pm Tour and presentations at Sheraton

(Note: Transportation will depart Sheraton at 8:15 am)

Limited space available

(PC13) AAEA Teaching Academy

7:30 am – 5:00 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

(PC14) Leadership Development for Agricultural and Applied Economics

8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

(PC15) The New Economics of Food Security and Nutrition

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

Post-Conference Workshops Wednesday, July 30, 2025

(PC51) Extension Section Tour

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Note: Transportation will depart Sheraton by 8:30 am

Limited space available Additional tour details coming soon

(PC52) Honoring the Career and Contributions of Richard E. Just

8:00 am – 5:30 pm Limited space available

(PC53) Reducing the Labor of Beginning Agricultural Labor Economics Research: An Introduction to the AAEA Labor Economics Section

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

(PC54) Small-Scale Urbanization as a Catalyst for Rural Transformation: Comparative Insights from the U.S., China, and the Global South

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Attendees Will Be Required to Bring Their Own Laptops

Limited space available

2025 AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting Ticketed Luncheons

Monday, July 28, 2025

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Additional details on speaker coming soon

- COSBAE, CWAE and Africa Sections Speaker Series and Luncheon
- Extension Section Speaker Series and Luncheon

The 2025 Extension Competition for Graduate Students

AAEA Denver, CO July 27–29

The AAEA Extension Competition for Graduate Students provides an opportunity to develop and/or get feedback on programs that communicate research and practical information to Extension (usually non-economist) audiences. Entries can be based upon graduate student research for a thesis, dissertation or other academic work. The competition is sponsored by the Extension and Graduate Student Sections.

Who's Eligible?

Graduate students currently engaged in topics related to agricultural economics, agribusiness, natural resources, and/or community economic development, as well as those who graduated from such programs in Spring 2025 or later.

Participants must identify and work with a mentor with experience in outreach or extension activities.

The Application:

Applications should be addressed to Craig Carpenter at cwcarp@msu.edu and must include:

1. Student's name, university, department, address and contact information.
2. Title of the extension program to be delivered.
3. A summary of the proposed extension program. This should include project outcomes, target audience, delivery plans, communication methods and activities planned for distributing the information to the public such as fact sheets, reports, web sites, spreadsheets, and presentations (4 page maximum). If the applicant was part of a team, the role of the applicant within the team must be made clear. If the proposed project is building upon the success of other extension programs, the summary should include a description of the previous program and the innovative approach of this proposed project.
4. An educational popular press article limited to 500 words and no more than two graphics (tables, charts, etc.). This should be an addendum to your submission packet. Examples include:
<https://farmdocdaily.illinois.edu/2023/01/us-price-inflation-focus-on-farm-prices.html> and
<https://southernagtoday.org>
5. A detailed evaluation plan. This should be an addendum to your submission packet. You may choose to develop your project using a logic model (which is not required). You can see more information on logic models below.*
6. A profile of the applicant's background and research (1 page maximum).
7. The mentor's name and description of the mentor's role in the project.

Finalists at AAEA

Finalists will be selected to make a 15-minute presentation at the AAEA meeting in Denver, CO on Sunday July 27, 2025, to a panel of judges, who will then ask 5 minutes of questions. The competition will begin at 8AM MDT. Selection of the finalists will be based on the material submitted and the criteria listed above. Finalists will be notified by June 6, 2025. The top three finalists are expected to make presentations during an AAEA Extension track organized symposium if present in Denver, CO. Date and time during conference to be determined.

Awards

Cash awards will be given to those judged to be the top three graduate students in this competition. Award funding is provided by the AAEA Extension Section through membership dues and via support provided by sponsors. Awards are:

- First Place: \$1,000 and a plaque
- Second Place: \$300 and a certificate
- Third Place: \$200 and a certificate
- Other finalists receive finalist certificates.

The top 3 competitors selected will be recognized at the AAEA Awards ceremony. All finalists will be provided tickets to the Extension Luncheon during the AAEA annual meetings.

Submission Deadline: Midnight EDT on Friday, **May 9, 2025**. Email entries to Craig Carpenter, Competition Committee Chair at cwarp@msu.edu. Finalists will be notified by June 6, 2025.

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 or (414) 918-3190.

Choices Magazine: Article Highlight

[Measuring Structural Change in U.S. Commercial Banks Involved in Agricultural Lending Using Loan Volumes](#)

Monika Ghimire and Noah Miller

The study examines trends in agricultural loan volume and the number of banks from 2003 to 2022 for different sizes of agricultural and nonagricultural banks. Results indicate a structural change in agricultural lending for both banks, characterized by an increase in loan volume and decline in the number of banks.

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@aea.org.

People Section

University of Minnesota

- Leaves: **Elizabeth Davis**, Applied Economics, 1/8/26–5/24/26; **Hikaru Peterson**, Applied Economics, 8/25/25–5/24/26; **Steve Polasky**, Applied Economics, 8/25/25–5/24/26

University of Missouri

- Position taken by recent graduate: **Jorge Martinez Palomares**, PhD 2024, postdoctoral research associate, Texas A&M University

Purdue University

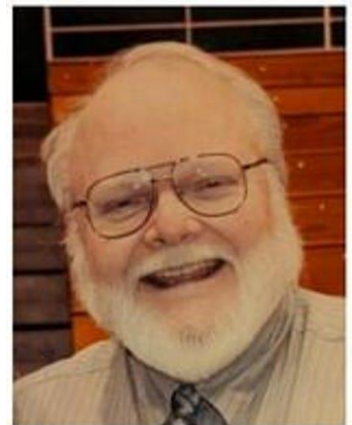
- New Appointment: **Channing Arndt**, Director for the Center for Global Trade Analysis (GTAP) and Research Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics
- Appointment Change: **Frank Dooley**, Professor of Agricultural Economics
- Awards: **Jay Akridge**, Purdue University – Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association, [Certificate of Distinction](#); **Mike Boehlje**, Purdue University – Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association, [Certificate of Distinction](#); **Gerald Shively**, AAEA, 2025 AAEA Fellow; **Jay Akridge**, Purdue University College of Agriculture, [Frederick L. Hovde Award of Excellence in Educational Service to Rural People of Indiana](#); **Renee Wiatt, Michael Langemeier, and Maria Marshall (Purdue Extension Succession Planning Team)**, Purdue Cooperative Extension Specialists Association, [Ann Hancock Award](#); **Maria Marshall**, Purdue Cooperative Extension Specialists Association, PUCESA Career Award; **Brenna Ellison, Ken Foster, Maria Marshall, Patrick Nycz, and Renee Wiatt (FEMI Team)**, Purdue Cooperative Extension Specialists Association, PUCESA Team Award
- Retirements: **Jim Mintert**, 38 Years of Extension Service and 15 Years of Service at Purdue

Obituary

Kim Cook 1951-2025

Kim Arthur Cook was born October 13, 1951 in South Bend, Indiana. He was the third child of Yvonne/Vonnie (nee McCreary) and Robert Cook, both of whom preceded him in death. Kim died peacefully on Friday, January 17, 2025, at the age of 73.

He is survived by his dear friend, “adopted sister,” Julie Gable, her husband Phil and daughter Ashley, of Rossville, IN, brother Stephen Cook of South Bend, IN, sister Roberta/Robin (Lawrence) Nash of Northfield, IL, nephews Jason Cook, Devin Cook, and Daniel Nash, nieces Sarah Nash and Kristin Browning, great-nephews Nicholas Cook, Eli Cook, Colton Browning, and Theodore Nash, great-nieces Zoe Cook, Samantha Cook, and Leah Browning, as well as longtime close friends Kirk and Sallie Janowiak, Jeff and Peggy Grinstead, Roger and Lana Callahan, Cyndy Clauss and Neal Houze, Rod and Verna Yoder and Alan and Joyce Welch, among many others.



Kim graduated from J. W. Riley High School, South Bend, Indiana, in 1969, and attended Purdue University, obtaining a bachelor's degree in Forestry in 1973. He completed advanced studies in Forest Genetics, before obtaining an MBA degree from Indiana Wesleyan University. Additionally, he independently studied computer science, and utilized those self-taught skills extensively in his various jobs.

Kim first worked at Purdue University part-time in the library as an undergraduate. Following graduation, he spent his entire professional career at Purdue until his retirement in 2018 from his position as Senior Public Policy Analyst in the Agricultural Economics Department. In 2017 he was recognized by the Agricultural Economics Department for outstanding administrative professional service.

Kim was a beloved presence on campus where he also taught several classes, and served as an academic counselor for scores of students over the years, many of whom fondly called him “Uncle Kim.”

After playing undergraduate intramural volleyball, he began serving the University years later as broadcaster for Purdue Women's Volleyball, calling the action at home, and traveling with the team to stream play by play broadcasts on Purdue Radio at all away games. In 1988 he was selected to travel to the Seoul, South Korea Summer Olympics to produce stats to be fed to NBC TV anchors for the US Women's Olympic Volleyball competition. He had previously done the same for ESPN when Purdue hosted the NCAA Volleyball Final Four Tournament the year before. In his long broadcasting career, he set a record among US Women's College Volleyball broadcasters for the number of games broadcast without missing a match.

Kim cultivated expertise in a wide range of interests, becoming an avid golfer, a talented wildlife and nature photographer (also photographing weddings for friends and family), an accomplished singer, bass guitar player and songwriter, forming Cloudburst and then Windborne Gospel Group with friends Kirk Janowiak and Jeff Grinstead. They performed throughout the Midwest for over ten years. He also was a skilled woodworker, specializing in marquetry, learned home-building, and was setting up equipment to do blacksmithing at home prior to the advance of his Parkinson's Disease, which rendered him unable to continue pursuing his passions. Known for his ready smile, sense of humor, stubborn independence, generosity, and love and support to friends and family, he received in equal measure love and support from friends and family, especially as his abilities continued to decline and he faced cancer in his final years. He will be greatly missed.

Other News

Members Invited to Participate in Federal Statistics Survey

The National Academies' Committee on National Statistics is seeking input from AAEA Members about their use of federal statistics on behalf of a project co-sponsored by the American Statistical Association and George Mason University.

The goal of the [Project on the Health of the Principal Federal Statistical Agencies](#) is to independently document the value of the federal statistics and proactively identify challenges and opportunities facing statistical agencies in reports and outreach efforts to Congress, OMB, and other stakeholders. Since federal statistics are intended to be used, input from data users is critical for achieving their goal. They are funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, Annie E. Casey Foundation, and California Community Foundation.

Providing input is totally voluntary and can take as little or as much time as the respondent wants to devote to it. The project needs to hear from users by February 28 about the strengths and weaknesses of federal statistics. To participate in this optional survey or to learn more, visit <https://www.amstat.org/fedstatsfeedback?v=AAEA>.

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International Workshop on “Survey Design & Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics”

We would like to bring the [International Workshop on “Survey Design & Experimental Methods in Applied and Agricultural Economics”](#) to your attention.

The workshop will cover theoretical and practical knowledge regarding surveys and experimental methods. In addition, delegates will be familiarized with state-of-the-art software, and will design their own practice experiment through hands-on training.

Instructors include Vincenzina Caputo (Michigan State University), Carola Grebitus (Arizona State University), David Just (Cornell University), Jayson L. Lusk (Purdue University), Rudy Nayga (Texas A&M), and Matthew Rousu (Susquehanna University).

The workshop will take place from May 26 to May 30, 2025 at Michigan State University. It is open to academics (students, professors, individuals employed by colleges and universities, and other institutions of higher education) and non-academics (consultants and other practitioners from the private sector or national and international organizations). Seats are limited, and registration is based on a first come, first served basis.

We would appreciate if you could share this information with your colleagues, students, and/or other people who may be interested in this initiative.

- For more information about registration click [here](#).
- For more information about scholarships click [here](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need additional information (vcaputo@msu.edu & carola.grebitus@asu.edu)!

Best Regards,

Vincenzina Caputo, Carola Grebitus, David Just, Jayson Lusk, Rudy Nayga and Matthew Rousu

KSU 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/>

Review of applicants starts **Feb. 17, 2025**, and continues until all 12 spots are filled.

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

All materials should be sent directly to: contact@ffsc.org

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

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California State University, Monterey Bay
(Posted: 02/12/2025)
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Arizona State University (Posted: 02/10/2025)

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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.