President’s Column
Robert J. Johnston

The past year has been another successful one for NAREA, due largely to the dedication of our Board of Directors, meeting organizers and hosts, and members. In the midst of challenges facing agricultural and resource economics associations broadly, NAREA remains in very good financial condition. Thanks to our Secretary-Treasurer, Doug Morris, for his long-standing oversight of our finances. The Association has also engaged in numerous initiatives to enhance our value to the membership and further strengthen the organization. Many of these are discussed below.

The 2010 annual meeting was held on the boardwalk in Atlantic City, NJ. Sanjib Bhuyan of Rutgers University, the local organizer, was tireless in his attention to detail. We owe him our thanks for a successful event. The program included invited presentations by Dana Bauer of Boston University and Carolyn Dimitri of USDA/ERS (currently on leave at New...
York University), as well as a talk by the 2010 recipient of the Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics, Thomas Tietenberg, Professor Emeritus at Colby College. The papers will soon be coming out in *ARER*. In addition, the program included 56 selected papers chosen from a total of 88 abstracts submitted (64% acceptance rate)—one of the most competitive selection processes we have had in recent memory.

The selection committee for the 2010 meeting included Jackie Geoghegan, Jill Caviglia-Harris, Dana Bauer, Lynne Lewis, and Stacy Sneeringer. As in recent years, web submission was coordinated by Jill Caviglia-Harris. Thanks to the committee for developing an excellent program. Special thanks to Jill, who along with me, dealt with numerous late night emails on the eve of the submission deadline. Jill has continued to moderate and enhance web submission each year; her dedication to the Association is nothing short of remarkable. Thanks also to the many members who moderated sessions.

The 2010 Workshop, “The Economics of Local Food Markets,” brought in many individuals who had never before attended a NAREA meeting. The keynote speaker was Michael Shuman, an economist, attorney, author, and entrepreneur who has authored, coauthored, or edited seven books, including *The Small Mart Revolution: How Local Businesses Are Beating the Global Competition* and *Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities in the Global Age*. Workshop papers are currently working their way through the review process, and will soon be appearing in *ARER*. Thanks to Lori Lynch, Cheryl Brown, and Luanne Lohr for organizing, and to the USDA Economic Research Service, the Farm Foundation, and Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development for helping to sponsor the event.

An exciting and successful new activity at the 2010 meetings was “Engaging Young Scholars,” organized by Jill Caviglia-Harris and Jeff Hyde, with presentations by many on the NAREA Board of Directors. The event was designed for new faculty and graduate students. It provided the opportunity to learn about NAREA, discuss various aspects of scholarly productivity, and get to know senior members of the Association. Particularly appreciated was the experiment coordinated by Kent Messer, which allowed participants to familiarize themselves with numerous glasses of red wine. Feedback from participants—of course elicited after the wine tasting—indicated that the event was a huge success. Drawing from the success of the 2010 event, a new Young Scholars program is being planned for the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting (see details below).

July 24 to 26—save the date! Jill Caviglia-Harris has been working closely with representatives of AAEA to plan the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. We anticipate a very successful event. Within the joint meeting structure, NAREA will maintain its traditional number of selected papers sessions, the Awards Luncheon, and nearly all other aspects of our stand-alone meetings. In addition, attendees will have access to all the content and events of the AAEA meetings. More details on the joint annual meeting are below, as well as the call for abstracts, which is included at the end of the newsletter.

The 2011 Workshop on Economics and Child Nutrition Programs is being
coordinated by David Just of Cornell University, with support from the Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics and Child Nutrition Programs, and the cooperation of the Food Safety and Nutrition Section of the AAEA. It will take place on July 23, just prior to the AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meetings. This timely event will feature participation by numerous prominent experts in this important area of public policy. David’s work in this area was recently featured in the Op-Ed Section of the New York Times (October 21, Lunch Line Redesign). The call for the workshop is included at the end of the newsletter.

Planning is also underway for our 2012 meetings in Massachusetts. Two past-presidents of the organization, Jackie Geoghegan and Dan Lass, are coordinating to select a location and venue. Planning for the 2012 Workshop on Economics and Ecosystem Services is also underway. I am working with Dana Bauer and Carolyn Dimitri on the Workshop committee. The tentative dates for the workshop and meeting are June 10-12 (subject to change as plans develop). And, looking further ahead, Harry Kaiser has already begun planning the details of our 2013 meeting in Ithaca, NY. Stay tuned for additional details on future meetings and workshops as they become available.

In other news, David Just and Garrick Blalock have now formally taken over editorship of ARER from the former editors Josh Duke and Titus Awokuse. Building on the excellent work of Josh and Titus, our new editors are poised to make further improvements to our journal. Recent issues of the Journal have included the February 2010 special issue with refereed papers from the 2009 W-2133 Multistate Project meetings (Benefits and Costs of Natural Resource Policies Affecting Public and Private Lands), emphasizing the economics of ecosystems. The April 2010 issue includes papers from the NAREA Experimental Economics workshop. A summarized version of the ARER Editors’ Report is found below.

The NAREA Board of Directors had a productive meeting on October 22, 2010 in Boston, MA. Thanks to Dana Bauer for arranging excellent facilities for the meeting. Abridged versions of the reports presented at the meeting are included in this newsletter. Primary topics discussed at the meeting included details of the upcoming 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting, initiatives to further enhance the broad recognition of ARER, and plans to ensure the sustainability of future NAREA workshops. The Board also discussed the current legal structure of NAREA, particularly with regard to implications for potential officer and editor liability. I will be exploring these issues over the coming months and making recommendations to the Board.

Also discussed at the Board of Director’s meeting was NAREA’s need for a new webmaster. After years of dedicated service in this role, Jill Caviglia-Harris is stepping down to take on her new duties as President-Elect. The call for a webmaster is found below.

In closing, I follow my predecessors in thanking the NAREA Board of Directors for their continued work, as well as all the committee members for their contributions to the our continuing success. I would like to give a special thanks to Jackie Geoghegan, who has been invaluable in helping me navigate the various duties of the NAREA Presidency. Without her help, I’m
sure that many things would have fallen through the cracks. As we move forward, I encourage you—the membership—to promote active participation in NAREA by newer faculty and graduate students. Only with the continual infusion of new energy and enthusiasm will NAREA remain the vibrant organization it has been for the last four decades.

**2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting**

Jill Caviglia-Harris & Robert Johnston

The Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) will hold its 2011 annual meeting in Pittsburgh, PA July 24-26 in conjunction with AAEA. NAREA will sponsor selected paper sessions, symposiums, and workshop papers. The pre-conference workshop on Economics and Child Nutrition Programs will be held on July 23. Information on these papers and sessions is available on the NAREA website: [http://www.narea.org](http://www.narea.org). Additional information on the AAEA Sessions and general conference information can be found at the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Annual Meeting website, [http://www.aaea.org/2011am/](http://www.aaea.org/2011am/). The Call for Papers and Symposia is included at the end of this newsletter and also is on the web site, along with submission instructions. All paper and symposium proposals will be submitted through the online abstract submission system for the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting. The submission deadline is February 1, 2011.

Pittsburgh is easily accessible by air and rail, including nonstop flights from Boston and other northeast cities. The meeting will at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, located in the hub of Pittsburgh’s cultural, business and entertainment district. NAREA will hold up to 18 total concurrent sessions – similar to the number at our normal meeting. Registration will approximate the cost of prior AAEA annual meetings. However, for many of us, combining the meeting will be more cost-effective than attending separate NAREA and AAEA meetings. A discounted student rate will also be available. Keep an eye on the meeting website for additional information on the conference venue, registration, and other details.

Questions related to the conference or paper submission can be directed to President-Elect Jill Caviglia-Harris at jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu.

**2011 NAREA Workshop, “Economics and Child Nutrition Programs”**

David Just

As part of the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA, NAREA will sponsor a pre-conference workshop on Economics and Child Nutrition Programs. The workshop will be held from 8:30a.m. to 5:30p.m. on July 23. The workshop is supported by the Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics and Child Nutrition Programs, with the cooperation of the Food Safety and Nutrition Section of the AAEA. The goal of the workshop is to showcase the emerging issues and creative policy solutions in nutrition and food programs such as the National School Lunch Program, Women Infants and Children, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and how these programs relate to child nutrition. The workshop will include presentation of both invited and selected papers, including presentations by numerous
prominent experts in the economics of child nutrition.

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 normal peer-review process. An honorarium will be provided for selected papers upon submission to ARER. All abstracts and session proposals will be submitted through the online abstract submission system for the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting. The submission deadline is February 1, 2011. For additional details and submission instructions, see the link for the AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting at [http://www.narea.org](http://www.narea.org). Questions can be directed to workshop organizer David Just, [drj3@cornell.edu](mailto:drj3@cornell.edu).

**Early Career Mentoring Workshop and Program at the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting**

Jill Caviglia-Harris

Based on the success of our inaugural Young Scholars event last year, NAREA is planning a Mentoring Workshop and Program for Early Career Scholars at the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting. This workshop and continuing program sponsored by NAREA is intended to provide early career scholars with the opportunity to develop skills that are crucial to succeeding in professional positions in agricultural and environmental and natural resource economics. The 2011 program will include three integrated components: 1) a workshop to be administered at the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Meeting, 2) a coordinated mentor and mentee matching for accepted participants, and 3) additional support by the editors (currently David R. Just and Garrick Blalock) of the association’s journal, *The Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*. Individuals may participate in any or all of these elements, although formal application is required for the mentor – mentee matching program (see below).

The 2011 welcome workshop will provide opportunities for early career scholars to present work, receive detailed feedback from experts, and create opportunities for networking. In addition, the program will offer an integrated set of mentoring elements overseen by senior faculty and other professionals through presentations on how to publish in peer reviewed journals, how to submit successful grant papers, and presentation skills. The welcome workshop scheduled for Sunday July 24, 2011 will include a meet and greet and detail on the program and intended outcomes. Presentations on career skills take place during the meeting concurrent sessions. This welcome workshop and the related presentations will be open to all conference attendees. Workshop attendees must pre-register for the welcome workshop (option is provided on the conference registration). There is no fee for the event. Workshop attendees need not participate in the subsequent mentor and mentee matching.

Early career scholars and mentors that intend to participate in the formal mentor and mentee matching will be selected from a group of applicants. Submissions should include a short biography and one paragraph explaining interest and potential contributions to the program.
This portion of the program—and associated development of longer-term mentoring relationships—is designed to provide tightly coupled research assistance and broader career support currently unavailable to most early career scholars in environmental and resource economics. Submissions for program mentors and mentees are due to Jill Caviglia-Harris and Jeffrey Hyde by March 31, 2011. See the NAREA website and call for Early Career Mentoring Participants (attached at the end of this newsletter) for additional information.

The editors of ARER (currently David R. Just and Garrick Blalock) have agreed to provide constructive feedback to participants that have submitted papers to The Agricultural and Resource Economics Review. The purpose of ARER is to foster and disseminate professional thought and literature relating to the economics of agriculture, natural resources, and community development.

The expected outputs of the workshop for participants in the mentoring program are four-fold and include the development of 1) continued mentor–mentee relationships, 2) skills that will assist participants in navigating within the profession, 3) contacts within the field, and 4) practical guidance for improving the quality and impact of research.

For additional information or to register for the event please contact Jill Caviglia-Harris, jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu.

2012 Annual Meeting in Massachusetts
Jackie Geoghegan

The Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) will hold its 2012 Annual Meeting in Massachusetts. It will be jointly hosted by Clark University and University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Contacts for the meeting are Jackie Geoghegan (jgeoghegan@clarku.edu) and Dan Lass (dan.lass@resecon.umass.edu). Stay tuned for details!

2012 Workshop on Economics and Ecosystem Services
Robert Johnston

The topic for the 2012 NAREA Workshop, to be held in coordination with the Annual Meeting, is Economics and Ecosystem Services. The organizing committee includes Robert Johnston, Dana Bauer and Carolyn Dimitri. Workshop planning has just commenced, and details will be forthcoming in future NAREA Newsletters. Questions should be directed to Robert Johnston, rjohnston@clarku.edu.

Call for a NAREA Webmaster
Jill Caviglia-Harris

NAREA is currently seeking an individual to serve as the new NAREA webmaster. This volunteer position will commence immediately with training from the current webmaster. The position will be turned over to the new webmaster no later than June 2011.

The webmaster’s position includes maintaining and updating the NAREA
website and conference webpage and requires knowledge of html and/or a web interface program such as FrontPage. The website can be accessed by the webmaster via the internet using a secure login process. Updates are generally made every 1-2 months as documents and uploads are requested from board members such as changes and additions to bylaws, board membership, and newsletters. The website is currently designed and programmed by Todd Smith, the Salisbury University webmaster. Todd will continue with the programming if NAREA requests. If so, the webmaster will edit and update the conference website and work with Todd on the look and design – but will not be required to do any of the more complicated programming.

Those interested in the position are to submit a one paragraph letter of interest noting experience and skill to Jill Caviglia-Harris, jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu.

Time to Join NAREA or Renew Your Membership!

2011 Membership fees are due on January 1, 2011. There are two options to pay dues: an annual fee of $25 regular and $5 student; or a three year membership at $65 regular and $10 student. Forms are available at http://www.narea.org/Membership.html. These options are also available through the AAEA website for individuals who wish to pay for multiple memberships at once: www.aaea.org. Questions should be directed to the NAREA Secretary-Treasurer Doug Morris, dr.doug@unh.edu.

Send membership forms to:
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Please note any changes in postal or email addresses.

Secretary/Treasurer’s Report
Doug Morris

Our current membership includes 190 regular members and 37 student members. This membership doesn't include members who joined at the June meetings, as the accounting and full report is still in progress. We also have 27 honorary life members. There are 64 libraries that have subscribed to our journal.

As of October 4, 2010, the Association has total assets of $102,611.06. The NAREA money is currently invested in secure, easily accessible savings accounts plus minimal amounts in the operating checking account.

Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) Editor’s Report
David Just & Garrick Blalock

With the publication of the October 2010 issue of the ARER, Josh Duke and Titus Awokuse have completed their terms as editors. We would like to express thanks for their tremendous efforts in expanding the journal and increasing the circulation and readership. Theirs was clearly a successful term.

The ARER has enjoyed a steady increase in number and quality of submissions over the
past several years. 2011 will mark the third year in which the journal publishes three issues, an increase from two issues in the past. Despite the addition of an extra issue, acceptance rates have remained lower than the few years prior to the addition. This experiment has demonstrated that we have sufficient high quality submissions to warrant a scheduled third issue. Thus, we are now attempting to transition to a regular publication schedule of April, August, and December. This schedule will clarify expectations for authors, reviewers and readers and will also enable wider indexing and exposure of the journal.

In 2011 the ARER will be published in April, August and December. The first issue will feature several papers from the recent Atlantic City NAREA workshop on locally grown and organic foods as well as several other contributed papers. The August issue will feature a few papers examining rural broadband access, as well as several on more general topics. Finally, the December issue will be devoted to land use issues. To date 65 new articles have been submitted to the journal in 2010, as compared to 78, 55 and 59 in the prior three years. Of these, we have accepted 16 papers to date as compared to 37, 23 and 11 in the prior three years.

We continue to enjoy the opportunity to serve NAREA and thank the authors and reviewers for their substantial contribution.

**Presidents’ Fund**

Robert Johnston & Doug Morris

The Presidents’ Fund has been established to support graduate student and early-career professional members’ involvement in the Association. All members can contribute to this fund. Past Presidents of the Association are especially encouraged to support this fund. The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for managing the proceeds of the Past-Presidents’ Fund, as well as soliciting contributions to the Fund. A committee composed of the President, Past-President, and President-Elect will be responsible for awarding grants from this fund to graduate students and early-career professionals.

The Association currently has $8,251.95 in this fund. Please consider adding your financial support to this endeavor through a tax-deductible contribution. To contribute contact the NAREA Secretary-Treasurer Doug Morris, dr.doug@unh.edu, or send contributions (made out to NAREA) to:

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Please specify that the contributions are to be directed to the Presidents’ Fund.

**Nominations for NAREA Master’s Thesis Awards**

The NAREA Outstanding MS Thesis Award includes a $250 cash prize, a certificate, and publication of an abstract (250 word maximum) in the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* at no charge to the award winner.

The NAREA Master’s Thesis Award of Merit includes a $50 cash prize, a certificate, and publication of an abstract (250 word maximum) in the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* at no charge to the award winner.
winner. Up to three awards of merit may be granted.

Theses nominations for considerations by the Awards Committee will be evaluated according to the problem formulation, conceptual approach, quality of research, and quality of communication. Additional information may be found on the Association’s website, www.narea.org. Nominations must be received by March 4, 2011.

Eligible theses include all those that meet the following criteria:

1. The thesis must have been accepted by any institution of higher learning in the Northeast including those in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, and Washington, D.C., during the period January 1, 2010, to December 31, 2010.

2. The thesis topic must address an issue within the purview of NAREA. A maximum of two theses per department will be considered by the committee. Only those theses nominated by the department chair or graduate program director will be considered by the committee. In addition, any member of NAREA may petition the Committee to consider a thesis accepted by another institution in the Northeast, including those in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, and Washington, D.C. Before the thesis is considered, the Committee will evaluate the petition.

To submit a thesis for consideration, please send pdf copies of the following via email:

1. A nominating letter;
2. The full thesis;
3. The thesis abstract (250 word maximum).

Submit thesis award nominations to:

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Nominations for Distinguished and Honorary Member Awards

NAREA calls for nominations for Distinguished Member and Honorary Life Member Awards.

All members of NAREA are eligible for nomination to receive the Distinguished Member Award, in recognition for “continuous and outstanding contributions to the Association, the region and the profession” and typically “to recognize members for significant recent professional achievements in the context of an overall meritorious record.” Recipients may be in teaching, research, extension, administration, government or business. According to the by-laws: http://www.narea.org/bylaws.html, an individual may receive the award more than once. To be eligible, each candidate must be nominated by a member in good standing and that nomination must be co-signed by two additional members in good standing. The nomination letter should specify why the nominee meets the criteria for the award.

The Honorary Life Member Award is given to individuals who are recent active members and who have retired from their
main professional position. It recognizes members in good standing of the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association who have actively participated in the affairs of the Association and its predecessor organizations as appropriate, and who, while maintaining an active interest in their profession, have recently retired from their formal professional position that comprised the major reason for their initial involvement with the Association. To be eligible, each candidate must be nominated by a member in good standing. The nomination letter should specify why the member is deserving of the award.

Additional information on both awards may be found on the Association’s website, www.narea.org. The deadline for nominations is March 4, 2011. Please email nominations to: Donna Ramirez-Harrington at donna.ramirez-harrington@uvm.edu.

Call for Nominations: NAREA Award for Outstanding Public Service Through Economics

NAREA calls for nominations for the 2011 Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics. This award honors and recognizes economists who have applied agricultural, environmental, consumer, resource, or community development economics in a unique way that has contributed toward solving important problems and improving the welfare of society. The recipient(s) need not be a member of the Association. The nomination letter should focus on why the nominee meets the criteria for the award. Nominees will be evaluated on the quality of their work and their demonstrated contribution to improving societal welfare as indicated by the nomination letter. Additional information on nominations and past award recipients can be found on NAREA’s website, www.narea.org.

The recipient(s) will be invited to present an address at the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA that will be published in the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER). The recipient will receive an honorarium of $1,000 to cover travel costs. Nominations must be received by December 15, 2010. Letters of nomination and biographical sketches should be emailed to Robert Johnston at rjohnston@clarku.edu.

NAREA Graduate Student Conference Scholarships

NAREA Graduate Student Conference Scholarships encourage graduate students to attend the annual NAREA meetings. Each scholarship is for $150, and is intended to help defray the cost of conference attendance. This year, the annual meetings are joint with the American Applied Economics Association (AAEA), and will be held in Pittsburgh, PA from July 24–26. Priority for Scholarships will be given to NAREA members and students who are presenting papers or participating in symposia, although others who may benefit from attendance are also encouraged to apply.

All scholarship recipients will be recognized at the NAREA Awards Luncheon.

Applicants for the 2011 Scholarships should complete the application form found at http://www.narea.org/awards.html. Incomplete or late applications will not be
considered. The application deadline is May 4, 2011.

Applications should be sent via email to: President-Elect Jill Caviglia-Harris at jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu.

2010-2011 Committee Membership

The NAREA Bylaws provide for several standing committees and the formation of ad hoc committees according to the needs of the Association in any year. Membership for each committee is present for 2010-2011. The tasks of each committee are described in the bylaws: http://www.narea.org/bylaws.html.

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2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting
July 24-26, 2011
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NAREA Selected Paper Proposals
Due Date: February 1, 2011

NAREA is seeking proposals for the Selected Papers sessions to be held at the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. All submissions will be made using the Joint Annual Meeting submission website. Selected Paper sessions are an opportunity for individual NAREA members to share their current research. A complete submission will include an extended abstract of no more than 500 words, plus a 50-word abstract for publication in the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review. The Selected Papers Committee will review abstracts in terms of significance to the field, strength of methodology/design, and clarity of Writing.

Please note that if accepted, all presenters/speakers must be NAREA members and registered for the Joint Annual Meeting by May 3, 2011. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstract by March 31, 2011.

NAREA Symposium Proposals
Due Date: February 1, 2011

NAREA seeks submissions for the Symposium Proposals submission role for the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA. All submissions will be made using the Joint Annual Meeting submission website. Symposium sessions allow members to organize a group of three or four papers on a specific area that is of interest to the membership.

A complete submission will consist of a session proposal and description, submitted by the Session Organizer. The Session Description should describe the strengths of the combined papers along with the addition the symposium would make to the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting. At the time of submission, all authors, paper titles, and e-mail addresses will need to be provided. An automated invitation e-mail will then be sent to the listed authors, providing instructions on how they can submit the individual papers that are included in the symposium.
Paper abstracts are to be submitted individually by each author. Individual paper submissions do not need to include any introductory material describing the symposium or a description of how the paper fits into the symposium. Symposium submissions will be reviewed jointly by reviewers as a complete package. As such, rejection and acceptance decisions will be made for the entire proposal rather than for any individual papers; however the Program Chair reserves the right to reject individual abstracts if deemed necessary. The order in which the individual abstracts and symposium proposal are received is not important for review. Individual papers may be submitted at any time before the submission deadline.

Please note that if accepted, all presenters/speakers must be NAREA members and registered for the Joint Annual Meeting by May 3, 2011. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstract by March 31, 2011.

Submission questions can be directed to the paper selection chair, President-Elect Jill Caviglia-Harris (jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu).
Economics and Child Nutrition Programs
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NAREA Workshop Paper Proposals
Due Date: February 1, 2011

With recent economic events, larger and larger numbers of children receive support via food assistance programs. Moreover, the current administration has shown a willingness to use behavioral tools to reach nutritional goals within these programs, encouraging healthier eating. The goal of the workshop is to showcase the emerging issues and creative policy solutions in nutrition and food programs such as the National School Lunch Program, Women Infants and Children, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and how these programs relate to child nutrition. The workshop will include presentation of both invited and selected papers.

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 normal peer-review process. An honorarium of $500 will be provided for selected papers upon submission to ARER. Authors wishing to have a paper considered for the NAREA workshop should submit an extended abstract.

The submission of proposals for the workshop require author information (i.e. full name, institution/organization, and contact number), a short abstract of no more than 50 words, and an extended abstract of no more than 5 pages. The Workshop Paper Review Committee will review abstracts in terms of Significance to the Field, Strength of Methodology/Design, and Clarity of Writing.

All abstracts and session proposals will be submitted through the online abstract submission system for the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting.

Authors will be notified of the status of their abstract by March 31, 2011. Full papers must be received from notified authors by June 1, 2011 to be included in the Workshop’s program. ARER must receive papers by July 30, 2010 to be considered for expedited review and to receive the honorarium. Manuscripts accepted for publication can request a waiver of the journal’s normal page charges subject to need. Major support for the workshop comes from the USDA Economic Research Service.

For more information contact the NAREA Workshop chair, David R. Just, Cornell University, (607) 255-2085, david.just@cornell.edu
Early Career Mentoring Workshop and Program at the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Annual Meeting—Call for Participants

This workshop and continuing program sponsored by NAREA is intended to provide early career scholars with the opportunity to develop skills that are crucial to succeeding in professional positions in agricultural and environmental and natural resource economics. The 2011 program will include three integrated components: 1) a workshop to be administered at the 2011 AAEA & NAREA Joint Meeting, 2) a coordinated mentor and mentee matching for accepted participants, and 3) additional support by the editors (currently David R. Just and Garrick Blalock) of the association’s journal, *The Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*.

The 2011 welcome workshop will provide opportunities for early career scholars to present work, receive detailed feedback from experts, and create opportunities for networking. In addition, the program will offer an integrated set of mentoring elements overseen by senior faculty and other professionals through presentations on how to publish in peer reviewed journals, how to submit successful grant papers, and presentation skills. The welcome workshop scheduled for Sunday July 24, 2011 will include a meet and greet and detail on the program and intended outcomes. Presentations on career skills take place during the meeting concurrent sessions. This welcome workshop and the related presentations will be open to all conference attendees. Workshop attendees must pre-register for the welcome workshop (option is provided on the conference registration). There is no fee for the event.

Early career scholars and mentors that intend to participate in the formal mentor and mentee matching will be selected from a group of applicants. Submissions should include a short biography and one paragraph explaining interest and potential contributions to the program. This portion of the program—and associated development of longer-term mentoring relationships—is designed to provide tightly coupled research assistance and broader career support currently unavailable to most early career scholars in agricultural and environmental and resource economics.

*Mentoring Plan*

There are several approaches available for mentoring ranging from informal associations to formal programs that designate a mentor–mentee relationship. Based on measured success the with “light-direction” mentoring (a mix of the two extremes) this workshop and program will combine (1) a workshop at the AAEA & NAREA Joint Meeting including presentations on publishing, grant writing and presentation skills and (2) a one-to-one mentor–mentee pairing for subsequent mentorship interactions. Matching will be made based on mentor and mentee preferences and interests. After the initial Workshop and pairing, mentees will maintain contact with the mentors and submit regular progress reports. Mentors will also be required to submit annual online progress reports. We recommend that this mentorship include collaboration on papers.

*Selection of Participants*

Three categories of participants will be included in this program: 1) mentors 2) early career mentees and 3) non-presenting participants. Ten mentors and ten mentees will be including in
the full program including the workshop and year-long follow up with the mentor. Up to 20 additional participants that are not included in the formal program will be included in the workshop and program. Potential mentors and mentees should identify how they would benefit from and contribute to the program, provide other information that will be used in the program evaluation, and include a brief summary of their research interests. Final decisions will be made by a selection committee including several NAREA board members, among others.

**Call for Mentors**
Interested senior faculty and other professionals are to submit a short biography (including name and contact information), one paragraph explaining interest and potential contributions to the program, and three keywords describing main research interest areas. We expect that mentors will also benefit from this program as they expand upon networks, gain further exposure within the field, and interact with their mentees. Submissions for program mentors and mentees are due to Jill Caviglia-Harris, jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu, and Jeffrey Hyde, jeffhyde@psu.edu, by March 31, 2011.

**Call for Early Career Scholars**
Interested early career scholars are to submit a short biography (including name and contact information), one paragraph explaining interest and potential contributions to the program, and three keywords describing main research interest areas. Note that as part of this program we highly recommend joint collaboration on papers. Projects that are ideal for such as collaboration are likely in the initial phases of preparation or are projects that are not likely to advance substantially without additional input. Submissions for program mentors and mentees are due to Jill Caviglia-Harris, jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu, and Jeffrey Hyde, jeffhyde@psu.edu, by March 31, 2011.