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2018 has been a time of both transition and growth in NAREA and we continue to have many important items on the horizon. Our summer meetings in Philadelphia were both engaging and well attended. We are very thankful to Ted Jaenicke and Stephan Goetz for organizing the meetings and the pre-conference workshop on “Advances in the Economic Analysis of Food System Drivers and Effects.” A special thanks also to Caroline Noblet who ably coordinated the refereeing and selection of selected papers for the meetings.

One of the highlights of the meetings was the Special Plenary Session on Diversity and Inclusion. This featured a full and open discussion of the many issues of inclusion which have come to plague the field of economics generally. From this discussion, a special committee has worked to develop proposed language for a “Statement of NAREA’s Commitment to Inclusion” as well as “NAREA Events Code of Conduct.” Both of these documents have been developed to make clear the commitment of NAREA to providing a professional atmosphere that supports all scholars in the associated fields of economics. Sarah Jacobson and all of the members of this committee have worked very hard to create these proposals and we hope that you will take the chance to read these and provide any feedback you have (please contact Sarah at saj2@williams.edu). We will vote on a version of these at the summer meetings in 2019. The proposed language for the statement of inclusion can be found here, and the proposed code of conduct can be found here.

In the meantime, plans continue for our upcoming meetings in Portsmouth, NH. Information about the meetings can now be found on our website here: http://www.narea.org/2019. The meetings will take place from June 9th through 11th, 2019, and will include a post conference workshop entitled “Environmental Regulation and Innovation in Local Communities.” Thanks to Gal Hochman, Kelly Cullen and Donna Ramirez-Harrington for all of their preparations for these meetings. They have an exciting event planned from start to finish. Finally, I want to thank all of the members of NAREA that have made this organization such a joy to be connected with. It is wonderful to have so many
talented and generous individuals who contribute their time and talents to our thriving organization. Please reach out to me with any thoughts or concerns you might have (drj3@cornell.edu).

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**Important Dates**

Any time... Renew your NAREA membership!
February 11, 2019  Deadline for Conference Paper Submissions
February 18, 2019  Deadline for Workshop Abstract Submissions
March 1, 2019  Nomination Package Deadline for the M.S. Thesis Award
March 1, 2019  Nomination Letter Deadline for the Distinguished and Honorary Lifetime Member Awards
March 1, 2019  Registration Opens
April 1, 2019  Acceptances of Workshop Papers Announced
April 1, 2019  Acceptances of Conference Papers Announced
April 15, 2019  Deadline for Student Conference Scholarship applications
May 1, 2019  Early Registration Ends. All presenters must be registered for the Annual Meeting and/or Pre-conference Workshop and be a member of NAREA by this date.
May 2, 2019  Late Registration Begins
May 9, 2019  Deadline for NAREA block rates at Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel
May 16, 2019 Initial Paper Deadline for the NAREA 2018 Workshop
June 9-11, 2019  Annual Meeting
June 11-12, 2019  Post-Conference Workshop
July 31, 2019 Final Paper Deadline for Submission of NAREA 2018 Workshop Papers to *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*
Call for Volunteers at All Levels!

NAREA is an organization of volunteers. We need new volunteers every year to staff up important committees and roles. Please consider stepping up! The organization is full of great people, and this is your chance to get to know everyone better, be engaged in governance in your profession, and give back to your colleagues.
In summer 2019, we'll seek to elect a new President-Elect and two new members of the Executive Board. We'll also seek to appoint a new Graduate Student Representative to the Executive Board. Contact Sarah Jacobson (saj2@williams.edu) if you're interested.
In summer 2019, we will also look to appoint new members of the awards committees, the paper selection committee, and other committees. Contact David Just (drj3@cornell.edu) if you're interested.

Call for Editor for ARER, 2019 – 2022

NAREA is currently seeking applications for the next editor (of our 3-editor team) for Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) to begin January 1, 2020. We seek well-organized applicants with an established research record and concern for the success of the journal. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest, supporting letter from a department chair (or similar) and current CV to Jill Caviglia-Harris (jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu) by October 1, 2019.
The 2018 Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics was awarded to Jim Shortle, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education at Penn State University, and to Marc Ribaudo, who spent his 35-year career at the Economic Research Service, USDA. Here are excerpts from their nomination letters:

**Marc Ribaudo**

Marc is a nationally-recognized expert on the impacts of agriculture on water quality, with a rich and broad publication record that includes over 60 USDA publications, more than 55 peer-reviewed journal articles, 35 book chapters and other publications, and over a hundred presentations and posters.

Marc has a body of well-cited research outputs investigating costs and abatement strategies for agricultural nonpoint source pollution, which includes a highly cited work comparing source reduction and interception strategies. Several oft-cited articles -- which appear in journals ranging from the *Journal of the American Water Resources Association* to *Ecological Economics* -- consider various policy options, such as allocation strategies for conservation practice funding, non-point source trading, environmental credit trading, and cropland retirement.

Marc has been part of a number of broader research synthesis efforts. His most cited work provides a theoretical overview of the economics of water quality protection. Other well-cited work includes an ERS report and an *Ecological Economics* article on the use of markets for ecosystem services; a review of how the Conservation Reserve Program’s EBI came to be; and a land retirement tool for reducing agricultural nonpoint source pollution; and book chapters on the impacts of agriculture on water quality and on non-point source pollution control in the USA. Marc has also made direct contributions to natural resource policy assessment with his participation in national and regional teams, including teams sponsored by the White House, the National Academy of Sciences, and USDA. During his 35-year career in public service, Marc’s research on agriculture and
water quality has had far-reaching impacts on the design of U.S. conservation and environmental policy to reduce off-farm pollution. In 2004, Marc was awarded EPA’s Bronze Metal for Commendable Service for creating a regulation that balances environmental and business concerns. Similarly, Marc has received top honor awards from USDA, such as one for his body of work on the economics of animal waste management and one for his economic assessment of policy options to reduce agricultural pollutants in the Chesapeake Bay. The AAEA has also recognized the impact of Marc’s public service with their Distinguished Policy Contribution award.

**Jim Shortle**

After decades of research, Jim is widely recognized as one of a leading authority on the economics of trading programs aimed at water quality. For example, his advice and expertise is regularly sought by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), especially its National Center for Environmental Economic (NCEE). For example, Jim was a key discussant when NCEE was preparing to conduct a benefit-cost analysis of the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load program. The EPA has also called on Jim’s expertise and advice through its Science Advisory Board (SAB), where he has served on two panels (the Second Generation Model and Hydrologic Fracturing) and a standing committee (the Environmental Economics Advisory Board). SAB members are not just outstanding scholars; they must also be able to put their advice in a policy context. Jim has this rare ability among academics to provide practical policy advice backed up by scholarly research.

His public service extends beyond EPA and also beyond the topic of water quality, though his expertise in this area is often sought. Jim served on the NRC Committee on Water Quality in Southwest PA (2002-05). His term on the NRC was followed by service on the Pennsylvania Dept. of Env. Protection Subcommittee for Water Quality Trading (2006), tasked with initiating a point-nonpoint trading program in the Susquehanna River Basin. He has continued to work with Pennsylvania and other states on meeting Chesapeake Bay water quality goals. Jim has also advised the American Farmland Trust on Best Management Practices (2008-11). Apart from water quality, Jim spent ten years advising the Governor’s Climate Task Force and farm, environmental, and industry groups on climate change and adaptation. He also led three climate impact assessments for the State. Finally, he has also served on the Department of Energy’s National
Technical Advisory Committee’s National Initiative on Global Environmental Change (1998-01), and the National Research Council (NRC) panel Science for EPA’s Future (2011-12).

Winners of NAREA 2018 Awards

ARER Best Article Award

ARER Young Scholar Award
Lingqiao Qi, University of Connecticut

ARER Advisor Award
Benjamin Campbell, University of Georgia

ARER Fellows
Jacqueline Geoghegan (Clark University)
Eddy LaDue (Cornell University)
L. Lanier Nalley (University of Arkansas)
Timothy Park (USDA, Economic Research Service)
Michael Popp (University of Arkansas)
Roderick Rejesus (North Carolina State University)
Marc Ribaudo (USDA Economic Research Service)
Thomas Weaver (University of Rhode Island, deceased)

NAREA Outstanding MS Thesis Award
Mary Kate Wheeler, Cornell University
“The Uncertain Promise of Agriculture: Two Essays on Climate Change, Agriculture and Nutrition in the Andean Highlands of Peru”
Advisor: David Lee

2018 NAREA Conference Scholarship Recipients
Akhil Joseph (Indian Institute of Science)
Anand Jacob Abraham (Indian Institute of Science)
Call for Papers and Symposia

NAREA 2019 Annual Meeting

Portsmouth, NH

June 9 – 12, 2019

Submission Deadline: February 11, 2019
Abstracts can be submitted starting December 10, 2018.

**Annual Meeting:** Selected paper sessions, organized sessions, and a poster session allow scholars to share their current research. We also welcome and discussion symposium proposals. We welcome submissions in all areas of environmental, natural resource, and agricultural economics.

For information on submission of papers for the Workshop on “Environmental

**Selected Paper Proposals:** Selected paper submissions should include: (i) the title of paper; (ii) names and institutional affiliations of the author and co-authors; (iii) name and e-mail address of paper presenter; (iv) an abstract of no more than 500 words; and (v) 2-4 keywords. The Selected Papers Committee will review abstracts in terms of significance to the field, strength of methodology/design, clarity of writing, and fit within conference topics. Some abstracts may be invited to present as a poster in a poster session instead of in a paper session. If an author submits more than one abstract, he or she may be limited to one presentation. Selected paper proposals should be submitted through NAREA’s submission system at [http://www.narea.org/2019-submit-abstract](http://www.narea.org/2019-submit-abstract).

If you would like to submit an organized session, please have each author submit his or her abstract as above. The organizer must also (by the submission deadline) submit through the “organized session” form: a list of all titles that belong in the session, a title for the session, and a brief (a sentence or two) explanation of the topical relationship among the papers in the session and why the session topic would be of interest to meeting attendees. The organized session may be accepted in whole, in part (and the accepted papers assigned to other sessions) or may be rejected.

**Best paper award:**

1. **NAREA Student Paper Competition:** To encourage students’ interest in agricultural and resource economics, we invite students to compete in the NAREA Student Paper Competition. To submit a paper, the student is required to be the lead author. From the papers submitted we will select three finalists to give an oral presentation, and the winner will receive
   a. A $400 check
   b. A plaque recognizing the accomplishment
   c. Expedited review and, upon acceptance, the publication of the paper in the ARER journal while waiving APC charges.

Special publication opportunities are also available for the two other finalists.
2. **Best Paper Award**: To recognize young scholars, we encourage those that are seven years or less from completion of their PhD and that are lead authors, to submit their paper for the Best Paper Award. From the papers submitted, we will select three finalists. The three selected finalists will give an oral presentation, and the winner of the competition will receive
   a. A $400 check
   b. A plaque recognizing the accomplishment
   c. Expedited review and, upon acceptance, the publication of the paper in the ARER journal while waiving APC charges.

**Discussion Symposium Proposals**: A discussion symposium allows a more fluid and multilateral format for engagement with works in progress or “hot topics” in the field. A symposium may include prepared questions for two or more panelists, a debate, a roundtable, or another format. Regardless, half of the time (out of a session of 85 or 90 minutes) should be allocated for discussion with or questions from the audience. To propose a discussion symposium, submit through the “discussion symposium” form: names of the participants, the title of the symposium, and a paragraph describing what you would do in the symposium and why it would be of interest to meeting attendees.

**Submission Deadline: February 11, 2019**. Electronic acknowledgement will be sent to all submitters. We expect to notify the authors by mid-April 2019 for all types of submissions. If accepted, all presenters must be NAREA members and registered for the Annual Meeting by May 1, 2019. Submission questions can be directed to the Program Chair, President-Elect Gal Hochman (gal.hochman@rutgers.edu). Local arrangements questions can be directed to local arrangements chair Kelly Cullen (Kelly.Cullen@unh.edu).

**NAREA Statement on Diversity and Inclusion**: NAREA is committed to promoting a culture of inclusivity at our conferences, workshops and in our journal.
NAREA 2019 Workshop Call for Submission

Post-Conference Workshop on Environmental Regulation and Innovation in Local Communities
The 2019 Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Post-Conference Workshop will be held June 11-12, 2019, in Portsmouth, NH

Request for Papers: ABSTRACT Deadline is February 18, 2019

Due to the need to remain globally competitive while espousing more sustainable production and consumption patterns, local communities are under increasing pressure to adopt innovative strategies to manage the economic and environmental impacts of environmental regulations. Further, increasingly decentralized regulatory design and enforcement can create wide disparities in economic and environmental outcomes across jurisdictions, reinforcing any anxiety and competition between states and local governments with respect to economic growth and environmental quality. Local communities can adopt productivity-enhancing and pollution reducing technologies while also developing innovative policy approaches and governance structures to manage these impacts. It is therefore imperative to understand how local communities innovate – both in the technological and policy/governance spheres, the factors that motivate them to do so, and how their innovations determine the environmental and economic outcomes they experience. Additionally, and equally vital is an understanding of how individual households and businesses in local communities help shape local environmental regulations and the channels through which they can influence the design of local regulations.

This workshop seeks to invite a conversation among researchers, think-tanks, government agencies and policymakers to enhance our understanding of how local communities innovate when shaping and responding to environmental regulations, and how these environmental regulations affect rural communities’ economic well-being and environmental quality. Keynote speakers include:

- Kathleen Segerson, University of Connecticut
We are interested in soliciting empirical and/or theoretical papers using state-of-the-art methods to examine the impact of regulation on various metrics of innovation, environmental quality, and economic performance to assess the well-being of local communities - rural or urban - in the context of environmental regulation. We would like to invite papers that deal with a variety of innovative approaches to respond to regulation such as (but not limited to) abatement technology adoption and diffusion, environmental patenting, energy and transportation infrastructure, as well as innovative policy and governance approaches including information disclosure mechanisms, environmental management systems, social responsibility-oriented practices, government-NGO partnerships and other multi-stakeholder cooperative initiatives. We hope to see papers thinking about how regulation and innovation impact various environmental quality measures such as (but not limited to) industrial air, water, hazardous waste and other types pollution as well as issues related to land use, forest stewardship and management, and energy use. Further, papers that can related regulation and innovation to economic performance, in terms of output and productivity, production efficiency, employment, investment, property prices, capital expenditures, infrastructure spending and global competitiveness, among many others. Finally, we are interested in attracting papers that examine how to enhance public participation of citizens in local communities and those that investigate the channels through which individual households and businesses can influence public policy.

**Abstract Submission Guidelines**
Authors wishing to have a paper considered must submit an extended abstract by Monday, February 18, 2019, 5 pm eastern. Abstracts must be submitted online at [http://www.narea.org/2019-workshop](http://www.narea.org/2019-workshop), where authors will be prompted to provide:

- name, address, e-mail address and phone number of paper presenter or primary contact;
- title of paper
- name and institutional affiliation of paper presenter and co-author(s)
- 2-4 key words
- extended abstract: 1000 to 1500 words maximum
Electronic acknowledgements of submissions will be sent to all submitters. Abstracts will be reviewed by the NAREA Workshop Selected Papers Committee in terms of the significance to the field, strength of methodology/design, and clarity of writing. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstract by April 1, 2019. Selected paper presentations will be 20 minutes. Full papers must be received from notified authors by May 16, 2019, to be included in the workshop's program. Papers presented at the workshop will be considered for expedited review and publication in a special 2020 issue of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) if final versions of the papers are submitted to ARER by July 31, 2019.

Thanks to anticipated funding sources that support this workshop’s emphasis on innovation and local communities, we will be able to provide a combination of travel support and honoraria on a limited basis. In addition, all paper processing fees will be covered for papers accepted into the journal. Further information concerning workshop registration and the final program will be provided in the spring issue of the NAREA Newsletter and on the NAREA website.

For more information, please contact the NAREA Workshop Organizing Committee:
Donna Ramirez-Harrington (Donna.Ramirez-Harrington@uvm.edu), University of Vermont
Martin D. Heintzelman (mheintze@clarkson.edu), Clarkson University
Shadi Attalah (shadi.atallah@unh.edu), University of New Hampshire
Stephan J. Goetz (sgoetz@psu.edu), Penn State and NERC RD

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We invite submission of nominations for the NAREA Outstanding MS/MA Thesis Awards for 2019, from all programs within the Northeast region. The NAREA Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award includes a $250 cash prize, a certificate, and publication of an abstract (250 word maximum) in the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) journal at no charge to the award winner.

To recognize those theses of particularly high-quality which do not qualify for the top prize, we also offer an Awards of Merit. The NAREA Master’s Thesis Award of Merit includes a $125 cash prize, a certificate, and publication of an abstract (250 word maximum) in the ARER journal, at no charge to the award winner. Up to three awards of merit may be granted.

Theses that are nominated for consideration will be evaluated by the Awards Committee according to the problem formulation, conceptual approach, quality of research, and quality of communication. Nominations must be received by March 1, 2019. All nominations and submitted materials must be in English.

Eligible theses include all those that meet the following criteria:
(1) 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, 2018, to December 31, 2018.
(2) The thesis topic addresses any of the issues 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.

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 of Canada, Ontario, Quebec, and Washington, D.C. Before the thesis is considered, the Committee will evaluate the petition.

To submit a thesis for consideration, please send the following items to: bhuyan@sebs.rutgers.edu:
(1) A nominating letter;
(2) The full thesis; and
The thesis abstract (250 word maximum).

Any questions about the nomination process can be directed to the awards committee chair (Sanjib Bhuyan), at the contact, below:

**Sanjib Bhuyan**  
Dept. of Agricultural, Food & Res. Econ.  
Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA  
Email: bhuyan@sebs.rutgers.edu

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**Call for CAM Participants: Mentors and Mentees**

NAREA is currently seeking applications for mentees, and expressed interest by possible mentors, for the 2019-2020 Career Advancement and Mentorship (CAM) Program sponsored by NAREA. The CAM program is a unique opportunity for pre-tenured faculty and early career scholars to develop and enhance professional networks, receive one-to-one mentoring from an experienced NAREA member within the environmental and agricultural economics community, and to attend and organize events at the NAREA annual meeting that focus on issues of concern to early career scholars.

We expect that up to 10 mentors and mentees will participate in the one-to-one 2019-2020 mentoring cohort. This matching will be made based on mentor and mentee preferences and interests that will be communicated through a short mentee application found here. Mentees interested in this year-long program, which will include ongoing mentoring opportunities, need to apply by April 15, 2019. Colleagues interested in serving as a mentor should contact Jill Caviglia-Harris or anyone on the CAM committee directly. We will ask for a short biography (including name and contact information) if this is not already easily accessible on the web. For more information about the program please contact Jill Caviglia-Harris (jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu).
Our intent is to include pre-tenure faculty at universities and researchers involved in outreach at both governmental and non-governmental organizations in this program. Although our top priority is to create the best possible matches between our mentors and mentees, preference may be given to mentee applicants in permanent positions (including visiting faculty). Post-doctoral scholars, and researchers in comparable positions, will be considered on a space available basis.

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**Call for Nominations: Distinguished and Honorary Member Awards**

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

All members of NAREA in good standing 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 “for significant recent professional achievement in the context of an overall meritorious record.” Recipients may be in teaching, research, extension, administration, government or business. According to the by-laws an individual may receive the award more than once. To be eligible, each candidate must be nominated by a member 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, including lists of past awardees, may be found on the Association’s website, http://www.narea.org/awards/. The deadline for nominations is March 1, 2019. Please email nominations to: Lori Lynch (llynch@umd.edu).

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Call for Applications NAREA 2019 Student Conference Scholarships

NAREA Conference Scholarships are offered to encourage undergraduate and graduate students to attend the annual NAREA meetings. Each scholarship is equivalent to the annual meeting registration fee, and is intended to help defray the cost of conference attendance. Priority for scholarships will be given to NAREA members and students who are presenting papers or participating in symposia sponsored by NAREA, although others who may benefit from attendance are also encouraged to apply using this link. Deadline: April 15, 2019.

If you are applying for a scholarship, do not register until you hear whether your scholarship was approved. The scholarship consists of free registration. We expect to notify all scholarship applicants by April 22, 2019.

Questions about these scholarships can be sent via email to President-Elect Gal Hochman (gal.hochman@rutgers.edu).
Future Meetings

2019 New Hampshire
2020 Connecticut
2021 Washington, D.C.
2022 Delaware
2023 Vermont

Reports from Fall 2018 Board Meeting

We held our Fall 2018 board meeting at the USDA headquarters on October 12. You can access the reports from that meeting at these links:

2019 Workshop Plans
2019 Meeting Plans
ARER Editors’ Report
2018 Annual Meeting Post-Conference Report
Webmaster Report
Diversity and Inclusion Report
NAREA Identity Report

Current NAREA Officials and Committee Members
See current NAREA leadership and committee members here: http://www.narea.org/board