NAREA Spring 2018 Newsletter

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President's Column

Friends, we are just over a week away from our 2018 conference and workshop in Philadelphia! This year’s conference will be another wonderful event for meeting colleagues and sharing work and ideas. We’ve got excellent keynotes, paper sessions, and poster presentations. I'm excited to be organizing a special plenary session on inclusion and diversity, and a symposium on how we might update NAREA’s mission statement to align with our organization’s lived and aspirational identity. I’m looking forward to hearing what you have to say on these important issues. If you can’t make it to these sessions but want to share thoughts, please email me (saj2@williams.edu) or talk to me at the conference. In tandem with the conference, this year’s workshop on food systems will be chock full of good stuff, with two great keynotes and a strong set of paper presentations.

We should all be (and I know I am) very grateful to hardworking NAREA volunteers who are making all this possible, including Ted Jaenicke and his team organizing the conference, Stephan Goetz and his team organizing the workshop, President-Elect David Just chairing the program committee, and Caroline Noblet chairing the paper selection committee. Special thanks to Sahan Dissanayake for handling the transition to our new web system. Extra big thanks to John Halstead for an incredible amount of work over the last year as he took over the role of Acting Secretary-Treasurer. When we lost our dear Dr. Doug last year, John stepped up and has been invaluable. He’ll step down this summer to “only” organize the 2019 conference and be Historian; he has already handed the Secretary duties over to Chyi Lyi (Kathleen) Liang, and this summer, Farhed Shah will take over as Treasurer. Big thanks to both of them for stepping up as well.

- Sarah Jacobson, NAREA President

Important Meeting Updates

The Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) will hold its 2018 Annual Meeting and Workshop from Saturday, June 9, 2018 through Tuesday, June 12, 2018. The meetings will take place at the Hilton DoubleTree Philadelphia Center City, located on the Avenue of the Arts in the heart of Philadelphia. More information (including the full program) is available at http://narea.org/2018/. You can directly access the conference program here. (Use the “Filter Program” button to show only items related to the conference or only the workshop.)

This year’s conference features many opportunities to interact and learn, including a featured plenary session on inclusion and diversity in the field of economics, a discussion symposium on the mission and vision of NAREA, and a long list of featured speakers including; Pol Antras, Belinda Archibong, Marc
Bellemare, Elaine Frey, Sarah Jacobson, Joseph Price, Kevin Volpp, and Margaret Walls. In addition, there are scores of selected paper or poster presentations on a wide variety of topics.

A workshop entitled “Advances in the Economic Analysis of Food System Drivers and Effects” will be held June 9th and 10th, before the regular conference program begins with an opening reception on the evening of June 9th. The regular conference sessions begin the morning of Sunday, June 10th. We encourage participation from academic, public, and private sector agricultural, environmental, and resource economists; and welcome professionals, faculty, and graduate students. You can directly access the workshop program here.

The Local Arrangements Chair for the 2018 NAREA Annual Meeting is Ted Jaenicke (Penn State University). The Program Chair is President-Elect David Just (Cornell University). The 2018 NAREA Workshop Chair is Ted Jaenicke (Penn State University). Questions related to Annual Meeting paper and symposium submission can be directed to David Just (drj3@cornell.edu). Questions related to local arrangements or the workshop can be directed to Ted Jaenicke (ecj3@psu.edu).

The chair of the Selected Papers and Symposia committee is Caroline Noblet (Maine). The committee’s other members are Shadi Atallah (UNH), Richard Klotz (Colgate), Sonja Kolstoe (Salisbury), Yusuke Kuwayama (Resources for the Future), Tammy Murphy (NOAA), Jeffrey O’Hara (USDA), Donna Ramirez-Harrington (UVM), John Spraggon (U Mass), Katherine Zipp (Penn State), Nikos Zirogiannis (Indiana).

Don’t forget to register for the conference and/or workshop! Links for that, and for other NAREA 2018 details including the program, are on our conference and workshop website: http://www.narea.org/2018/

If you need to renew your membership or join anew, the system will prompt you.

Will you be missing this year’s meetings? If so, still don’t forget to renew your NAREA membership: http://www.narea.org/membership/

Childcare at NAREA 2018

We committed this year to helping attendees of NAREA 2018 find and coordinate childcare so everyone can engage fully with the conference. We sent out a solicitation for interest in childcare in a recent email burst. Demand for childcare services at the conference is not large enough for us to offer an on-site option or to provide formal coordinating, but if you have questions or need help, please contact Jeff O’Hara (JeffreyK.Ohara@ams.usda.gov) - and big thanks to Jeff for working on this important issue.

Nanny options
-- MBR Nanny Network: Contact: Marissa (610 761 5202)
-- My Fabulous Mama: Contact: Marisa (215 970 3020)

Babysitter options
-- Sitter Select: Contact: 267 670 1857
-- College Sitters: Contact: Cassandra (651 209 3095)

Drop-off options
-- Bright Horizons: Contact: 215 563 3576

Important Dates
Any time… Renew your NAREA membership!
June 9-10, 2018 Pre-Conference Workshop
June 10-12, 2018 NAREA Annual Meeting
July 31, 2018 Final Paper Deadline for Submission of NAREA 2018 Workshop Papers to Agricultural and Resource Economics Review
December, 2018 Nomination Letter Deadline for Outstanding Public Service through Economics Award http://www.narea.org/awards/
February, 2019 Selected Papers and Symposia Abstract Submission and Workshop Paper Abstract Submission Deadline
March 1, 2019 Nomination Package Deadline for the M.S. Thesis Award
March 31, 2019 Notification on Selected Paper Abstracts for the NAREA 2017 Annual Meeting and Workshop
April 14, 2019 NAREA Conference Scholarships Application Deadline http://www.narea.org/awards/
May 1, 2019 Registration Deadline for Presenters at the NAREA 2019 Annual Meeting and Workshop

Elections

The election for NAREA's President and Board is open! You should have received a link with the sender "Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association NAREA <invitations@app. electionbuddy.com>" and subject "Vote now: Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) - 2018 NAREA Elections." If you are an active NAREA member and have not received this, please check your spam folder, and if it's not there, email Will Wheeler at willwheelernarea@gmail.com. The election closes on June 3rd at 9pm.

Thanks to all of the candidates who agreed to stand for election! They are (in alphabetical order) Dave Abler (Penn State) and Cindy Nickerson (USDA) for President; and Christine Crago (UMass), Sonja Kolstoe (Salisbury), Caroline Noblet (Maine), and Jeffrey O'Hara (USDA) for Board.

Call for Volunteers

Members will rotate off committees large and small this summer, so we’ll need new volunteers. This is a great way to engage with your community, give back, meet colleagues, and get to know how the organization works. We are seeking a new Historian, a new Communications Team, and members of the award committees and paper selection committee. Email President Sarah Jacobson (saj2@williams.edu) to volunteer or inquire.

By-law Change Proposals
President Sarah Jacobson proposes a set of changes to the By-Laws. We will vote on these changes at the Business Meeting at this June’s conference. In summary, the changes are:

**Proposal #1:** regarding the separation of the Secretary and Treasurer roles and the definition of their respective duties; also changing outdated language about page charges

**Proposal #2:** combining two of the awards committees

**Proposal #3:** making the CAM Committee a standing committee

**Proposal #4:** fixing small errors and ambiguities in the bylaws

**Proposal #5:** removing unneeded and unclear language regarding Distinguished Membership

**Proposal #6:** adding to the Nominating Committee’s responsibilities that they will help find candidates for Editor, Secretary, and Treasurer

You can see the By-Laws changes [here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=1141c91326&view=lg&msg=163bd66ce666bea7).

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**NAREA Career Advancement & Mentoring (CAM) Report**

**Report by Jill Caviglia-Harris**

Our third year-long NAREA Career Advancement and Mentoring (CAM) Program and 7th program year is drawing to a close. The 2017-2018 cohort includes 7 fellows and 7 mentors. In addition to working individually with their mentors on their self-designed program plan, our fellows also worked together as a working group, holding regular virtual meetings throughout this first year of their program to develop a CAM panel session (to be held at the 2018 annual meeting) and to discuss issues of career importance. They met to discuss work-life balance (with Jill Caviglia-Harris), grant writing (with Robert Johnston), strategic career advice (with Cathy Kling, Mario Teisl and Kerry Smith), publishing (with Jay Shimshack), and how to navigate joint appointments (with Martin Heintzelman). These meetings have enhanced our program, allowing our fellows to become a closer cohort, discuss issues relative to their careers, and develop a CAM panel session to be held during the upcoming 2018 NAREA Annual Meeting (more below). They plan to continue these meetings in year two of the program.

**CAM Panel Session at the 2018 NAREA Annual Meeting, 8:00-9:00 June 11, 2018 (breakfast provided) 8:00-9:00**

The CAM fellows have organized the panel session “How to take your research from the drawing board to print.” Join them as they welcome three panelists who will discuss the publication process: Marc Bellemare, University of Minnesota; Elaine Frey, California State University – Long Beach; and Margaret Walls, Resources for the Future.

Early-career scholars are often overwhelmed by the path forward: how to develop a multifaceted research agenda that will lead to a constant stream of publications. This panel will break down the steps for reaching this elusive goal. This panel will review steps for developing project ideas, strategies for overcoming hurdles, and methods for moving forward on multiple projects. Come listen to experts discuss how to take your ideas from chalkboard to print and discuss how to:

- identify new research questions and projects
- form project teams
- evaluate a research ideas
- get work published in economic journals when in an interdisciplinary team
- identify good data sources
- package your work for a target journal
- develop a realistic and flexible project timeline
2017-2018 Mentor/Mentee Pairs

If you run into any of our mentors or fellows while at the 2018 Annual Meeting, congratulate them for a successful year and to learn more about the CAM Program.

2017-2018 Fellows:

- Xiaoli Etienne, West Virginia University
- Keith Evans, University of Maine
- Richard Klotz, Colgate University
- Sonja Kolstoe, Salisbury University
- Kailin Kroetz, Resources for the Future
- Yueming (Lucy) Qui, University of Maryland
- Lorie Srivastava, University of California, Davis

2017-2018 Mentors:

- Sanjib Bhuyan, Rutgers University
- Elaine Frey, California State University-Long Beach
- Martin Heinzelman, Clarkson University
- Sarah Jacobson, Williams College
- Heather Klemick, NCEE, Environmental Protection Agency
- Mario Teisl, University of Maine
- Charles Towe, University of Connecticut

Call for CAM Mentors

We are looking for mentors for the 2019-2020 program! The CAM Mentor-Mentee relationship is expected to focus on helping mentees grow their professional network, providing advice on life-work issues, and addressing questions about research, publishing, and related issues. Mentors will have demonstrated excellence in their careers, possess a positive outlook towards mentoring, and have good communication skills. Most importantly, the ideal mentor is someone who has a desire to help others grow personally and professionally. A formal call will come out in January 2009, but if you have an interest please contact Jill Caviglia-Harris (jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu) or track me down at the 2018 Annual Meeting to learn more.

NAREA Annual Meeting and Workshop Report

Report by Ted Jaenicke (representing the 2018 Local Organizing Committee)

Total Number of Registrations/Revenue: 106/$22,610

Breakdown:
Conference only, Professional price: 59
Conference only, Student Price: 32
Conference and Workshop, Profess. price: 11
Conference and Workshop, Student price: 5
Workshop only, Professional price: 4
Workshop only, Student price: 3

DoubleTree by Hilton Center City Philadelphia Hotel Block:

Rooms: 100% of our 175 Room-nights have been reserved. This means meeting space is free.
**Food/Beverage, and Audiovisual:** We promised to spend $20,000, which translates to about $30,000 after fees, taxes and audiovisual services) for both the conference and the workshop. While this figure is less than the $22,610 above, the workshop grant from USDA/NIFA/AFRI might make up most of the gap.

The program is coming together for the NAREA pre-conference workshop on Advances in the Economic Analysis of Food System Drivers and Effects. In addition to a fantastic lineup of paper presentations, additional activities being planned include a SNAP-themed tour of the Reading Terminal Market, a food policy panel discussion, and a briefing from a USDA/NIFA-funded multi-year research-teaching-extension food systems project that examined urban and rural food systems and everything in between. The program is available online, where it will continue to be updated as details are finalized.

### 2019 Meeting Report

Planning is underway for the 2019 NAREA conference and workshop! The meetings will be in New Hampshire. The conference planning committee (chaired by John Halstead and including Shadi Atallah, Alberto Manalo, and Kelly Cullen) has settled on Portsmouth as the city for the festivities and is in the process of identifying the conference hotel. The workshop committee (Shadi Atallah, Martin Heintzelman, and Donna Ramirez-Harrington) has been convened as well.

### ARER Editors’ Report

**Report by Dave Abler (Managing Editor), Jill Caviglia-Harris, and Hung-Hao Chang**

Hello NAREA Members! 2017 was the first full year with Cambridge University Press (CUP) as our publisher and ScholarOne as our online submission system. We continue to be very pleased with the journal’s move to CUP, which has significantly enhanced ARER’s online presence and visibility. CUP has been a major help in marketing the journal and lending its expertise to the editors and NAREA Board on policy issues facing academic journals in an online world.

There were 82 submissions to ARER in 2017, down from 92 in 2016 but up from an annual average of 74 during 2011-2015, prior to the 2016 move to CUP. Of the 82 submissions last year, one was withdrawn and five are still in process. Of the 76 with a terminal decision, 17 were accepted, implying an acceptance rate of 22%. This is lower than the 37% acceptance rate in 2016 and the average of 36% during 2011-2015, indicating a decline in the average quality of new submissions. Fortunately, we have a good backlog of accepted papers and we are currently accepting papers for the December 2019 issue.

The August 2018 issue will feature papers from the June 2017 NAREA Workshop, Climate Change and Land Conservation and Restoration: Advances in Economics Methods and Policies for Adaptation and Mitigation.

We would like to thank all the ARER Editorial Board members. We appreciate their excellent and timely advice with journal editorial decisions and with the annual ARER awards. We now have 20 Editorial Board members from all over the world whose expertise spans the full range of issues and topics published in ARER.

Every year, ARER recognizes colleagues through its four awards: Fellows Award (authors who have published five or more peer-reviewed articles in ARER or in the former NAREA journals), Best Article Award (top journal article published in the previous calendar year volume), Young Scholar Award (top
journal article co-authored by a graduate student), and Best Advisor Award (for the advisor of the student receiving the Young Scholar Award).

There are eight ARER Fellows Award winners for 2018. Two of the Fellows Award winners, Jacqueline Geoghegan (Clark University) and Roderick Rejesus (North Carolina State University), reached the threshold of five peer-reviewed articles in 2017. The other six reached it in previous years and are now being belatedly recognized: Eddy LaDue (Cornell University), L. Lanier Nalley (University of Arkansas), Timothy Park (USDA, Economic Research Service), Michael Popp (University of Arkansas), Marc Ribaudo (USDA, Economic Research Service), and Thomas Weaver (University of Rhode Island, deceased).

Congratulations to all the Fellows Award winners!

The winners of the Best Article Award, Young Scholar Award, and Best Advisor Award will be announced at the 2018 NAREA Annual Meeting, during the Awards Luncheon on Monday June 11. They will also be announced at that time on the NAREA Twitter feed.

Webmaster Report

Report by Sahan Dissanayake

We are operating under an annual meeting and workshop web suite X-CD, which adds a lot of functionality for accepting abstracts, paper selections, creating a program. BIG thanks go out to Sarah Jacobson for coordinating the transfer to our new software. The 2018 Annual Meeting and Workshop is accessible online http://narea.org/2018/.

In other news,

- the online elections will be conducted using an online election system ElectionBuddy.
- and we are in the process of moving the website to a new home with X-CD. A Web-based interface will allow broad access to edit and update Website. The goal is to complete the website transfer by our Annual Meeting.

Summary NAREA Website Visitor Statistics Dec 1st 2017 to May 22nd 2018

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Sub-site Stats

The 2018 AM site - 7544 (56%) of the pageviews (2017: 8963 (60%), 2016: 7908 (40%))
The Journal sub-site - 394 (3%) of the pageviews (2017: 449 (3%), 2016: 4922 (25%))

Geographical Stats

US visitors 2018: 64% (Top 10: NY, VA, PA, DC, MA, MD, CA, CT, NJ, DE)
US visitors 2017: 74% (Top 10: DC, MA, MD, NY, PA, ME, CA, NJ, CT, VA)
US visitors 2016: 64% (Top 10: NY, MA, DC, ME, PA, CT, RI, CA, MD, IN)
International visitors 2017: 35% (Top 15: India, Canada, China, South Korea, Brazil, Germany, Egypt, UK, Nigeria, Japan, Italy, Philippines, Turkey, France, Australia, Pakistan)

We had fewer visitors and pageviews compared to 2016 but a slight increase in visitors from 2017. The long-term decrease is likely due to the significant decrease in visitors to the Journal subsite (ARER is now hosted by Cambridge). Most pageviews come to the website for AM, other pages include CAM, membership, Board, Journal fellows, Awards. As the data shows, NAREA continues to draw national and
Treasurer's Report

Report by John M. Halstead (Acting Treasurer)

I. Financial Accounts (All held at Citizen's Bank)

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II. Breakdown of Revenues and Expenses (from Form 990-EZ, IRS; these figures reflect calendar year 2017) Revenues

Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received: $39,791
Program service revenue including government fees and contracts: $5,675
Membership dues and assessments: $9,002
Investment income: $24
ARER Royalties: $2,192

Total revenue: $66,684

Expenses
Grants and similar amounts paid (Annual awards for service, outstanding theses, etc.): $7,338
Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors: $14,250
Other expenses (Conference & workshop): $48,691

Total expenses: $70,279

III. Net Assets
Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year: $140,776
Net assets or fund balances at end of year: $137,171
Excess or (deficit) for the year: ($3,595)

IV. Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Expenses
Publishing in ARER, indexing, etc.: $12,000
Annual Meetings: $45,023
Maintain website: $2,250

global interest!
Total program service expenses: $59,273

Current NAREA Officials and Committee Members

See current NAREA leadership and committee members here.

Donate to the Douglas E. Memorial Fund

At the summer 2017 business meeting, NAREA members voted to rename the Presidents’ Fund as the Douglas E. Morris Memorial Fund. The mission of the fund is to support graduate student and early-career professional members’ involvement in the Association. As such it primarily supports the CAM (Career Advancement and Mentoring) program. Past Presidents of the Association are especially encouraged to give to this fund, but we encourage everyone with an interest in mentoring and advancement of early-career scholars to give.

You can send your tax-deductible donation as a check made out to NAREA (directing it to the Douglas E. Morris Memorial Fund) to:

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