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President's Column

Welcome to the new NAREA newsletter!

We're coming off of a fantastic annual meeting in June 2017 in Arlington, VA, thanks to incredible organizing led by Allison Borchers, with Christine Crago as head of the paper selection committee, with an excellent workshop on climate change and land conservation led by Sahan Dissanayake.

And we're gearing up for our 2018 annual meeting and workshop (on food systems) in Philadelphia, organized by Ted Jaenicke and Stephan Goetz and their teams, with President-Elect David Just heading the program committee and Christine Noblet heading the conference paper selection committee. Submit your abstracts! More info here: <http://www.narea.org/2018/>

Our journal Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) continues to thrive at Cambridge University Press.

Thanks to a great working group (Todd Guilfoos, Gal Hochman, Shana McDermott, Leah Palm-Forster, and John Spraggon), we're transitioning to a new system for our website, membership, and conference submission and registration system. We think you'll find them easy to use and convenient.

I am leading two other important new initiatives.

First, with a group co-led by Martin Heintzelman, I am starting a discussion of NAREA's mission and vision, to ensure that we understand the constituencies we're trying to serve and that our rhetoric and events meet the needs of members and potential members.

Second, I'm convening a group to discuss issues of gender and other elements of inclusion, with a goal to come up with a statement and policy against harassment and other exclusionary behaviors.

Let me note that 2017 was a hard year for NAREA because of the loss of our beloved Secretary-Treasurer and Historian Dr. Doug Morris. His absence at the 2017 meeting was deeply poignant. We're grateful that John Halstead has taken on the monumental task of serving in those roles in an interim capacity. Going forward, we'll split these roles apart so they become jobs normal mortals can do. We're pleased to announce that Kathleen Liang has agreed to join us as Secretary, but we're still seeking a Treasurer.

Let me close by thanking everyone who's made NAREA's achievements this year possible. Thank you to all who rotated off NAREA service: editor Todd Schmit, Past President Martin Heintzelman, and board members Allison Borchers, Donna Ramirez-Harrington, and Mario Teisl.

As always, NAREA belongs to its members, so please reach out to me (saj2@williams.edu) with any thoughts you have about these or any other matters. Thank you for your support!

Important Dates

- Any time... Renew your NAREA membership!
- February 9, 2018 Deadline for Conference Paper Submissions
- February 16, 2018 Deadline for Workshop Abstract Submissions
- March 1, 2018 Nomination Package Deadline for the M.S. Thesis Award
- March 1, 2018 Nomination Letter Deadline for the Distinguished and Honorary Lifetime Member Awards
- March 1, 2018 Registration Opens
- March 13, 2018 Acceptances of Workshop Papers Announced
- March 30, 2018 Acceptances of Conference Papers Announced
- April 14, 2018 Deadline for Student Conference Scholarship applications
- May 1, 2018 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, 2018 Late Registration Begins
- May 10, 2018 Deadline for NAREA block rates at DoubleTree Philadelphia Center City
- May 16, 2018 Initial Paper Deadline for the NAREA 2018 Workshop
- June 9-10, 2018 Pre-Conference Workshop
- June 10-12, 2018 Annual Meeting
- July 31, 2018 Final Paper Deadline for Submission of NAREA 2017 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 2018, we'll seek to elect a new President-Elect and two new members of the Executive Board. Contact Will Wheeler (Wheeler.William@epa.gov) if you're interested.

We are currently looking to appoint a new Treasurer, and in summer 2018 we will look to appoint a new

Historian, members of the awards committees, and members of the paper selection committee. Contact Sarah Jacobson (saj2@williams.edu) if you're interested.

Call for Editor for ARER, 2018-2021

NAREA's Board of Directors is currently seeking applications for the next editor (of our 3-editor team) for Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER). The new editor's term will start July 1, 2018, after Dave Abler completes his term. Please contact Sarah Jacobson (saj2@williams.edu) and Dave Abler (dave@bythenumbers.info) if you are interested.

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:

John M. Halstead
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56 College Road, 138 James Hall
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Outstanding Public Service through Economics Award 2017



NAREA has an annual 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 an important problem and improving the welfare of society.

The 2017 Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics was awarded to Dallas Butraw, Darius Gaskins Senior Fellow at Resources for the Future and one of the nation's foremost experts on environmental regulation in the electricity sector. Here are excerpts from the nomination letter:

Burtraw's current areas of research include analysis of the distributional and regional consequences of various approaches to national climate policy. He also has conducted analysis and provided technical support in the design of carbon dioxide emissions trading programs in the Northeast states, California, and the European Union. He has also studied and written about regulation of greenhouse gases, nitrogen and sulfur dioxide under the Clean Air Act and has conducted integrated assessment modeling of health and ecosystem effects and valuation, including the estimation of benefits of the value of natural resources in the Adirondack Park and the southern Appalachian region through surveying area residents on their willingness to pay for improvements. Burtraw is particularly interested in incentive-based approaches for environmental regulation and infusing greater incentives into traditional approaches to regulation, with attention to improving the cost-effectiveness of regulation under the Clean Air Act.

Burtraw holds a Ph.D. in economics and a master's degree in public policy from the University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Davis.

Dallas does not simply publish excellent work in peer-reviewed journals, although he does that. His vita is littered with reports to agencies, participation in workshops, and legislative testimonies regarding the actual design of policies such as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, California's AB32 (cap and trade for greenhouse gas emission), and other, similar programs. He has a bipartisan reputation for integrity, an increasingly rare trait.

It's one thing to write an op-ed extolling the virtues of market mechanisms for controlling pollution, it is quite another to actually design a program that works, among competing interests that have different preferences regarding, say, pricing and auction allowances, and overlays existing state and federal regulations dealing with air pollution (and utilities!). Dallas does this and it's exactly the work that this award is meant to recognize.

Winners of NAREA 2017 Awards

ARER Best Article Award

Simple vs. Complex: Implications of Lags in Pollution Delivery for Efficient Load Allocation and Design of Water-Quality Trading Programs by James Shortle, David Abler, Zach Kaufman, and Katherine Y. Zipp in *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* 45/2 (August 2016):367-393

ARER Young Scholar Award

Sabina Khatri-Karki (Leibniz Universität, Hannover) for Fair Trade Certification and Livelihoods: A Panel Data Analysis of Coffee-growing Households in India by Sabina Khatri-Karki, Pradyot Ranjan Jena and Ulrike Grote in *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* 45/3 (December 2016): 436-458.

ARER Advisor Award

Pradyot Ranjan Jena (National Institute of Technology, Karnataka), advisor of Sabina Khatri-Karki

ARER Fellows

Adesoji O. Adelaja, Michigan State University

John C. Bernard, University of Delaware

Richard N. Boisvert, Cornell University

Oral Capps, Jr., Texas A&M University

Gerard D'Souza, West Virginia University

Hisham S. El-Osta, USDA-ERS

Conrado M. Gempesaw, St. John's University

Ramu Govindasamy, Rutgers University

John M. Halstead, University of New Hampshire

Paul M. Jakus, Utah State University

Robert J. Johnston, Clark University

Harry M. Kaiser, Cornell University

Henry Kinnucan, Auburn University

John B. Loomis, Colorado State University

Lori Lynch, University of Maryland

Ashok K. Mishra, Arizona State University

Wesley N. Musser, University of Maryland

Rodolfo M. Nayga, University of Arkansas

Todd M. Schmit, Cornell University

James Shortle, Pennsylvania State University

Loren W. Tauer, Cornell University

NAREA Outstanding MS Thesis Award

Amy Carduner, Cornell University. "Farm Loan Demand Elasticities and the Relationship Between the Farm Credit System and Commercial Bank Lending." Advisor: Calum Turvey

Pietro Spini, Cornell University. "The Effect of Carbon Taxation on U.S. Crop Farm Costs." Advisor: Jennifer Ifft

NAREA Distinguished Member Award

Greg Poe, Cornell University

2017 NAREA Conference Scholarship Recipients

Franklin Amuakwa-Mensah, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Yunsi Chen, Pennsylvania State University

Yixuan Gao, University of New Hampshire

Jiaoyuan Huang, University of Connecticut

Liqing Li, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Xiaogu Li, Pennsylvania State University

Ian McGinnis, Lebanon Valley College
Binish Rijal, Binghamton University
Farhet Ahmad Shaheen, University of Connecticut
Rhita Simorangkir, Georgia State University
Giulia Tiboldo, University of Connecticut
Haoluan Wang, University of Maryland at College Park
Tianxin Wu, Rutgers University
Yang Yu, The Pennsylvania State University
Saleh Zakerinia, University of California at Davis
Bo Zhang, Pennsylvania State University

Call for Nominations: Master's Thesis Award

We invite submission of nominations for the NAREA Outstanding MS/MA Thesis Awards for 2018, 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 2, 2018. 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, 2017, to December 31, 2017.
- (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 (electronically):

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

To the following email address: s.msangi@cgiar.org

Any questions about the nomination process can be directed to awards committee chair, Siwa Msangi (s.msangi@cgiar.org / (202) 862-5663).

Call for Nominations:

Distinguished & Honorary Life 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 2, 2018. Please email nominations to: Dan Lass (dan.lass@resecon.umass.edu).

Call for Applications NAREA 2018 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 14, 2018.

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 21, 2018.

Questions about these scholarships can be sent via email to President-Elect David Just (drj3@cornell.edu)

NAREA 2018 Annual Meeting Call for Papers and Symposia

NAREA will convene on June 10-12, 2018 in Philadelphia, PA
Submission Deadline: February 9, 2018

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

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://narea.org/2018/proposal/submit.asp>.

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.

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 9, 2018. Electronic acknowledgement will be sent to all submitters. We expect to notify the authors by March 30, 2018 for all types of submissions. If accepted, all presenters must be NAREA members and registered for the Annual Meeting by May 1, 2018. Submission questions can be directed to the Program Chair, President-Elect David Just (drj3@cornell.edu). Local arrangements questions can be directed to local arrangements chair Ted Jaenicke (ecj3@psu.edu).

NAREA 2018 Workshop Call for Submissions

Save the Date Request and Call for Papers: Pre-Conference Research Workshop on Advances in the Economic Analysis of Food System Drivers and Effects

The 2018 Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Pre-Conference Workshop, co-sponsored by the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development, will be held on June 9-10, 2018, just prior to the NAREA conference taking place June 10-12 in Philadelphia, PA. This pre-conference workshop will highlight recent advances in the economic analysis of food systems in the U.S. as well as globally. We seek papers that address individual impacts and causes as well as papers that examine system-wide interactions within the food system, including production, distribution and consumption linkages. Abstract deadline is February 16, 2018.

The full Call for Papers and more information about the workshop are available here: <http://aese.psu.edu/nercrd/news/2017/call-for-papers-narea-pre-conference-workshop>

Future Meetings

2018 Pennsylvania
2019 New Hampshire
2020 Connecticut
2021 Maryland
2022 Delaware

Reports from Fall 2017 Board Meeting

We held our fall 2017 board meeting at the USDA on October 13. You can access the reports from that meeting at these links:

[2018 Meeting and Workshop Plans](#)

[ARER Editors' Report](#)

[2017 Annual Meeting Post-Conference Report](#)

[2017 Post-Workshop Report](#)

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