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It is a distinct honor and privilege to serve as incoming president of this exceptional association. My affiliation with the SAEA goes back about 25 years. I look forward to attending the annual meeting and volunteering for the professional activities of this association more and more each year.

Our recent annual meeting in Birmingham, Alabama was a tremendous success! The meeting was well attended with 168 faculty (up from 164 in 2018), 120 graduate students and 110 undergraduate students. As always, Jeff Jordan put a lot of time and effort to coordinate all of the meeting logistics, including facilities, meals, and receptions. The association is thankful for his dedication to details and his desire for a rewarding and fun-filled professional meeting for all of us. Thanks to Sandra Blackwell and Amanda Hollar for working at the registration desk. Thanks also to John VanSickle and Nathan Smith who assisted with the planning and coordination of the annual meeting program. Susana Ferreira provided invaluable service in organizing the selected paper submission and review process. This was a new year with a new tool (ConfTool) to organize meeting papers, and Susana put much effort to make sure everything went as planned. I heard good things from members about the software so we may use it for future years too. Luis Ribera and Michael Vassalos coordinated the computers, projectors, and other information technology support during the meeting. Two hundred four selected paper submissions were received for the annual meeting of which 195 were accepted, and 169 presented. We also had 45 selected poster presentations this year. The outstanding poster award winners are listed later in this newsletter. Many thanks to Stephen Devadoss and Keith Coble who very graciously agreed to organize symposium sessions on contemporary topics of interest (trade and farm policy) for the annual meeting. Additionally, we had others who put together organized symposiums as well. Each of these sessions focused on topics of interest to a broad segment of our members.

I want to extend special thanks to Eduardo Segarra, John Westra, Mikael Sandberg, Chris Boyer, Tracy Boyer, and Tyler Mark for chairing SAEA committees. I appreciate their service to SAEA. They contributed substantially to the success of our association. Also thanks to the members of these committees who will continue to serve.

We had a record-setting year for quiz bowl with students participating from 21 different universities. Since 2014, at least 110 students have participated in quiz bowl each year (the previous record was 88 students in 2013). Quiz bowl has been a major activity and attention grabber for our association. I want to thank Dusty Menzies and Jerrod Penn, as well as the Quiz Bowl advisors for each of the participating schools and the many volunteers who moderated, judged and/or helped with IT support for the Quiz Bowl. Thanks to all for your service to the SAEA! The members of the winning quiz bowl teams are included under the list of award winners presented later in this newsletter.

Membership in the SAEA remains strong, with 647 members, and we expect more members to join through the AAEA membership registration portal. The SAEA income statement for

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January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, showed income of \$118,137.89 and expenses of \$106,178.06. Total assets as of December 31, 2018 were \$264,910.81 with no liabilities. The SAEA was pleased to offer recognition for both lifetime achievement and early career achievement in agricultural economics. Individuals receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award were Dr. Stephen Devadoss, Texas Tech University; Dr. Mike Reed, University of Kentucky; and Dr. John VanSickle, University of Florida. Each has provided outstanding contributions to the profession and the SAEA, and we thank them for those contributions. The presentations at breakfast honoring their achievements during the annual meeting from each participant were unique and inspiring. Please make sure to watch their videos on the SAEA website in case you did not have a chance to listen to their presentations at the meeting in Birmingham. At the annual meeting, Alba Collart (Mississippi State University), Brandon McFadden (University of Delaware), and Ruiqing Miao (Auburn University) were recognized as 2019 SAEA Emerging Scholar award winners. Congratulations to the Lifetime Achievement Award and Emerging Scholar winners!

At the annual meeting, Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics Editors Mike Reed and Sayed Saghaian reported that 107 new and 92 resubmitted manuscripts were handled in 2018. The average turnaround time was 53 days, and the acceptance rate was 26%. The Outstanding Journal Article Award for an article published in 2018 in the JAAE was presented to Jean-Paul Chavas, Guanming Shi, Richard Nehring, and Kyle Stiegert (2018). "The Effects of Biotechnology on Productivity and Input Demands in U.S. Agriculture." JAAE 50(3) (August 2018): 387-407. JAAE Members rotating off the JAAE Editorial Council are Stephen Devadoss, Texas Tech University; Marc Ribaud, USDA-ERS; Jesse Tack, Kansas State University; and Yuqing Zheng, University of Kentucky. The editorial council is expanding to include more international experts. Accordingly, the new council members are Bustanul Arifin, University of Lampung (Indonesia); Christopher Boyer, University of Tennessee; Bo Chen, Huazhong Agricultural University (China); Mariah Ehmke, University of Wyoming; Gokhan Ozertan, Bogazici University (Turkey); Jeffrey Reimer, Oregon State University; and Jill Stowe, University of Kentucky. I want to thank all of these individuals for their service to the JAAE. This year Cambridge University Press is applying for the Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics to be included in the Social Science Citation Index and Science Citation Index Expanded (SSCI/SCIE). Based on the history of the journal, number of downloads, and number of citations of articles published in JAAE, I am optimistic the journal will be included in the index.

I want to provide special thanks to several people who have served our association. Lisa House completed her term as Past President at the February meetings. During her year as Past President, she provided leadership in the selection of the professional awards. Thank you, Lisa, for all you have done for the SAEA over the past several years. Deacue Fields completed his term as President at the February meetings. During his year as President, he provided excellent leadership in coordinating the many activities of the SAEA, too many to list here. Thank you, Deacue, and I look forward to continuing to work with you this year in your position as Past President. Susana Ferreira completed her term as Director at the February meeting. We appreciate her strong leadership in this very important role over the past three years. I am pleased to welcome Tim Woods, University of Kentucky, as our President-Elect, and Chris Boyer, University of Tennessee, as Director, to the SAEA leadership team. Each will serve three-year terms. If you have nominations for officers for 2017-2018, please send them to me or any other member of the Executive Committee. Also, please contact me at [kpaudel@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:kpaudel@agcenter.lsu.edu) if you are interested in serving on an SAEA committee or you have a great idea to make our association even better.

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Please mark your calendars now for next year's annual meeting, to be held on February 1-4, 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky. Let us make 2020 another successful year to remember! Thanks for your support to the SAEA and all its activities.

**Krishna P. Paudel**  
**SAEA president**

## **2020 SAEA Annual Meeting**

Make your plans now to attend the 2020 SAEA Annual Meeting to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, February 1-4, 2020.

**What – SAEA Annual Meeting**

**Where – Omni Louisville Hotel, Louisville, KY**

**When – February 1-4, 2020**

**Why – A chance to network and share your work with colleagues.**

## **Award Winners at the 2019 SAEA Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama**

### **Emerging Scholars**

Ruiqing Miao, Auburn University  
Alba Collart, Mississippi State University  
Brandon McFadden, University of Delaware

### **Lifetime Achievement Awards**

Stephen Devadoss, Texas Tech University  
Mike Reed, University of Kentucky  
John VanSickle, University of Florida

### **Academic Quiz Bowl winners –**

1<sup>st</sup> - Colts - Brenna Cannon – (Arkansas State University)  
Zoe Gabrielson (University of Kentucky)  
Hallie McCurdy (University of Tennessee-Martin)  
Kayla Olson (University of Wisconsin-River Falls)  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Giants - Dylan Chavis (Clemson University)  
Lauren Hutchinson (University of Tennessee-Martin)  
Mason Pitts (University of Florida)  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Lions - Liza Wilson (Clemson University)  
Colt Hardee (Louisiana State University)  
Amanda Higgins (Oklahoma State University)

### **Teaching of a Course Award**

Kim Morgan, Virginia Tech University. Applied Economic Problem Solving (AAEC 4414).

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### **Extension Award**

*Individual:* Tim Woods, University of Kentucky. “MarketReady”

### **Outstanding Dissertation**

Yuan Jiang, University of Florida, “Analysis of Consumption Behaviors and Market Structure with Excess Zeros and Over-Dispersion.”

### **Outstanding Thesis**

Ben Martin, University of Kentucky, “Two Essays on Whole Farm Modeling and Crop Marketing in Western Kentucky.”

### **Outstanding JAAE Article**

Chavas, Jean-Paul, Guanming Shi, Richard Nehring, and Kyle Stiegert (2018). “The Effects of Biotechnology on Productivity and Input Demands in U.S. Agriculture.” JAAE 50(3) (August 2018): 387-407.

### **Poster Awards**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Krishna Paudel, Huizhen Niu, Doleswar Bhandari and Qiuzhuo Ma. “A GIS Based Approach to Allocating Poultry Litter for Electricity Production and Resulting Economic Impact.”
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Charlotte Rose Hansen. “Does Type of Compensation Matter in the Veterinary Profession? A Closer Look at the Gender Wage Gap.”
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Brannan Hamm, Vijay Subramaniam, Tim Woods and Alex Butler. “Analyzing Economic Feasibility of Extending the Growing Season for Vegetable Production.”

## **2019-2020 SAEA COMMITTEES**

Much of the important work the SAEA performs is done by the committees listed below. The SAEA Executive Committee on behalf of SAEA members would like to thank everyone serving on these committees. If you are interested in serving on one of our committees, please contact Krishna Paudel at [kpaudel@agcenter.lsu.edu](mailto:kpaudel@agcenter.lsu.edu).

**Selected Papers Committee:** Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University (2020); Michael Vassalos, Clemson University (2021); Chris Boyer, University of Tennessee (2022).

**Lifetime Achievement Award Committee:** Bill Herndon, Mississippi State University (2020); Kim Jenson, University of Tennessee (2021).

**SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee:** Alan Hodges, University of Florida (2020); Aaron Smith, University of Tennessee (2021).

**SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee:** Dr. Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas (2020); Mathew Interis, Mississippi State University (2021).

**Masters Thesis Award Committee:** Michee Lachaud, Florida A&M University (2020); Naveen Adusumilli, Louisiana State University (2021).

**Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee:** Ryan Williams, Texas Tech University (2020); Denis Nadolnyak, Auburn University (2021).

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**Poster Committee:** Daniel Solis, Florida A&M University (2020); Ariun Ishdorj, Texas A&M University (2021).

**Undergraduate Committee:** Dusty Menzies, Texas A&M University; Jerrod Penn Louisiana State University.

**JAAE Editorial Team:** Editors Michael Reed and Sayed Saghaian, University of Kentucky.

**JAAE Editorial Council:** Jabir Ali, Institute of Cooperative and Corporate Management, India; Bustanul Arifin, University of Lampung, Indonesia; Christopher Boyer, University of Tennessee; Wade Brorsen, Oklahoma State University; Danny Campbell, University of Stirling, Scotland; Bo Chen, Huazhong Agricultural University, China; Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M University; Mariah Ehmke, University of Wyoming; Zhifeng Gao, University of Florida; Jill Hobbs, University of Saskatchewan, Canada; Wuyang Hu, Ohio State University; Kim Jenson, University of Tennessee; Ani Katchova, Ohio State University; Nicole Mason, Michigan State University; David Orden, Virginia Tech University; Gokhan Ozertan, Bogazici University, Turkey; Michael Popp, University of Arkansas; Jeffrey Reimer, Oregon State University; Ric Scarpa, Durham University, United Kingdom; Jill Stowe, University of Kentucky; Renato Villano, University of New England, Australia; Nick Vink, Stellenbosch University; Chen Zen, University of Georgia.

**Nominating Committee:** Past-President Deacue Fields, University of Arkansas; President Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University; President-Elect Tim Woods, University of Kentucky.

**Social Planner for 2020 Meetings:** Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia

**IT/AV Committee for 2020 Meetings:** Michael Vassalos, Clemson University; Chris Boyer, University of Tennessee.

**Outreach and Engagement Committee:** Joshua Maples, Oklahoma State University (2020).

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