



Southern Agricultural Economics Association

Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings!

I hope you are having a great summer. The SAEA Board had our summer meeting this month and we have started preparations for our annual conference next year in Atlanta. General information about the meeting is provided below. Please mark your calendars for February 3-6, 2024. Included in the newsletter are the calls for award nominations, proposals for selected papers, posters, and organized symposiums, and JMP and 3MT competition submissions.

We are excited to announce the new editorial team for the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. Chris Boyer (University of Tennessee), Edward Yu (University of Tennessee), and Michael Vassalos (Clemson University) are the new JAAE editors. We are grateful to them for undertaking the important role of editors, and for their willingness to contribute their expertise to ensure the continued success of the journal.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carlos Carpio (Texas Tech University), Olga Isengildina-Massa (Virginia Tech University) and David Willis (Clemson University) for their dedication and commitment to excellence in improving the quality, turnaround times, and impact factor of the journal. Thank you for your invaluable service to the association and the profession as editors of the JAAE. Please consider submitting your work to the journal and when asked to review articles try to submit prompt and high-quality reports. The JAAE is one of the association's most visible products and it has continued to increase in reputation and impact thanks to a great editorial council and to contributing authors that provide high-quality impactful research.

Exciting changes are also underway on our digital front. In early July, we will be unveiling a fresh and captivating new look for our website. I would like to express my gratitude to the executive board, and especially Jeff Jordan and Matthew McFadden (MM Outreach Solutions) for their efforts to revamp our website and provide our members with relevant information about our association and our ongoing activities.

Finally, I would like to extend an invitation to all our members to get involved and make a difference by volunteering to serve on one of our committees. The strength of our association lies in the commitment, service, and leadership of our members. By actively participating in our committees, you have the opportunity to shape the future of our organization and contribute to its continued success.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope that you are as excited as we are about the upcoming annual conference in Atlanta and all the ongoing activities of our association.

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Save the Date!

2024 SAEA Annual Meeting

Where – Atlanta, Georgia

The Westin Peachtree Plaza

When – February 3-6, 2024

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

The Westin Peachtree Plaza

210 Peachtree Street NW

Atlanta, GA 30303

Registration and Lodging Reservation details forthcoming. Hotel information can be accessed through the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) website at <https://www.saasinc.org/2024-hotel-info-1>.

SAEA Academic Quiz Bowl

2024 Quiz Bowl - Once again, the Student Section of the SAEA will be coordinating the Academic Quiz Bowl competition. Teams will be randomly assigned as in the past. Contact Dusty Menzies, Undergraduate Committee Chair, if you have any questions. He can be reached by phone at (979) 845-7046 or email d-menzies@tamu.edu. Also, note that the registration fees for advisors at schools who have not participated in the last three years will be waived.



Calling All Followers!

The Association and the Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE) are now on Twitter. Follow both to keep up with SAEA updates and new JAAE articles and issues.

Association: **@SAEA_Economics**

Journal: **@JAAE_Journal**

You can also follow the Association on LinkedIn (Southern Agricultural Economics Association) and Facebook (Search: Southern Agricultural Economics Association – SAEA).

JAAE Editors' Corner

Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE)

Authors are reminded that *JAAE* is Open Access and that an increasing proportion of authors are covered by agreements that exempt them from paying an article processing charge. Read [this page on Open Access options in JAAE](#) to find out about institutional Read & Publish agreements and the discretionary waiver process for unfunded authors. You can check whether your institution has a Read & Publish agreement via [the waiver tool](#) on the Cambridge site. If you have questions about these "Read & Publish" agreements, contact our Cambridge publisher Andrew Hyde ahyde@cambridge.org.

View the [Instructions for Authors](#) if you are interested in contributing and go to [ScholarOne](#) to submit your manuscript!

Sign-up to serve as a reviewer

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Submissions through June 30, 2023:

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. Purpose of the Award: To recognize significant and enduring contributions in scholarship or public service to southern agricultural economics. Scholarship would entail teaching and research, while public service would embrace not only extension but all other outreach activities in government and agribusiness. This award recognizes individual distinguished contributions to the profession over a career.

B. Nature of the Award: The award shall be called “Southern Agricultural Economics Association Lifetime Achievement Award.” The winners of the award shall be announced annually with the awards presented at the annual meetings of the SAEA. Each recipient will receive a plaque and a free membership to the Southern Agricultural Economics Association for the remainder of his or her life.

C. Eligibility Requirements: Nominees must:

- have completed at least 25 years of professional service,
- have made significant and enduring contributions over their career to southern agricultural economics and the Association,
- be an active member of the Association,
- demonstrate excellence in some combination of the following areas: research, undergraduate and graduate teaching, extension and outreach activities, and administration.

In addition to these contributions, nominees should highlight their active involvements/contributions to the SAEA over their career (serving on the executive committee, editorial council, award committees, publications in JAAE, regular attendance of SAEA meetings, paper/poster presentations, symposiums, mentoring, etc.).

II. NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations must be made by SAEA members and/or agricultural economics and related departments. Nominations will consist of the following:

1. A statement, not longer than two double-spaced pages, summarizing the contributions in scholarship (teaching and/or research) and/or public service (extension and other outreach activities including such activities in government or agribusiness) to southern agricultural economics and the Association throughout the nominee’s professional career.
2. A detailed resume of the nominee.
3. Copies of not more than three published works which exemplify research contributions of the nominee and a brief summary of other works which provide tangible evidence of the nominee’s contributions to southern agricultural economics; and/or summaries of courses taught, topics covered, formal evaluations of teaching, and not more than three tangible examples of teaching aids or other tangible examples of extension or outreach program materials exemplifying the nominee’s contributions in public service to southern agricultural economics.

4. Letters indicating contributions the nominee has made to southern agricultural economics (maximum of 3).
5. A synopsis of the candidate's career suitable for publishing on the SAEA webpage.
6. The Selection Committee for the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Lifetime Achievement Award shall be composed of the Past President of the SAEA and three members of the SAEA, not on the executive committee, to be appointed to staggered three-year terms by the President. The Past President will chair the selection committee and will be the liaison between the selection committee and the SAEA executive committee.

III. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Submit all nomination materials in one pdf file for LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD by **September 30, 2023 11:59pm CDT** to <https://www.conftool.org/saea2024>.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

SOUTHERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. Purpose of the Awards: To recognize significant contributions of individuals to the profession of agricultural economics, to bring such contributions to the attention of the profession, and to facilitate firsthand sharing of such contributions through the annual SAEA meetings.

B. Nature of the Awards: The "Southern Agricultural Economics Association Awards for Distinguished Professional Contributions" are made annually, and recipients share their award-winning contributions with the membership at SAEA annual meetings. More than one award may be made each year in each category based on the judgment of evaluation committees concerning the significance of nominated works. Committees shall not be obligated to make awards if no nominee is judged deserving. Each winner will receive a certificate of recognition.

C. Award Categories: Awards are considered for distinguished contributions to the profession in the following categories:

- ▶ Outstanding *JAAE* Article
- ▶ Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award
- ▶ Outstanding Extension Project Award
- ▶ Outstanding Master's Thesis Award
- ▶ Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

D. Eligibility Requirements: Nominees must be SAEA members and actively involved in the area for which the work is nominated. The contribution nominated may be the work of a single individual or group of individuals. In the case of group awards, one-half or more of the contributing individuals must be SAEA members actively involved in the area of the nominated work. Graduate students must be student members of the SAEA.

E. Selection Criteria: Selection of award winners will be made by committees appointed by the SAEA President except for the Outstanding *JAAE* Article where the selection committee is composed of the *JAAE* Editors, Associate Editor, and the Editorial Council. Criteria used in the selection process include:

1. Relevance and importance of topic, problem, or issue addressed;
2. Application of appropriate economic principles, methods, and concepts;
3. Appropriate use of logic, scientific approach, method, or process;
4. Contribution of results and/or process to advancing the agricultural economics profession
5. Transferability of achievement to professional development of other economists.

F. Award Winner Responsibilities: Acceptance of an award carries a commitment on the part of the award winner(s) to attend and share this work, in person, with other members of the profession at the SAEA Annual Meeting when the award is given. Award recipients are expected to summarize and highlight their accomplishments in a poster presentation at the annual meeting. Poster session guidelines will be made available to award recipients.

G. Notification: Award winners will be notified at least 30 days before the annual meetings.

II. NOMINATION PROCESS

A. Outstanding *JAAE* Article

JAAE articles appearing in the November 2022 through August 2023 issues will routinely be considered by the selection committee composed of the *JAAE* Editor(s), Associate Editor, and the Editorial Council. No nominations are required.

B. Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award

1. Statements, no longer than two double-spaced pages, should be submitted by the nominator to the SAEA Past-President. These statements should summarize the contribution of nominated works with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above as they relate to the teaching of a course of instruction.
2. A brief resume of the economist(s) nominated and a brief summary of course covered by nomination.
3. A copy of formal evaluations and description of teaching aids or materials supporting nomination (e.g., video sample of nominee's teaching would be helpful).
4. Letters supporting contribution of nominated work with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above (maximum of 3).

C. Outstanding Extension Project Award

1. Statements, no longer than two double-spaced pages, should be submitted by the nominator to the SAEA Past President. These statements should summarize the contribution of nominated works with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above as they relate to the extension project nominated.
2. Nominations are invited for individual and group/team projects.

3. A brief resume of extension economist(s) nominated, and a brief summary of the extension project nominated.
3. A copy of formal evaluations and extension project materials supporting nomination. Documentation should be for no more than five years.
4. Letters supporting contribution of nominated work with respect to the evaluation criteria listed above (maximum of 3).

D. Outstanding Master's Thesis Award

1. A thesis must be submitted by the head or chair of the department where the thesis was presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Master's degree during the 2022-2023 academic year which started in August. The letter of nomination should include the author's name, thesis advisor(s), thesis title and institution granting the degree.
2. A department may submit one nomination for each fifteen Master's theses or fraction thereof presented to a graduate school faculty in the 2022-2023 academic year which started in August. In determining the number of eligible theses, departments must limit consideration to theses in the areas of agricultural economics, natural resource economics, rural economics, or agribusiness.
3. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee.
4. A cash supplement of \$200 accompanies the award.

E. Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award

1. A dissertation must be submitted by the head or chair of the department where the dissertation was presented in partial fulfillment of requirements for the Ph.D. during the 2022-2023 academic year which started in August. The letter of nomination should include the author's name, dissertation advisor(s), dissertation title and institution granting the degree.
2. A department may submit one nomination for each twelve doctoral dissertations or fraction thereof presented to a graduate school faculty in the 2022-2023 academic year which started in August. In determining the number of eligible nominations, departments must limit consideration to dissertations in the areas of agricultural economics, natural resource economics, rural economics, or agribusiness.
3. Selection will be made from documentation approved in final form by the student's advisory committee.
4. A cash supplement of \$300 accompanies the award.

III. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Submit all nomination materials for each award in one pdf file for Southern Agricultural Economics Association Distinguished Professional Contributions Awards by **September 30, 2023** 11:59pm CDT to <https://www.conftool.org/saea2024>.

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CALL FOR EMERGING SCHOLARS AWARDS

(Award structure and requirements changed in 2023)

The SAEA is soliciting nominations for the 2024 “Emerging Scholar” awards. These awards are designed to highlight the work of high-performing early-career professionals in our profession. Scholars will be recognized for outstanding accomplishments in one of three categories: Teaching, Research, and Extension. To be eligible, an applicant must, by June 1, 2023, be at least 3 and no more than 7 years from having received a terminal degree. Each institution is limited to one Emerging Scholar nomination. Nominees must be current members of the SAEA and employed at an institution in the U.S. South. Previous Emerging Scholar Award winners are not eligible to be nominated again, even in a different category.

Those selected for this award will be expected to present during an invited symposia session at the 2024 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Presentations may be empirical or conceptual and can address topics related to research, extension, or instruction. All presentations are expected to be of high quality and to address issues on the frontier of knowledge in each subject matter area. Recipients of the Emerging Scholar awards will be recognized at the SAEA business meeting.

Nominations must include:

- a brief statement (no more than one page) regarding the nominee’s qualifications,
- a one-page presentation proposal,
- a two-page curriculum vitae,
- designated award category (Teaching, Research, or Extension),
- nominee’s appointment split percentages across teaching, research, and extension duties.

Packets should focus on performance within the category to which they are submitted, but evidence of well-rounded, collegial scholarship and service across categories is expected.

Submit all nomination materials in one pdf file for “Emerging Scholar Awards” by September 30, 2023 11:59pm CDT to <https://www.conftool.org/saea2024>.

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CALL FOR 2024 SELECTED PAPER AND POSTER PROPOSALS

I. Eligibility Guidelines: Papers addressing any aspect of agricultural, food, environmental/resource, or applied economics are welcome. To submit a paper or poster proposal, at least one author must be an SAEA member at the time of the submission deadline September 15, 2023, 11:59 pm CDT. Membership information can be found [here](#). Each presenter may only submit one paper and one poster. However, authors may be listed on multiple papers and posters.

II. Submission Guidelines: In order to submit, authors must create a user account at the conference site: <https://www.conftool.org/saea2024/>. Upon registration, authors can submit their proposals at the same site. The submission phase will close September 15, 2023 11:59 CDT. Acceptance decisions will be communicated to authors by October 16, 2023.

SAEA requires the authors of accepted papers to upload an electronic version of the final paper or PowerPoint presentation at the conference site <https://www.conftool.org/saea2024/>, by January 14, 2024 11:59 pm CDT. Failure to upload a manuscript or presentation at the conference site by the deadline will result in removal from the program. No manuscript is required for Selected Posters and the poster is limited to 4 ft. by 4 ft. for display at the annual meetings. The submitting author is responsible for providing accurate and complete information. Incomplete entries will not be considered.

Please contact **Dr. Mallory K. Vestal**, West Texas A&M University, by email at mvestal@wtamu.edu for questions about Selected Papers or Posters.

CALL FOR ORGANIZED SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS

I. Eligibility Guidelines: The purpose of an organized symposium is to stimulate discussion of a single theme or problem related to current concerns in agricultural and environmental economics. Interdisciplinary proposals are welcomed and encouraged. The emphasis on audience discussion and participation distinguishes a symposium from a selected papers session and requires that one-half of the available time be allocated to the discussion engaging the audience. **Proposals in the areas of Extension/Outreach and Teaching/Learning are strongly encouraged.** To submit a proposal, at least one author must be an SAEA member at the time of submission deadline. Proposals where none of the contributors is a SAEA member will not be considered. Detailed information about how to become a member can be found by visiting www.saea.org.

II. Submission Guidelines: Organized Symposium proposals must be submitted as one pdf file for "Organized Symposium Session Proposal" by **September 15, 2023, 11:59 pm CDT** <https://www.conftool.org/saea2024/>. The submitting member is responsible for the completion and accuracy of entered information.

III. Submission Procedure: Please follow the following outline when developing the session proposal:

Title: Symposium title.

Organizer: Include address, phone number, and email address.

Moderator and Participants: Names, affiliations, and viewpoints to be represented for all participants.

Abstract: Provide justification and description of proposed symposium. Why is this topic timely and appropriate? What is the purpose to be served? What are the unique dimensions offered by the proposal? Abstract should be no more than 200 words.

Time: Specify time allocated to formal statements by presenters, discussion among presenters, and audience participation.

IV. Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Acceptance decisions, based on evaluations by a committee formed among the SAEA membership, will be communicated to the symposia organizers by **November 15, 2023**. All proposed participants must agree to be at the meetings, prior to submitting symposia proposals. The time allotted to selected symposia is identical to time of Selected Paper sessions and part of the period should include open discussion involving the audience. Abstracts of selected symposia will be published on the SAEA online program. Authors are encouraged to develop a full paper and submit to *JAAE* where the paper will go through the journal's standard review process.

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CALL FOR 2024 DISSERTATION JOB MARKET PAPER COMPETITION

Eligibility Guidelines: You must be an advanced level Ph.D. student to submit the paper. Job market or job market equivalent papers addressing any aspects of agricultural, food, environmental/resource, or applied economics are welcome. A student can submit only one paper and submitting to this program does not preclude him/her from submitting a similar paper to regular selected paper/poster session. To submit you must be an SAEA member at the time of the submission deadline, September 15, 2023, 11:59 pm CDT. Membership information can be found [here](#).

II. Submission Guidelines: In order to submit, authors must create a user account at the conference site: <https://www.conftool.org/saea2024/>. Upon registration, authors can submit 2-page long (single or double space) proposal divided into introduction, objectives, method, results, and conclusions sections. The paper should have no more than one coauthor and the presenting student should be the first author of the paper. The submission phase will close September 15, 2023 11:59 pm CDT.

We will accept top 10 abstracts for presentation consideration. The authors of accepted abstracts must submit their full paper to the Conftool site by December 1st. Authors of the accepted papers will give a 15-minute-long presentation at the meeting. Papers will be evaluated based on the quality as well as whether authors are successful in conveying the major ideas at the presentation. The three top competitors will receive monetary awards and certificates from the Association.

CALL FOR 2024 3MT COMPETITION

The Three Minute Thesis (3MT) is an academic research communication competition developed by The University of Queensland, Australia. The competition challenges M.S. students to present a compelling talk in three minutes using a single static PowerPoint slide that excites their audience about their thesis research. Examples presentations are at threeminutethesis.org.

I. Eligibility Guidelines: You must be a current M.S. student to be considered for this category of submission. Thesis topics addressing any aspects of agricultural, food, environmental/resource, or applied economics are welcome. To submit, you must be an SAEA member at the time of the submission deadline **September 15, 2023, 11:59 pm CDT.** Membership information can be found.

II. Submission Guidelines: Prospective presenters must create a user account at the conference site: <https://www.conftool.org/saea2024>. Upon registration, presenters can submit their thesis title at the same site. The submission phase will close September 15, 2023 11:59 CDT.

All submissions from qualified presenters will be accepted. Presentations using a single static PowerPoint slide are limited to 3-minute maximum. The single slide must be submitted by January 14, 2024 11:59 pm CDT. The other rules for the competition are at <https://threeminutethesis.uq.edu.au/resources/competition-rules>. The three top competitors will receive monetary awards and certificates from the Association.

2023-2024 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 Marco Palma at mapalma@tamu.edu.

Selected Papers Committee: Mallory K. Vestal, West Texas A&M University (2024), Kellie Curry Raper, Oklahoma State University (2025), Elizabeth Canales, Mississippi State University (2026).

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Rodney Holcomb, Oklahoma State University (Past-President), Barry Barnett, University of Kentucky (2024), Keith Coble, Mississippi State University (2025), Lisa House, University of Florida (2026).

SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee: Adam Rabinowitz, Auburn University (2024), Christa Court, University of Florida (2025), Samuel Zapata, Texas A&M University (2026).

SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee: Anastasia Thayer Hassett, Clemson University (2024), John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University (2025), Nathan Kemper, University of Arkansas (2026).

Master's Thesis Award Committee: Maria Bampasidou, Louisiana State University (2024), Shuoli Zhao, University of Kentucky (2025), Charley Martinez, University of Tennessee (2026).

Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee: Eunchun Park, University of Arkansas (2024), Samir Huseynov, Auburn University (2025), Michelle Segovia, University of Delaware (2026).

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Undergraduate Committee: Dusty Menzies, Texas A&M University; Jerrod Penn, Louisiana State University; Aaron Shew, Arkansas State University. Hannah Shear, Oklahoma State University.

3MT Thesis Committee: Xuqi Chen, University of Tennessee (Chair); Kalyn Coatney, Mississippi State University; Yangxuan Liu, University of Georgia.

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IT/AV Committee for 2024 Meetings: Kellie Curry Raper, Oklahoma State University, Elizabeth Canales, Mississippi State University.
