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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

My previous two Presidential letters focused on the status of two main activities of our organization: our annual meetings and membership and the association's journal, the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* (JAAE). As explained in those letters, this focus is based on the purpose and objectives of the SAEA.[1]

Today, I want to share some thoughts and information that we can use as we think about the future of the association and of the profession in general. First, I would like to share some analyses I have recently completed looking at the trends in the number of graduates in Agricultural Business and Economics around the country. The data, available from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) starting in the mid-1990s,[2] show that, at the national level, the number of bachelor's graduates and of master's and PhD graduates in the field reached a peak in the late 2010s, with the sharpest decline observed in graduate programs (Figures 1 and 2). Since their peaks, the number of bachelor's graduates has declined by about 8%, while the number of master's and PhD graduates has declined by more than 25%.

When focusing on the South, where most of the institutions in the SAEA are located, we have been fortunate to see long-term growth in the number of bachelor's graduates, reaching a record of about 2,300 in 2023-24 (Figure 1). Southern institutions now award about 1 of every 2 bachelor's degrees (48%) in the field in the country. Data for graduate programs, however, tell us a different story. The number of master's and PhD graduates in the South reached a peak of more than 300 in the early 2010s and has been declining since, to about 200 in 2023-24, following the national trend (Figure 2).

What does this mean for the Association? Because master's and PhD graduates account for only about 10% of all graduates in our field, the growth in bachelor's programs has more than offset the decline in graduate programs, and the overall number of graduates from programs in the South has continued to grow over the long term. This is important, as the number of faculty and the funds allocated to departments are generally a function of the number of students in these programs. The vibrancy of our meetings likely reflects, in large part, this growth.

The increase in the number of undergraduate students needs to be seen as an opportunity to create more activities during our meetings that engage them. For example, a growing trend in many institutions throughout the country is experiential learning, including undergraduate research. We continue to expand competitions for undergraduate students, but we could do more to highlight undergraduate research, as presentations (oral and posters) at our meetings are already open to students at all levels.

The decline in the number of master's and PhD graduates is an area of concern, as these students are the future faculty and researchers of our profession. However, our data show that the participation of graduate students in our meetings doubled from 2010 to 2025, despite this

decline. This tells us that the SAEA remains an important place for graduate students, and we need to continue strengthening the activities that support them as they enter the profession.

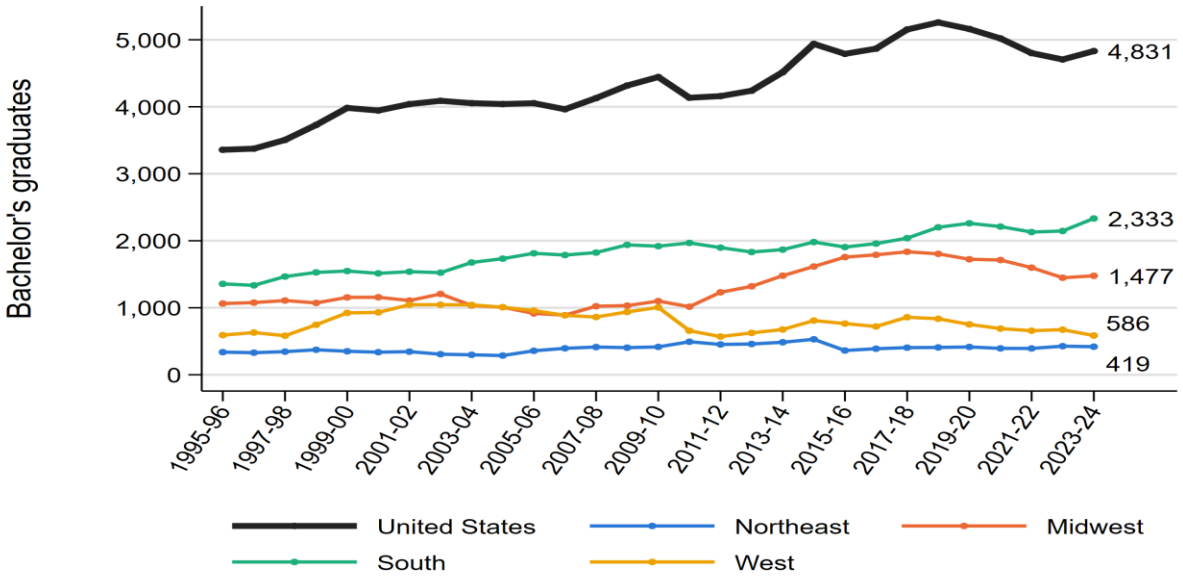


**Figure 1. Bachelor's graduates in Agricultural Business and Economics, United States and Census regions, 1995-96 to 2023-24**

Source: U.S. Department of Education, IPEDS Completions Survey. First-major bachelor's degrees, CIP 01.01 (Agricultural Business and Management, including Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness), as reported.

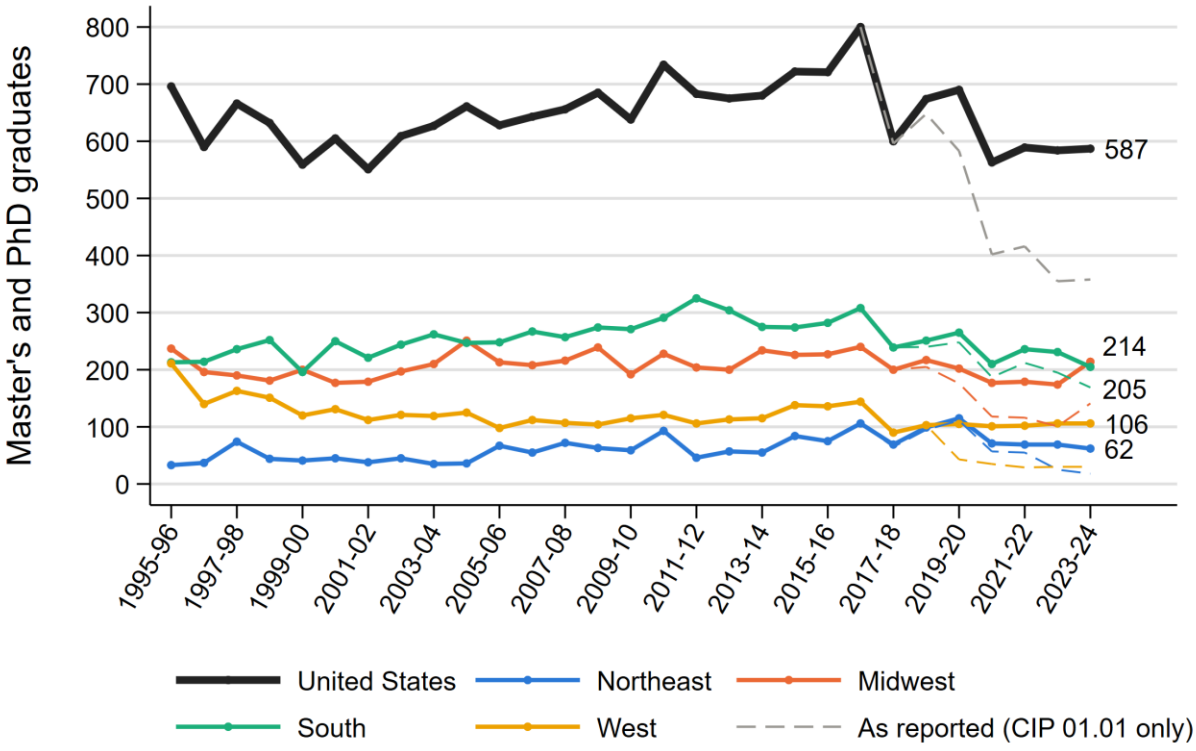


**Figure 2. Master's and PhD graduates in Agricultural Business and Economics, United States and Census regions, 1995-96 to 2023-24**

Source: U.S. Department of Education, IPEDS Completions Survey. First-major degrees, CIP 01.01. Solid lines are adjusted for programs that since about 2018 report under Economics (CIP 45.06); dashed lines show the values as reported.

**SAEA Board Report and Activities**

The SAEA Board met via Zoom on October 8. Preparations for the meetings in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma are at full speed. In addition to the activities we conducted last year, the Extension Committee is preparing a new student Extension competition for graduate and undergraduate students (see below for more details), and the Excel competition that was successfully piloted last year will continue this year. The SAEA continues adding more activities to engage our students. One of the greatest strengths of our organization is the participation of its members in the development of innovative activities.

With respect to the JAAE, the new editorial team reported that the transition has been very smooth and that the journal continues to receive a very large number of submissions. The special issue edited by Edward Yu and Michael Vassalos is still open for submissions. The SAEA Board has also decided to continue working with Cambridge University Press as the publisher of the journal, and we will sign a new five-year contract.

Go out and enjoy the great weather we have in the southern United States during the fall. I hope to see you all in Oklahoma City.

**References**

1 **https://saea.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/constit.pdf**
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**Southern Agricultural Economics Association**
**Officer Elections**

## Voting Procedures for SAEA 2026 Officer Elections

All members in good standing (current dues paid) will receive an email message with voting instructions. **Voting opens November 2! All ballots must be completed by November 31, 2026 to be counted**. Submit suggestions for future officers to an Executive Committee member.

### Candidates for President-Elect

Luis A. Ribera, Texas A&M University

Suzanne Thornsbury, University of Florida

### Candidates for Director

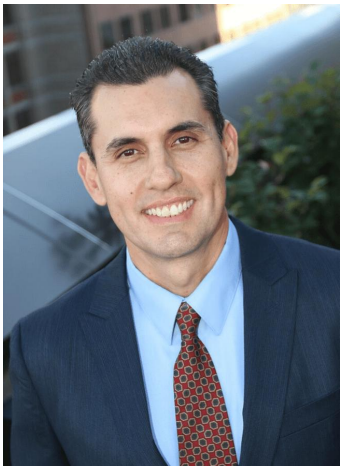
Logan Britton, Kansas State University

Alba Collart, Clemson University

Candidate Bios and Vision for the SAEA for each candidate are provided below:

## Candidate for President:

**Dr. Luis A. Ribera**



Dr. Luis A. Ribera is a nationally recognized agricultural economist, Extension leader, and experienced administrator whose career has focused on advancing applied research, Extension outreach, and international engagement in agricultural economics. He serves as Professor and Extension Economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University, Director of the Center for North American Studies, and Program Director for International Projects with the Agricultural and Food Policy Center. Dr. Ribera earned his B.S. and M.S. from the University of Arkansas and his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University, all in Agricultural Economics.

Throughout his career, Dr. Ribera has developed nationally and internationally recognized programs in international trade and trade policy, transportation, economic impacts, risk analysis and simulation. Dr. Ribera has been an invited speaker at more than 400 conferences and professional meetings around the world and has secured approximately $160 million in applied research and Extension funding through 79 contracts. Dr. Ribera's work has consistently connected research with practical solutions for agricultural producers, agribusinesses, policymakers, and stakeholders.

Dr. Ribera has published in leading journals within the profession, including the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Choices Magazine, Applied Economic Perspectives, Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics and American Journal of Agricultural Economics,* among others. He has also authored more than 150 Extension publications and currently serves as a topic area co-editor for the *Southern Ag Today*, helping communicate timely economic issues to a broad audience.

Dr. Ribera's contributions to research, Extension, and professional service have been recognized through numerous awards, including the **Outstanding Extension Program Team Award, SAEA, 2025,** *"Southern Ag Today (SAT) Team,"* the **Outstanding Extension Program Team Award, SAEA, 2020,** *"Southern Extension Committee Task Force on the Farm Economy Downturn,"* **Superior Service Unit Award - Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, 2016,** "Farm Bill workshops and trainings," and the **Outstanding Selected Research Paper Award, The Latin American Section of AAEA, 2014,** *"Impacts of the Drug and Trade on Latin American Food Production."*

Dr. Ribera has a long history of service to the profession and to SAEA. Dr. Ribera served as an elected SAEA Director from 2018 to 2020, and as a member of the SAEA Distinguish Master Thesis Award Committee from 2015 to 2017. Dr. Ribera currently serves on the Executive Board of the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics. These leadership experiences have provided him with a deep understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing both the Association and the broader agricultural economics profession.

**Vision for SAEA**

The SAEA has been my favorite professional association since I started participating nearly 20 years ago. The SAEA really pledge to the idea that open, constructive and respectful discussions about different issues related to agricultural economics is paramount in our profession to learn, teach and solve problems. The SAEA's high approval rate for submitted research papers for their annual meetings is done by design as it is believed that there is a benefit, specially to students, in presenting all different types of research/papers to get feedback from fellow members and learn

from the experience in a safe and most of the time cordial space. Moreover, the emphasis on applied work and get to the point type presentation structure, allows presenters to learn how to be concise and convey the main findings of their research, which is a very important skill to master. Also, the quiz ball competition is one of the most exciting events at our annual meeting for both students and faculty. Finally, the camaraderie between agricultural economists, either as faculty, student or private industry is second to none. I intend to support and protect what makes the SAEA unique as we have many things to be proud of but also look into opportunities to grow professionally and to reach areas that will increase the diversity of thoughts to the association. Over the years there has been an emphasis on having more opportunities and interactions for graduate students, how to deal with interviews and social media, and more exposure to the work that Extension does. One area that I believe is important to explore is to create more opportunities to interact with private industry, at the student level as well as at the faculty level. I truly believe that there is a lot of opportunities to create value in our profession by partnering with private industry. By maintaining the welcoming culture that has long defined SAEA while expanding opportunities for collaboration and professional growth, we can ensure that the Association continues to thrive and serve the evolving needs of our profession.

## Candidate for President:

**Dr. Suzanne Thornsbury**

Suzanne Thornsbury is a Professor in the Department of Food and Resource Economics at the University of Florida. She holds an extension and research appointment focused on agriculture policy and specialty crops and works with industries in the Southern U.S. on strategies to elevate global competitiveness in seasonal and perishable products. Her program integrates research and extension with a goal of co-development of knowledge given current and anticipated technology developments and shifting markets. As part of this overall effort, she currently leads a transdisciplinary, multi-institution team of researchers and extension specialists in the economic, biological, engineering, and social sciences to integrate human and physical aspects of innovation to pave the way for adoption of new technologies throughout the supply chain.

Suzanne brings unique perspectives on the intersection of federal programs and rural communities, having previously served as a Senior Advisor for Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities in USDA's Office of the Chief Scientist. In that capacity she advised leadership on the mission and status of research-related policies as well as important advances in food and agriculture, science innovation and adoption, advanced manufacturing, and data availability. She previously served as a Branch Chief in the Markets and Trade Economics Division of USDA's Economic Research Service where she provided leadership for a research and outlook program to assess crop markets and trade. She has extensive background in developing and delivering teaching materials to a wide variety of audiences including industry, government, and academic and has led a national program to provide market intelligence and forecasts for the U.S. fruit, tree nut, vegetable, and pulses sectors. Previous academic appointments include Assistant Professor at the University of Florida Indian River Research and Education Center where she helped develop and deliver a remote teaching program in Agribusiness, and at Michigan State University in the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Resource Economics where she was awarded tenure for a joint research, extension, and teaching program focused on markets and trade. Dr. Thornsbury holds a PhD in Agriculture and Applied Economics from Virginia Tech.

Suzanne has secured over $13 million in competitive funding in support of her integrated programs and was invited to serve on the U.S. Tart Cherry Industry Administrative Board by the

White House in 2024. Her students have been recognized with research awards from both University of Florida and Michigan State and have gone on to a variety of positions including academic, non-profit, global research, industry and government. She was recognized as USDA Economist of the Year in 2020 and currently organizes and hosts the annual UF/IFAS Policy Conference which brings national & state policymakers together with industry leaders and academic participants to focus on major policy updates and anticipated needs. She previously served as Chair of S1087 and S1088 multistate research committees and was the inaugural VP of Government Relations for Food Distribution Research Society.

**SAEA Vision**

The pace of change continues to accelerate for us all. An effective organization must be forward-looking, nimble, policy-relevant, and account for foundational and non-traditional factors impacting the audience it serves. In SAEA the commonality is bringing our perspective as economists to analyze issues and change. My first professional presentation as a MS student was at an annual SAEA conference and I have continued to participate with SAEA since then. As a student and as a professional, in both academia and government, SAEA has always provided a welcoming environment and a place to share ideas and build collaborations. I believe these organizational strengths should be maintained, fostered, formalized, and expanded in order to address the challenges of today. Success in addressing emerging challenges requires a futurist outlook as well as transdisciplinary assessment. We often talk about working across disciplines (the good, the bad, and the challenging) and numerous SAEA members incorporate it into individual programs or projects. I propose that we build on these opportunities through targeted SAEA activities that bring in other disciplines and economists from non-traditional career paths. Building and leveraging high impact SAEA programs will require input from multiple stakeholders across varied agriculture and supporting sectors; direct application of research outcomes in a complex policy environment; and developing the next generation through formal and informal teaching opportunities at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels.

**Candidate for Director:**
**Dr. Logan Britton**

Logan Britton is an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University with an 80% teaching and 20% research appointment. A southeast Kansas native and first-generation college graduate, he earned his B.S. in Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Communications and Journalism (2015) and M.S. in Agricultural Economics (2016) from K-State, and his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Oklahoma State University (2020). He previously served as a graduate fellow with the U.S. Grains Council in Washington, D.C. He joined the faculty at K-State in 2020 and earned tenure and promotion in 2025.

Britton teaches courses in agricultural finance, agribusiness logistics, computer decision-making, and contemporary agricultural issues to undergraduates and Master of Agribusiness students. He has mentored 16 doctoral student instructors and four undergraduate research and honors students, and served on 28 graduate advisory committees, including nine as major professor. His research examines consumer preferences for food products and technologies, agricultural supply chains, and the economic feasibility of production and food safety practices. He also studies teaching and learning in agricultural economics. He has authored or coauthored 20 published or forthcoming peer-reviewed articles in outlets including the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, *Agribusiness: An International Journal*, and *Food Quality and Preference*. He has served as principal investigator or co-

principal investigator on nine funded projects with combined awards exceeding $4 million, addressing animal disease, produce safety, and urban food systems.

His awards include the 2023 USDA Early Career Award for Excellence in College and University Teaching in the Food and Agricultural Sciences, the 2024 SAEA Emerging Scholar Award in Teaching, and the 2026 AAEA Distinguished Teaching, WAEA Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching, and NACTA Teaching Scholar awards. The Kansas Board of Regents recognized him as K-State's tenure-track Faculty of the Year recipient in 2025. Britton serves as secretary-treasurer of AAEA's Teaching, Learning, and Communications Section and coordinates AAEA Teaching Academy webinars. He co-chairs the K-State Faculty Senate's Academic Affairs Committee and the Strategic Enrollment Plan's Academic and Enrollment Planning Support Council. His SAEA participation includes co-organizing two teaching symposia, presenting research with graduate students, moderating a session, and judging undergraduate quiz bowl.

**Vision for SAEA**

The SAEA annual meeting has become something of a family reunion for me. Since my first meeting as a graduate student at OSU, I have looked forward to catching up with colleagues and discussing research. I value these relationships and SAEA's roots in commercial agriculture, even as our work reaches well beyond the farmgate. My vision is for SAEA to help members grow professionally and succeed in their responsibilities regardless of their institution or appointment. As director, I would work with fellow officers to offer year-round programming that addresses practical needs in teaching, research, and outreach. I would also support forming groups around shared interests where colleagues from different institutions could develop proposals and pursue joint projects, giving members more opportunities to work together beyond the February meeting.

**Candidate for Director:**
**Dr. Alba Collart**

Alba Collart is an Associate Professor of Agribusiness in the Department of Agricultural Sciences at Clemson University. She joined Clemson in 2023 after nine and a half years at Mississippi State University, where she served as an Assistant and Associate Professor and Extension Economist. She earned both her M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University and her B.S. in Agribusiness Management from the Pan-American Agricultural School, Zamorano.

Dr. Collart is a food and agricultural economist whose research applies consumer, experimental, and behavioral economics to inform decision-making and help design resilient food and agricultural systems. Her work has examined consumer responses to food labels and marketing, local food purchases, food waste, and blockchain-based traceability. More recent projects address specialty-crop marketing and consumer and producer preferences related to vegetables grown with non-conventional water sources. Across these areas, she studies how information, technology, and market conditions shape decisions by consumers, producers, and agribusinesses.
At Clemson, Dr. Collart teaches undergraduate courses in quantitative agribusiness analysis and food systems economics, as well as a graduate course in survey design and experimental methods for agricultural and applied economics. She has advised undergraduate and master's students conducting research on food marketing, traceability, and food waste. Her mentoring reflects her commitment to her students' success and well-being within and beyond academic settings.

Dr. Collart has been an SAEA member since 2008. She has presented research and moderated sessions at SAEA annual meetings and received the association's Emerging Scholar Award in 2019. Her service to the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* includes serving on its Editorial Board from 2022 to 2024, reviewing manuscripts, and publishing several articles in the journal. She has also held leadership roles in the Food Distribution Research Society, serving as President-Elect in 2022–23, President in 2023–24, and Past-President in 2024–25. These experiences have given her a broad view of the sustained effort involved in supporting a professional association and its members.

**SAEA Vision**

I see SAEA as an active community where professionals working across agriculture, food, and natural resources at every career stage can share ideas, build relationships, and contribute to the profession. As Director, I would support the annual meeting as a place for strong research, practical exchange of new ideas, and the personal connections that keep members engaged. I would also encourage more opportunities for students and early-career professionals to present their work, connect with mentors and sponsors, and take on service and leadership roles.

SAEA is strengthened when members across research, teaching, and Extension learn from one another, and when the association connects with professionals in agribusiness and related fields. I would look for practical ways to support those connections and make participation easier throughout the year, including through member-led activities. My goal is to help SAEA remain a valued home for current members while welcoming the people who will shape agricultural economics in the years ahead.

## 2027 SAEA ANNUAL MEETING

**What –** SAEA 60th Annual Meeting
**Where –** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
**When –** February 6-9, 2027
**Why –** A chance to network and share your work with colleagues.

**Omni Oklahima City**
**100 West Oklahima City BLVD.**
**Oklahima City, OK 73109**

Conference registration link will be active by November 31. The SAAS room link is below. Hotel reservation information can be accessed through the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS) website at
https://bookings.omnihotels.com/event/oklahoma-city/saas-2027-annual-meeting

Deadline to reserve a group rate: TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2027
SAAS Group Rates: $194/+ tax double/single rooms
SAAS Group Rates: $224/+ tax triple rooms.
SAAS Group Rates: $254/+ tax quad rooms

Tuesday Night!

**Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. –** Science Museum Oklahoma

Join us for a visit to the Sciecne Museum of Oklahoma located in the historic Kirkpatrick Center. Science Museum Oklahoma is the state's only hands-on science museum and, at more than 390,000 square feet, one of the largest in the nation.

## SAEA Undergraduate Activities

**2027 Quiz Bowl and Excel Competitions -** Once again, the Student Section of the SAEA will be coordinating the Academic Quiz Bowl and Excel competitions. For the Quiz Bowl, teams will be randomly assigned as in the past. Contact Dusty Menzies, Undergraduate Committee Chair, if you have any questions about the competitions. 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.

**Undergraduate Reception**

Join us Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. for a fun night of games and good company! We'll meet at the **Revolutions** 200 South Oklahoma Ave. Come ready to have a great time networking woth otuer students from across the country.

### CALL FOR 2027 SAEA EXTENSION GRADUATE STUDENT COMPETITION

The Southern Extension Economics Committee (SEEC) and the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) invite graduate students to compete in the SAEA Extension Graduate Student Competition. The competition challenges students to take applied economic research, whether from a thesis, dissertation, or other academic work, and turn it into Extension programming that reaches real stakeholder audiences. Students plan a program, write for a popular audience, and present to a panel of experienced Extension economists at the SAEA Annual Meeting. The competition is supported by the Southern Risk Management Education Center as student professional development in Extension risk management.

Guidelines were distributed to all SAEA members! For questions, contact the 2027 competition co-chairs, Steven Klose (steven.klose@ag.tamu.edu) and Jordan Shockley (jordan.shockley@uky.edu ).

# JAAE EDITORS' CORNER

*Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE)*

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If you are interested in serving as a Reviewer, please email the Editors.

## JAAE Special Issue on Sustainable Economy and Development

The *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* is delighted to announce the following special collection (virtual special issue) on sustainable economy and development. We welcome submissions from authors participating in the 2026 Feng Chia Conference: The Fourth Symposium on Sustainable Economy and Green Finance Cooperation(opens in a new tab)(opens in a new tab), but also encourage submissions from any author working in this area.

More information about the Special Issue is available on the JAEA website

Submission deadline: **November 30, 2026**

**Guest Editors**

- Michael Vassalos (opens in a new tab) (Clemson University)
- T. Edward Yu (opens in a new tab) (University of Tennessee)

**Calling All Followers!**

The Association and the Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics (JAAE) are now on X. 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).

# 2026-2027 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 Carlos Carpio at ccarpio@nmsu.edu.

**Selected Papers Committee:** John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University (2027); Maria Bampasidou, Texas A&M University (2028), Nathan Kemper, University of Arkansas (2029).

**Lifetime Achievement Award Committee**: Andrew Muhammad (Past-President); Lisa House, University of Florida (2026); Stephen Devadoss, Texas Tech University (2027)

**SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee**: Dennis Brothers, Auburn University (2027); Manuel García, Texas A&M University (2029); Benjamin Campbell, University of Georgia (2029).

**SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee:** Misti Sharp, University of Florida (2027); Abdelaziz Lawani, Tennessee State University (2028); Blessing Nsofor, Texas A&M University-Kingsville (2029).

**Master's Thesis Award Committee:** Yangxuan Liu, University of Georgia (2027); Anthony Baffoe-Bonnie, Texas A&M University (2028); James Mariuki, Tennessee State University (2029).

**Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee:** Michael Adjemian, University of Georgia (2027); K. Aleks Schaefer, Oklahoma State University (2028); Gulcan Onel University of Florida (2029).

**Poster Committee:** Karen DeLong, University of Tennessee (2027); Obed Quaicoe, North Carolina A&T State University (2028); Madhav Regmi, New Mexico State University (2029).

**Undergraduate Committee:** Dusty Menzies, Texas A&M University; Jerrod Penn, Louisiana State University; Hannah Shear, Oklahoma State University; Anastasia Thayer, Clemson University.

**3MT Thesis Committee**: Kuan-Ming Huang, Mississippi State University (2027); Kristiina Ala-Kokko, University of Arkansas (2028); Oscar Sarasty, South Dakota State University (2029).

**Ph.D. Job Market Paper Competition Committee**: Shuoli Zhao, University of Kentucky (2027); Lawson Connor, University of Arkansas (2028); Luis Sandoval, Texas Tech University (2029).

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**Social Planner for 2027 Meetings**: Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia.

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# Southern Agricultural Economics Association
# Membership Renewal/Application

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(Last) (First) (Initial)

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**SAEA Membership Category** (check one):

**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP** (Based on age on or before January 1 of year applying): Full benefits and voting rights open to those who are at least 55 years old.

_____ 55-59 years of age = $275 _____ 65-69 years of age = $195

_____ 60-64 years of age = $225 _____ 70+ years of age = $150

**UNITED STATES**

_____ $30 Member (academic) _____ $10 Student

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**INTERNATIONAL** (all other countries)

_____ $35

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