



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I was preparing to write this column, I first read our Past President's September note from last year. Jeff noted that fall was arriving, a time to look forward to cooler temperatures, college football Saturdays, and new students on campus. This year, we unfortunately add to that list preparation for hurricanes. We hope all of our SAEA members stayed safe in Harvey and will stay safe in Irma's path. Although for some of us, the focus may be on weather for now, it is also time to prepare for the annual meetings. The upcoming SAEA Annual Meetings will be held February 2-6, 2017, in Jacksonville, Florida. We hope you will plan to join us this year. We look forward to the opportunities for research, teaching, extension, and industry professionals and graduate students to present to colleagues and discuss agricultural economic issues; and for undergraduates to participate in the Quiz Bowl, attend presentations, and network with colleagues at other universities.

In addition, this year we will have a special focus on graduate student activities at the meetings. An ad-hoc committee of graduate students (Michael Jones, NCSU; Joanna Karavolias, Florida; Michelle Segovia and Bachir Kassas, TAMU; and Samane Zarebanadkoki, Kentucky) are preparing special organized sessions focusing on issues related to graduate student life. In addition, we are planning a networking reception on late Sunday afternoon for graduate students. We encourage departments to have graduate students arrive early enough to attend as this promises to be fun and allow for more networking throughout the meeting.

Please note that September 18, 2017 is the deadline to submit proposals for selected papers, posters, and organized symposia. The success of our meeting depends on the quality of submissions, so please submit a proposal and plan to attend the meetings. Information on how to submit proposals is on the SAEA website at www.saea.org. Jacksonville is a great city and I know Jeff Jordan is organizing a number of fun networking and social events for students, faculty, and industry partners.

Undergraduate participation at the SAEA meetings via the Quiz Bowl has been very strong in recent years. We want to see that continue! Please encourage and support your students in coming to the meetings and participating. Please also consider participating in the Recruitment Fair. At just \$100, it offers a great opportunity to recruit excellent students into your graduate programs.

The deadline for award nominations is also September 18, 2017. Information on how to nominate yourself or someone else for an award can be found on the SAEA website at www.saea.org. Award categories include Lifetime Achievement Award, Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award, Distinguished Extension Program Award, Outstanding Master's Thesis Award, and Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation Award. These awards are meaningful for the recipients and highlight the excellent work conducted by our colleagues.

LISA HOUSE, President
University of Florida
Food & Resource Economics
1083 McCarty B
Gainesville, FL 32611-0240
352/394-7653
352/845-0988 (fax)
lahouse@ufl.edu

DEACUE FIELDS, President-Elect
Auburn University
Ag Econ & Rural Soc
302 Comer Hall
Auburn, AL 36849
334/844-4931
fieldde@auburn.edu

CARLOS CARPIO, Director
Texas Tech University
Agriculture & Applied Economics
Agricultural Sciences 301E
P.O. Box 42132
Lubbock, TX 79409-2132
806/742-2831
806/742-1099 (fax)
Carlos.carpio@ttu.edu

SUSANA FERREIRA, Director
University of Georgia
Agricultural & Applied Economics
314D Conner Hall
Athens, GA 30602-0739
706/542-0086
706/542-0739 (fax)
sferreir@uga.edu

LUIS RIBERA, Director
Texas A&M University
Agricultural Economics
327C AGLS Bldg
PO Box 2124
College Station, TX 743-2124
979/845-3070
979/847-9743 (fax)
libera@tamu.edu

JEFFREY GILLESPIE,
Past-President
USDA-Economic Research Service
355 E St. SW
Washington, DC 20224-3221
202/694-5308
Jeffrey.Gillespie@ers.usda.gov

MICHAEL REED, Co-Editor
*Journal of Agricultural and
Applied Economics*
308 Charles E. Barnhart Bldg.
Lexington, KY 40546-0276
859/257-7259
mreed@uky.edu

SAYED SAGHAIAN, Co-Editor
*Journal of Agricultural and
Applied Economics*
University of Kentucky
314 Charles E. Barnhart Bldg.
Lexington, KY 40546-0276
859/257-2356
SSaghalian@uky.edu

JOHN VAN SICKLE, Secretary
University of Florida
Food & Resource Economics
1185 McCarty Hall
Gainesville, FL 32611-0240
352/294-7634
352/846-0988 (fax)
sickle@ufl.edu

JEFFREY L. JORDAN, Treasurer
University of Georgia
Agricultural & Applied Economics
1109 Experiment Street
Griffin, GA 30223-1797
770/228-7231 (x106)
770/228-7208 (fax)
jjordan@uga.edu

I want to highlight the officer candidate bios and vision statements that are included in this newsletter. We have an excellent slate of candidates for both President-Elect and Director. I want to thank all of the candidates for their willingness to serve. You will receive instructions for voting soon, so please examine these bios closely and vote! The SAEA needs continued strong leadership to help deliver the outstanding programs our members have come to expect.

I also want to remind you to renew your membership. Membership in SAEA is inexpensive and the benefits are excellent! Renewal is easy using our portal found under the "Payments" button on the membership page. I look forward to seeing all of you in Jacksonville!

Lisa House, SAEA President

2018 SAEA Annual Meetings

Make your plans now to attend the 2018 SAEA Annual Meetings to be held in Jacksonville, Florida, February 2-6, 2018.

What – SAEA Annual Meeting

Where – Hyatt Regency Hotel, Jacksonville, FL

When – February 2-6, 2018

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

Registration will begin December 1, 2017. Paper, poster and organized symposia submissions will close midnight EST, Monday, September 18, 2017. Award nominations are due September 18 as well. Begin planning now to attend and share your work. Access the SAAS website at www.saasinc.org for more information about the 2018 meetings. Hotel Information for reservations will be posted to the saea.org website and emailed to current members when available.

2018 ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION AT THE SAEA ANNUAL MEETING IN JACKSONVILLE, FL

Undergraduates and Student Advisors!

Please mark your calendars and start your plans for Jacksonville! Once again, the Student Section of the SAEA will be coordinating the Academic Quiz Bowl competition, and we are hoping for another record turn-out of schools and student participants. We are again planning on hosting a graduate program Recruitment Fair which provides graduate program coordinators an opportunity to meet, greet and recruit quiz bowl participants for their respective departments. Please contact Maria Bampasidou, Undergraduate Committee Chair, to sign up for the competition. She is located at Louisiana State University, 234 Martin D. Woodin Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, Phone 225/578-2367, Email: mbampasidou@agcenter.lsu.edu. Travel grants are available for students participating in Quiz Bowl. Also note that the registration fees for advisors at schools who have not participated in the last three years will be waived.

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 framed certificate 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 last 25 years of professional service and must have made significant contributions to the profession. This award is in recognition of one’s contribution to southern agricultural economics throughout a professional career. The award may be given posthumously. The recipient need not live (or have lived) in the southern region, but must have been a member of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association at some time in his or her career.

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 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 nomination materials in pdf format for
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

By September 18, 2017 to:

Jeffrey Gillespie

USDA Economic Research Service

**Submissions must be received by
Monday, September 18, 2017**

**Telephone and E-mail are for
information only**

Phone: 202/694-5308

E-mail: Jeffrey.Gillespie@ers.usda.gov

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**
- ▶ **Distinguished Extension Program 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 Editors, 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; and
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 2016 through August 2017 issues will routinely be considered by the selection committee composed of the *JAAE* Editor, Associate Editors, 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., VHS videotape 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 Program 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 program nominated.
2. A brief resume of extension economist(s) nominated and a brief summary of the extension program nominated.
3. A copy of formal evaluations and extension program materials supporting nomination.
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 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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 2016-2017 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 in electronic (pdf) form only for the Southern Agricultural Economics Association **Distinguished Professional Contributions Awards** by **September 18, 2017** to:

By September 18, 2017 to:
Dr. Jeffrey Gillespie
USDA Economic Research Service

**Telephone and E-mail are for
information only**
Phone: 202/694-5308
E-mail: Jeffrey.Gillespie@ers.usda.gov

CALL FOR 2018 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 proposal, at least one author must be an SAEA member at the time of submission deadline, Monday, September 18, 2017, midnight EST. Membership information can be found [here](#). Selected papers will consist of two categories: 15 minute paper presentations and 8 minute lightning round presentations. The selected paper committee will choose the category for each paper and notify the presenter if the paper is accepted. Each presenter may only submit one paper. However, authors may be listed on multiple papers.

II. Submission Guidelines: Proposals must be posted at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2018>. The submissions site will close at midnight (EST) Monday, **September 18, 2017**. SAEA requires the authors of Selected Papers to post an electronic version of the final paper or power point presentation on the *AgEcon Search* website by **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**. Instructions on submitting the full manuscript or power point presentation will be provided upon acceptance. *Failure to post a manuscript or presentation to AgEcon Search 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.

III. Submission procedure:

1. Go to the designated website; <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2018>.
2. Click on "Submit an Abstract"
3. Enter ALL required information:
 - a. Submitter User ID: Enter the User ID you used to log into the system.
 - b. Paper Title (Use APA Style "Title Case" capitalization method for titles)
 - c. Indicate if there are co-authors. Co-author information will be entered in a later step.
 - d. Area: Select the most applicable topic area for your paper/poster.
 - e. Keywords: enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 5
 - f. Abstract: enter a 200-word maximum abstract describing the paper. Do not use equations, symbols, Greek letters, etc.
 - g. Type of Presentation: Select "Regular Session" for papers or "Poster Session"
 - h. Submitter's Comments (optional): If you are willing to serve as a moderator for a session *other than your own*, please enter the word "Moderator" here.
 - i. JEL Code(s): Enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 3. Click on the Button to browse available codes.
 - j. Enter Your Slides: **IGNORE THIS CELL. DO NOT SUBMIT ANY FILES.**
Only the text entered in the aforementioned cells will be evaluated.

Acceptance decisions will be communicated to authors by November 16, 2017.

Please contact **Carlos Carpio**, Texas Tech University, by email at carlos.carpio@ttu.edu for questions about Selected Papers. Contact **Nathan Smith**, Clemson University, for questions about Selected Posters by email at nathan5@clemson.edu.

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 agricultural 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, Monday, September 18, 2017, midnight EST. Membership information can be found [here](#). Proposals where none of the contributors is a SAEA member will not be considered.

II. Submission Guidelines: Submissions must be posted no later than Monday, September 18, 2017, midnight EST. The submitting member is responsible for the completion and accuracy of entered information. Questions regarding submission format for organized symposia should be addressed to **Dr. Deacue Fields, Auburn University**, phone: 334/844-4931, email: fieldde@auburn.edu

III. Submission procedure:

1. Go to the designated website; <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2018>
2. Click on "Submit an Abstract"
3. Enter ALL required information:
 - a. Submitter User ID: Enter the User ID you used to log into the system.
 - b. Paper Title: Title of Organized Symposium (Use APA Style "Title Case" capitalization method for titles)
 - c. Indicate if there are co-authors. Co-author information will be entered in a later step.
 - d. Area: Select "Organized Symposium"
 - e. Keywords: enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 5
 - f. Abstract: enter a 200-word maximum abstract describing the symposia as outlined below. Do not use equations, symbols, Greek letters, etc.
 - g. Type of Presentation: Select "Regular Session"
 - g. Submitter's Comments (optional): If you are willing to serve as a moderator for a session *other than your own*, please enter the word "Moderator" here.
 - h. JEL Code(s): Enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 3. Click on the Button to browse available codes.
 - i. Enter Your Slides: **IGNORE THIS CELL. DO NOT SUBMIT ANY FILES.**
Only the text entered in the aforementioned cells will be evaluated.

Selection, Presentation, and Publication: Acceptance decisions, based on evaluations by a committee from among the SAEA membership, will be communicated to the symposia organizers by November 16, 2017. 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 at least one-half of the period should include open discussion involving the audience. Abstracts of selected symposia will be published on the SAEA website.

Abstract Submission Format:

- **Organizer:** (please include address, phone number, and E-mail address).
- **Title:** Symposium title.
- **Moderator and Participants:** Names, affiliations and viewpoints to be represented, for **all** participants.
- **Justification and Description:** Why is this topic timely and appropriate? What is the purpose to be served? What are the unique dimensions offered by the proposal?
- **Time:** Specify time allocated to formal statements by presenters, discussion among presenters, and audience participation.

Acceptance decisions will be communicated to authors by November 16, 2017.

2017-2018 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 in the future, please contact Lisa House at lahouse@ufl.edu.

Selected Papers Committee: Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University (2018); Susana Ferreira, University of Georgia (2019); Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University (2020).

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee: Mike Woods, Oklahoma State University (2018); Curtis Jolly, Auburn University (2019). Bill Herndon, Mississippi State University (2020).

SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee: Steve Klose, Texas A&M University (2018); John Westra, University of Nebraska (2019), TBD (2020).

SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee: Lurleen Walters, Mississippi State University (2018); Mikael Sandberg, University of Florida (2019); Dr. Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas (2020).

Masters Thesis Award Committee: Esendugue Greg Fonsah, University of Georgia (2018); Chris Boyer, University of Tennessee (2019); Alan Hodges, University of Florida (2020).

Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee: David Willis, Clemson University (2018); Tracy Boyer, Oklahoma State University (2019); TBD (2020).

Poster Committee: Nathan Smith, Clemson University (2018); Tyler Mark, University of Kentucky (2019); Daniel Solis, Florida A&M University (2020).

Undergraduate Committee: Maria Bampasidou, Louisiana State University; Dusty Menzies, Texas A&M University.

Graduate Student Activities Committee: Michael Jones, North Carolina State University; Joanna Karavolias, University of Florida; Samane Zarebanadkoki, University of Kentucky; Michelle Segovia, Texas A&M University; and Bachir Kassas, Texas A&M University

JAAE Editorial Team: Editors Michael Reed and Sayed Saghaian, University of Kentucky. Associate Editor Henry Kinnucan, Auburn University.

JAAE Editorial Council: Michael Adjemian, USDA-ERS; Jabir Ali, Institute of Cooperative and Corporate Management, India; Stephen Devadoss, Texas Tech University; Rebekka Dudensing, Texas A&M University; Zhifeng Gao, University of Florida; Sandra Hoffman, USDA-ERS; Kim Jenson, University of Tennessee; Ani Katchova, Ohio State University; Subal Kumbhakar, SUNY Binghamton; Nicole Mason, Michigan State University; David Orden, Virginia Tech University; Fabien Prieur, LAMETA – Universite Montpellier 1 and INRA; Michael Popp, University of Arkansas; Marc Ribaudou, USDA-ERS; Jesse Tack, Kansas State University; Glynn Tonsor, Kansas State University; Renato Villano, University of New England, Australia; Nick Vink, Stellenbosch University; Yuqing Zheng, University of Kentucky.

Nominating Committee: Past-President Jeffrey Gillespie, USDA-Economic Research Service; President Lisa House, University of Florida; President-Elect Deacue Fields, Auburn University.

Social Planner for 2018 Meetings: Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia; Marco Palma, Texas A&M University.

IT/AV Committee for 2018 Meetings: Susana Ferreira, University of Georgia; Luis Ribera, Texas A&M University.

Outreach and Engagement Committee: John Michael Riley, Oklahoma State University (2018); Mohammad Ibrahim, Fort Valley State University (2019); and Joshua Maples, Oklahoma State University (2020).

Nominations for President-Elect

Marco A. Palma is Associate Professor and Extension Economist in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. His areas of interest are consumer economics, food choices, experimental and behavioral economics and neuroeconomics. Palma is the director of the Human Behavior Laboratory (<http://hbl.tamu.edu>), a transdisciplinary facility that integrates state of the art technology to measure biometric and neurophysiological responses of human decision making. The HBL aims to facilitate the integration of neurophysiological responses to traditional methods of studying human behavior in the *social sciences*. Specifically, it provides access to state of the art equipment to simultaneously collect psychophysiological data, including eye tracking, facial expressions to assess human emotions, brain signals (electroencephalography), galvanic skin response (GSR) heart and respiration rates through integrated stimulus presentation platforms. Palma's responsibilities include research in agricultural and applied economics related to consumer behavior and human decision making of agricultural and food products and extension and outreach programs in horticultural marketing and other food and agricultural industries.

Extension, Research and Teaching:

Palma's extension activities comprise over 300 presentations over a wide range of economic topics. His webinar series have created over \$46 million in economic benefits to more than 6,000 participants. He has 47 peer reviewed publications. In order to support his extension and research efforts, Palma has obtained more than \$24 million in grants and contracts. He has, or is currently supervising, 59 graduate students, including, 26 Master's students, 29 PhDs, and 4 Post-Doctoral scholars.

Leadership and Service to the SAEA:

Palma has been an active member of the SAEA and has served in several committees, including Master's Thesis Award Committee, reviewer for selected presentations, reviewer for emerging scholar's award and Director from 2011-2013.

Professional Honors and Awards:

Palma has received numerous honors and awards, including: AgriLife Extension Superior Service Award, TAMU Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence for a Research Team, AAEA-LAS Outstanding Research Paper Award, AAEA-Extension Outstanding electronic media award, AAEA Distinguished Extension Program for an Individual with less than 10 years' experience, SAEA Distinguished Extension Program.

Vision for the SAEA:

I am a strong believer in the Land Grant System. I believe that the most important and complex problems in the world can be better addressed by combining research, extension, teaching and service. The SAEA is one of the few organizations that has been able to effectively create a welcoming atmosphere and recognize the value and contributions of all of our members. This in turn creates opportunities for professional development and nourishment of the agricultural economics leaders of tomorrow. As president of the SAEA I will embrace this identity and procure to continue to brand the association's relentless work in solving practical problems in the agricultural system that result in big impacts to many of our stakeholders. I will continue to foster and invite collaboration opportunities with colleagues and partners across disciplines, academic institutions, private industry organizations, government entities and consumers. Finally, I will put an emphasis in communicating the outcomes and impacts of our work to industry and government.

Krishna P Paudel is Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Louisiana State University (LSU) and LSU Agricultural Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA. He received his Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of Georgia in 1999, M.S. in Agricultural Economics from Auburn University, and B.S. with distinction in agricultural sciences from Tribhuvan University, Nepal in 1992. He is also Dean's visiting professor at South China Agricultural University and Oasis Scholar at Shihezi University, China.

Research:

Paudel's research focuses on topics related to various aspects of agricultural economics. He has conducted research and written extensively about different aspects of agricultural economics in both developed and developing country contexts. He has published 65 journal articles, one encyclopedia entry, one book chapter, several proceedings articles, and presented more than 140 papers and posters at national and international meetings. He is currently editing *Routledge Handbook of Agricultural Economics* with Gail Cramer and Andrew Schmitz.

Teaching:

Paudel has taught several classes at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Currently, he teaches B.S. level agricultural business decision making, M.S. level applied econometrics, and Ph.D. level nonmarket valuation and dynamic optimization classes.

Outreach:

Paudel does not have a formal extension appointment, but he attends producer organized meetings and gives presentations on water related topics when invited. He has given invited presentations on environmental and natural resource economics topics in several overseas universities.

University Leadership and Service

Paudel has served on faculty council, university, college, and departmental committees. He served as president, vice-president, and treasurer of the Gamma Sigma Delta Agricultural Honorary Society, president, vice president, and treasurer of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, and faculty advisor to LSU Nepali Student Association.

Professional Leadership and Service:

Paudel recently finished a three-year term as the co-editor of *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* with Professor Andrew McKenzie from the University of Arkansas. During this time, the journal successfully transitioned from paper publication to online only publication. He has served as a director of the Resource Modeling Association. He has served as the president of USDA SERA-30 Extension Research Group – Natural Resource Economics. He has reviewed manuscripts for more than 30 different journals and research proposal submissions for EPA, NASA, and USDA. He regularly reviews selected paper/poster submissions for both the AAEA and SAEA and has served on various committees for both of these professional associations.

Awards:

Teaching Certificate of Merit, The Honor Society of Gamma Sigma Delta, Louisiana State University, 2017; Research Certificate of Merit, The Honor Society of Gamma Sigma Delta, Louisiana State University, 2016; Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, LSU Chapter; Outstanding nontenured track faculty in social sciences, 2006; The Honor Society of Gamma Sigma Delta Teacher's Merit Honor Roll; Distinguished professional contribution service award, SAEA, 2016.

The Vision for SAEA:

I have profound respect for SAEA. I have been attending the SAEA meeting regularly since my days as an M.S. student at Auburn University. The association serves its members very well through annual meetings and publication of *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. As someone who has recently completed the role of the editor of the Journal, I believe the journal is doing well. If I get elected as the president of the association, my goal would be to make sure the journal gets listed in the ISI. For that purpose, I will work in close collaboration with the Journal editors and Cambridge University Press. Although the journal is getting international submissions, once it gets listed in ISI, it will get an increased number of quality paper submissions. Given that the journal is currently published only online, we need to make sure JAAE gets to members' email inbox promptly. In that regard, I would like us to “email blast” new issues of the journal to members.

As for the meeting attendance, we are doing well, but we cannot be complacent. We have an excellent presence of graduate and undergraduate students in annual meetings. We need to continue to encourage that effort. We need to attract attendance and presentations from established faculty and international scholars. I would like to propose a) offering one or two travel scholarships to outstanding international scholars, b) providing incentives for established faculty members to organize and present in symposium sessions, and c) offering an increased incentive to our ag econ graduates working with industry to participate in SAEA. These types of actions should provide continuous growth in our association membership. My goal would be to make every effort to make our association more useful to students, faculty, and our clientele groups.

SAEA Director Nominations

Mohammed Ibrahim is an Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Agricultural Economics Program in the Department of Agricultural Sciences in the College of Agriculture, Family Sciences and Technology at the Fort Valley State University (FVSU). He holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Georgia, Athens (2005), an M.A. in Economics (1999) from Clark Atlanta University and a B.A. in Economics from International Islamic University, Malaysia (1993).

Teaching:

During the past 11 years, Mohammed has taught the following courses: Introduction to Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Finance and Records, Agricultural Price Analysis, Special Problems in Agricultural Economics, Natural Resource Economics, Production Economics, Research Methods and Intermediate Macroeconomics, mainly at the undergraduate level. He is both the advisor of the Agricultural Economics Club and Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) and serves on several institutional committees. The agricultural economics club members have participated in the SAEA quiz bowl for the past 6 years. Mohammed also coordinates the USDA –ERS Distance Learning Program at FVSU.

Research:

Mohammed conducts research in applied economics and business. He has authored or co-authored a number of refereed journal articles and conference presentations. He has been PI or Co-PI on \$2.0 million total research grants. Mohammed was voted the best researcher at FVSU in 2014. He was also an invited speaker at the 2013 American Society of Animal Science Annual Meeting.

SAEA Service: 1. Chair, Outstanding Master's Thesis Award (2012); 2. Member, Undergraduate Committee (2012-16); member, outreach and Engagement Committee (2017); Presenter and moderator, evaluator (poster) of selected paper and poster sessions, (various years, 2005-2017).

AAEA Leadership and Service:

Membership, 2015-2017; Chair, Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics (COSBAE); Member, COSBAE, 2006-present; reviewer, selected paper proposals

Other Professional Service: Reviewer for HortTechnology, African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AfJARE), Journal of Agricultural Science and Technology (JAST), International Food and Agribusiness Management Review (IFAMR); member, Southern Rural Development Center (SRDC)- Technical and Operational Advisory Committee (TOAC).

Vision for SAEA

I still remember vividly the first time I attended a SAEA meeting as a graduate student and that has influenced the way I mentor students today. I find that SAEA members are very supportive and the annual meetings serve as excellent venues for networking and professional development opportunities, especially for students and early career faculty. My efforts will be to continue this tradition with special attention on increasing diversity. A very diverse SAEA membership will be a great asset. As a director, I will begin by working with the association to increase the participation of agricultural economics faculty and students from 1890 land grant institutions in presentations and quiz bowls (undergraduate students) at annual meetings. I will also float the idea of either pre-conference or post-conference workshops as another strategy for increasing membership.

Michael Vassalos is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural Sciences at Clemson University. A position he has held since 2013. He earned his M.S. and PhD degrees in Agricultural Economics from the University of Kentucky in 2008 and 2013, respectively, and his B.S. degree in Agricultural Economics from the Agricultural University of Athens (Greece) in 2005.

Teaching:

Vassalos' currently holds a 75% teaching and 25% a research appointment. During his tenure at Clemson University he has been the primary instructor for the following five courses: Agriculture and Society, Farm Management, Agricultural Policy, Production Economics and Agribusiness Management. His teaching evaluations are consistently above 4.5/5 and he has been twice nominated for Clemson University's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences' outstanding undergraduate teaching award of excellence. He is also the advisor of Clemson's Agribusiness Association, which received the SS-AAEA 2016 outstanding chapter award, and the coach of Clemson's Quiz Bowl teams (ranked 2nd in 2016 AAEA Quiz Bowl). Vassalos has also served on one Ph.D. dissertation committee and is currently directing three M.S. students.

Research:

Vassalos' research interests lie primarily in the area of agribusiness management and production economics. He has conducted research focusing on direct marketing outlets and the use of electronic marketing in agriculture. He has authored or co-authored 9 refereed journal articles. His works has appeared in such journals as: Choices, Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics, International Farm Management Review, Sustainability, and Agribusiness: An International Journal.

Outreach:

Even though Vassalos does not have a formal outreach appointment he frequently collaborates with extension faculty and extension agents in research endeavors.

Professional Association Leadership and Service:

Vassalos has served as a member of the AAEA outreach committee, and of the Outstanding Choices article committee. He also serves as a topic leader and reviewer for the annual AAEA meetings. At the last AAEA meeting, he was elected as treasurer/secretary of the TLC committee. Vassalos also serves as a judge for SAEA and AAEA quiz bowl competitions.

Vision for SAEA:

I am honored to be nominated for an SAEA director position. I have been a member of the association since 2010, and it has helped me rapidly mature in my professional career. As an SAEA director I will focus my efforts in the following areas: i) Increase professional and leadership opportunities for early career professional members, ii) Improve networking opportunities for graduate students (e.g. create an employment center), iii) Increase opportunities for faculty and students at the 1890 grant institutions to attend our annual meetings, iv) Increase the visibility of member achievements, v) Continue to promote undergraduate opportunities at our annual meetings including our well-received quiz bowl competitions, and vi) Explore opportunities for more active industry collaboration. I will strive to strengthen our association without deviating from the culture and vision of SAEA.

Voting Procedures for SAEA 2018 Officer Elections

All members in good standing (current dues paid) will receive an email message with voting instructions by the end of September. All ballots must be completed between October 1 and October 31, 2017 to be counted. Submit suggestions for future officers to an Executive Committee member.

**Southern Agricultural Economics Association
Membership Renewal/Application**

_____ New Member _____ Update my address

NAME: _____

_____ (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Initial)

Agency/Company/University: _____

Department: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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

_____ 60-65 years of age = \$225

_____ 70+ years of age = \$150

UNITED STATES

_____ \$30

_____ \$10 - Special Student Rate

Tax deductible donation to support SAEA student activities \$ _____

INTERNATIONAL (all other countries)

_____ \$35

Payment may be made online using Discover, MasterCard or Visa at www.saea.org then click on 'payment' and follow instructions (if paid online, do not send this form by mail)

OR

Make check payable in \$US to **Southern Agricultural Economics Association** and mail with this form to the address below

Jeffrey Jordan, Treasurer, SAEA
Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics
University of Georgia, Griffin Campus
1109 Experiment Street
Griffin, GA 30223-1797

Phone (770) 228-7231, x.106; Fax (770) 228-7208

Email: jjordan@uga.edu

Website: www.saea.org