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I hope that your fall semester is off to a great start! The Executive Committee has been busy this summer engaging Cambridge University Press and putting in place a system to maximize the association's visibility. We hope our efforts will add value to SAEA by enhancing communication both internally to our members and externally to our partners, potential members and stakeholders. You recently received an email with directions to access Cambridge Journals Online (CJO). I hope that you successfully signed up and look forward to leveraging the capabilities offered by the website to enhance the association's value.

The Executive Committee has also been working on a webpage update and planning for the meeting in San Antonio, February 6-9, 2016. Please be sure to note that **September 15, 2015** is the **deadline** to submit proposals for selected papers, posters and organized symposia. The submission deadline is just around the corner and the success of our meeting depends on the quality of your submissions, so please submit a proposal and plan to attend the meeting in San Antonio. Information on how to submit proposals can be found on our webpage at <http://www.saea.org/>. With your continued engagement with quality submissions, things should shape up for a fantastic meeting in Texas. San Antonio offers a great venue and I know that Jeff Jordan has been organizing a great set of networking and social events for our students, the faculty and industry partners. Make plans now to attend our annual conference!

Undergraduate participation at the meetings has been growing and we want to see that continue in San Antonio. As we have discussed on many occasions, getting students to the meetings is one of our priorities, so please encourage and support your students. Between the networking opportunities, social events and quiz bowl, there are many opportunities to visit with and recruit these students. Please consider participating in the Recruitment Fair. It only costs \$100 and offers an opportunity to recruit some excellent students.

I want to highlight the candidate bios that are included in this newsletter. We have an excellent slate of candidates for both the President-Elect and Director positions. I want to thank the candidates for their willingness to serve. Each candidate's vitae and vision statement are at the end of this newsletter. You will receive instructions for voting soon, so please examine these bios closely and exercise your right to vote! The Association needs and wants good leadership to help deliver the outstanding programs our members have come to expect. Please take time to vote!

The deadline for award nominations is also **September 15, 2015**. Information on how to nominate someone for an award can be found in the June Newsletter on the webpage. I hope you will consider nominating worthy candidates for all awards. These awards are special for the recipients and their departments, and represent the collective recognition of our Association of important accomplishments by our members.

Lastly, please remember to renew your membership. Membership in SAEA is inexpensive and represents a great value for the money spent. Renewal is easy using our new portal found under the "SAEA Payments" button at the top of the membership webpage.

I look forward to seeing all of you in San Antonio!

*Ron Rainey* SAEA President

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## 2016 SAEA Annual Meetings

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the 2016 SAEA Annual Meetings to be held at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio, Texas, February 6-9, 2016. Our SAEA reception will be held at the Alamo. Don't miss these meetings!

**What – SAEA Annual Meeting**

**Where – Hyatt Regency, San Antonio, Texas**

**When – February 6 - 9, 2016**

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

Registration will begin December 1, 2015. Paper, poster and organized symposia submissions are now being accepted and will close at midnight EST, Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Award nominations are due by September 15, 2015. Begin planning now to attend and share your work. Access the SAAS website at [www.saasinc.org](http://www.saasinc.org) for more information about the 2016 meetings and the meeting site.

**Deadline to make reservations at the SAAS rate is Friday, January 22, 2016.**

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

#### **Hyatt Regency San Antonio Riverwalk**

123 Losoya Street, San Antonio, TX 78205

Phone: 210.222.1234

Fax: 210.451.6162

<http://www.saasinc.org/2016-SanAntonio/Hotel-Info.asp>

### **ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL COMPETITION AT THE SAEA ANNUAL MEETING IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS IN 2016**

#### **Undergraduates and Student Advisors!**

Please mark your calendars and start your plans for San Antonio! 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.

If you have any questions about these plans, please contact Sierra Howrey, Undergraduate Committee Chair, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, 105 Ag Sciences Building, River Falls, WI 54022, Phone 715/425-3298, Email: [sierra.howry@uwrf.edu](mailto:sierra.howry@uwrf.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.

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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 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 least 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 15, 2015** to:

**Dr. Barry Barnett**  
Mississippi State University  
[bjb11@msstate.edu](mailto:bjb11@msstate.edu)

**Submissions must be received by  
Tuesday, September 15, 2015.**

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

**Phone: 662/325-0128**

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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
- ▶ 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

1. *JAAE* articles appearing in the November 2014 through August 2015 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 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 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 2014-2015 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 15, 2015** to:

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**Submissions must be received by  
Tuesday, September 15, 2015.**

## CALL FOR ORGANIZED SYMPOSIUM PROPOSALS

**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, Tuesday, September 15, 2015, midnight EST. Membership information can be found [here](#).

Proposals where none of the co-authors is an SAEA member will not be considered.

**Submission Guidelines:** Proposals must be posted at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2016> Submissions will be accepted beginning July 15 but no later than Monday, September 15, 2015, 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. Jeffrey Gillespie**, Louisiana State University, phone: 225/578-2759, email: [jmgille@lsu.edu](mailto:jmgille@lsu.edu)

### Submission procedure:

1. Go to the designated website; <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2016>
2. Click on “Submit a Paper”
3. Select Organized Symposium as the Type of Submission
4. 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
  - c. Indicate if there are co-authors. Co-author information will be entered in a later step.
  - d. Type of Submission: Organized Symposium
  - e. Area: Select the most applicable topic area for your Symposium.
  - f. Keywords: enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 5
  - g. Abstract: enter a 200-word maximum abstract describing the symposia as outlined below. Do not use equations, symbols, greek letters, etc.
  - 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.
  - k. Privacy Setting: Choose your preferred setting.

**Selection, Presentation, and Publication:** Acceptance decisions, based on evaluations by a committee from among the SAEA membership, will be communicated to the symposia organizers. 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.

**Submissions must be posted by Tuesday, September 15, 2015.**

## CALL FOR SELECTED PAPER AND POSTER PROPOSALS

**Eligibility Guidelines:** Papers addressing any aspect of agricultural, food, environmental/resource, or applied economics are welcome. Papers presented or published previously are not eligible. To submit a paper proposal, at least one author must be an SAEA member at the time of submission deadline, Tuesday, September 15, 2015, midnight EST. Membership information can be found [here](#). Proposals where none of the co-authors is an SAEA member will not be considered.

**Submission Guidelines:** Proposals must be posted at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2016>. The submissions site will close at midnight (EST) Tuesday, **September 15, 2015**. SAEA requires the authors of Selected Papers to post an electronic version of the final paper on the *AgEcon Search* website by **Monday, January 18, 2016**. Instructions on submitting the full manuscript will be provided upon acceptance. *Failure to post a manuscript 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.

### Submission procedure:

1. Go to the designated website; <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/SAEA2016>
2. Click on “Submit a Paper”
3. Select the Type of Submission you wish to submit (Selected Paper or Selected Poster)
4. Enter ALL required information:
  - l. Submitter User ID: Enter the User ID you used to log into the system.
  - m. Paper Title
  - n. Indicate if there are co-authors. Co-author information will be entered in a later step.
  - o. Type of Submission: Selected Paper or Selected Poster
  - p. Area: Select the most applicable topic area for your paper/poster.
  - q. Keywords: enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 5
  - r. Abstract: enter a 200-word maximum abstract describing the paper. Do not use equations, symbols, greek letters, etc.
  - s. 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.
  - t. JEL Code(s): Enter a minimum of 1, maximum of 3. Click on the Button to browse available codes.
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Acceptance decisions will be communicated to authors by November 16, 2015.

Please contact **Dr. Deacue Fields**, Auburn University by email at [fieldde@auburn.edu](mailto:fieldde@auburn.edu) or by phone at 324/844-4931 for questions about Selected Papers. Contact **Dr. Dmitry Vedenov** for questions about Selected Posters by email at [vedenov@tamu.edu](mailto:vedenov@tamu.edu) or by phone at 979/845-8493

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## 2015-2016 SAEA COMMITTEES

Much of the important work our association performs is done by the committees listed below. The SAEA Executive Committee on behalf of SAEA members would like to thank everyone serving on our committees. If you are interested in serving on one of our committees in the future please contact Ron Rainey at [rrainey@uaex.edu](mailto:rrainey@uaex.edu) .

**Selected Papers Committee:** Deacue Fields, Auburn University (2016); Jody Campiche Oklahoma State University (2017) Carlos Carpio (2018), Texas Tech University.

**Lifetime Achievement Award Committee:** Bill Herndon (2016), Mississippi State University; Jeffrey Jordan (2017), University of Georgia; Mike Woods (2018), Oklahoma State University.

**SAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award Committee:** Matt Fannin (2016), Louisiana State University Agricultural Center; Glynn Tonsor (2017), Kansas State University; Steve Klose (2018), Texas A&M University.

**SAEA Outstanding Teaching of a Course Award Committee:** Forrest Stegelin (2016), University of Georgia; Joshua Detre (2017), MedComp Sciences; Lurleen Walters (2018), Mississippi State University.

**Masters Thesis Award Committee:** Andrew Griffith (2016), University of Tennessee; Luis Ribera (2017), Texas A&M University; Esendugue Greg Fonsah (2018), University of Georgia.

**Ph.D. Dissertation Award Committee:** Ram Acharya (2016), New Mexico State; L. Lanier Nalley (2017), University of Arkansas; David Willis (2018), Clemson University.

**Poster Committee:** Dmitry Vedenov (2016), Texas A&M; Kalyn Coatney (2017), Mississippi State University; Nathan Smith (2018), University of Georgia.

**Undergraduate Committee:** Sierra Howry, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Chair; Michael Best, Tennessee Tech University; Lal Almas, West Texas A&M University; Glenn Ames, University of Georgia; Joey Mehlhorn, University of Tennessee at Martin; Mohammed Ibrahim, Ft. Valley State University; Michelle Mullins-Santiago, Sam Houston State University, Lanier Nalley, University of Arkansas; Derrell Peel, Oklahoma State University; Mikael Sandberg, Flagler College; John Siebert, Texas A&M University; Robert Stark, University of Arkansas-Monticello; Kurt Stephenson, Virginia Tech.

**JAAE Editors:** Krishna Paudel, Louisiana State University (LSU) and LSU AgCenter; Andrew McKenzie, University of Arkansas.

**JAAE Editorial Council:** Michael Adjemian, Economic Research Service; Jeffrey Alwang, Virginia Tech; Kym Anderson, University of Adelaide; Sandra Hoffmann, Economic Research Service; Kaliappa Kalirajan, Australian National University; Subal Kumbhakar, SUNY Binghamton; Craig Landry, University of Georgia; Ashok Mishra, Louisiana State University; Rudy Nayga, University of Arkansas; Fabien Prieur, LAMETA - Université Montpellier 1 and INRA; James Richardson, Texas A&M University; Alexander Sarris, University of Athens, Greece; Kathleen Segerson, University of Connecticut; Benjamin Senauer, University of Minnesota; Loren Tauer, Cornell University; Glynn Tonsor, Kansas State

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**Nominating Committee:** Past-President Barry Barnett, Mississippi State University; President Ron Rainey, University of Arkansas; President-elect, Jeff Gillespie, Louisiana State University.

**Social Planner for 2016 Meetings:** Jeff Jordan, University of Georgia; Marco Palma, Texas A&M University.

**IT/AV Committee for 2016 Meetings:** Carlos Carpio, Texas Tech University.

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## SAEA President-Elect Nominations

**Phil Kenkel** is Regents Professor and holds the Bill Fitzwater Cooperative Chair in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University. He received his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Kentucky in 1990 and his M.B.A. and B.S. degrees from the University of Kentucky in 1986 and 1978, respectively.

### Research

Kenkel's research focuses on financial and governance issues related to the cooperative business model. His research has examined profit distribution, equity structure, governance and member communications. He has authored 62 journal articles and book chapters and 140 other publications (published proceedings, extension publications, etc.). He has presented over 88 papers and posters at professional meetings. He is the current editor of the Journal of Cooperatives.

### Teaching

Kenkel teaches an undergraduate course Agricultural Cooperatives with both face-to-face and on-line sections. He also teaches on-line graduate courses in Bioenergy Economics and Sustainability and Bioenergy Feasibility and Commercialization as part of the Ag-Idea Consortium. He oversees internship programs with the Oklahoma Agricultural Cooperative Council and the Oklahoma Association of Electrical Cooperatives. He has directed or is currently directing thesis and dissertations of 22 graduate students.

### Outreach

Kenkel has a 40% extension appointment and works closely with the industry advisory board of the Bill Fitzwater Cooperative Chair. He conducts numerous educational programs for cooperative board or directors, managers and mid-level employees. Kenkel is frequently solicited to contribute to industry educational programs and has worked closely with the Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council, the Mid America Cooperative Council, the Northeast Cooperative Council and CHS's Center for Cooperative Growth. In 2011 he managed a national project with C-FARE identifying critical issues facing agricultural cooperatives. Kenkel is the current chair of the Cooperative Community of Practice on eXtension which has conducted national webinars on non-qualified stock, member communications and other issues.

### Leadership, Service and Awards

In addition to serving in various committees at OSU and working with cooperative industry associations, Kenkel has been active in several professional organizations. He is a past Secretary Treasurer of SAEA, has served as a board member for the Food Distribution and Research Society. He served on EPA's scientific advisory panel for the StarLink corn incident and was active in a team receiving a National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Partnership Award for Mission Integration. Kenkel's extension programs have received awards from both the SAEA and the WAEA.

### Vision for SAEA

I have been involved with SAEA since the early 1990's. I have always appreciated SAEA's balance across disciplinary research, applied research, outreach and teaching. The SAEA meetings are well attended, and in my opinion among the best professional meetings in agricultural economics. SAEA has been particularly active in supporting the participation of undergraduate and graduate students. I think there is a general consensus that the annual meetings, the *JAAE* and other SAEA activities have continued to improve over time. My vision would be to work with all of the dedicated players within the organization to build on that successful history. That's not to imply that SAEA should simply stay the course but rather it recognizes the fact that our organization has an outstanding compliment of human capital that is formally and informally contributing. The most effective role for the SAEA president is to assist and facilitate. Perhaps I am biased by my work with agricultural cooperatives but I have come to conclude that the key to success is a well functioning team. If I were to select a personal goal for the organization it would be to incorporate some innovated formats into the annual meeting.

**Lisa House** is a Professor in the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida and Director of the Florida Agricultural Market Research Center. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Kansas State University in 1994 and 1995, respectively, and her B.S. degree in Food and Resource Economics at the University of Florida in 1987.

### **Research**

House's research focuses primarily on subjects such as consumer acceptance of genetically modified foods, demand for fruits, vegetables, and seafood products, perception of fruits and vegetables, and the role of social networks in new food product adoption. She has authored or co-authored over 50 refereed journal publications and numerous staff and extension reports, and has received funding as principal or co-investigator of approximately \$4 million.

### **Teaching**

House currently teaches undergraduate courses in Comparative World Agriculture and a graduate course in Survey Research Methods. She has also taught courses in Principles of Agribusiness Management, Food and Agribusiness Marketing and Management, and worked with the student NAMA and Quiz Bowl teams. She served as undergraduate coordinator from 2004-2008 and 2014-15 and is currently graduate coordinator. House has directed or is currently directing 31 theses or dissertation students and 25 non-thesis masters students, as well as serving on 30 additional committees.

### **Outreach**

Although House has never held a formal extension appointment, her work with the Florida Agricultural Market Research Center often involves working directly with clientele to answer questions about demand potential for their products, as well as consumer understanding of labeling issues. She regularly presents to industry groups.

### **University Leadership and Service**

At the university level, House served on the Food Service Advisory Committee since 2007 (as Chair since 2012) and on the Faculty Advisory Committee for UF Online since 2014. At the College level, she serves on the Professional Development Leave Committee and an ad-hoc committee that has helped to establish a food pantry for students and staff on the University of Florida campus. In the Department, House has served as Undergraduate Coordinator two times and is currently the Graduate Coordinator. For the profession, House was a Director of the AAEA from 2007-2010 and has served on various committees. She has also served on numerous grant panels for the USDA, including as panel manager for the AFRI Markets and Trade program from 2009-2010.

### **Awards**

House has received a variety of awards for teaching and research, including NACTA Teacher Fellow, University of Florida Faculty Advisor of the Year, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Undergraduate Faculty Advisor of the Year, AAEA Teaching, 10 or Less Years Experience, SAEA Teaching of a Course, and Undergraduate Teacher of the Year, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Florida.

### **Vision for SAEA**

I first attended an SAEA meeting as a graduate student presenting a paper and that experience has shaped my view of the SAEA to this day. I find that the culture that exists in the SAEA, particularly at the meetings, of supporting

students (both undergraduate and graduate), as well as young faculty is a key role for the association. The meetings serve as an excellent venue for new members of our profession to get experience and begin to network, as well as for more experienced professionals to stay abreast of current developments in research, extension and teaching. SAEA members are able to stay current with friends and colleagues from relationships established from years in the profession. I believe the SAEA has a strong tradition in this area and would look to continue this focus.

## **SAEA Director Nominations**

**Joey E. Mehlhorn** is a Professor and Gilbert Parker Chairholder in Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Tennessee at Martin. He holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in Agricultural Economics from Mississippi State University (1994 & 1998) and a B.S. in Agribusiness Economics from Tennessee Technological University (1992). He has held previous faculty positions at West Texas A&M University and Middle Tennessee State University.

### **Research**

Mehlhorn conducts research in multidisciplinary outlets focusing primarily on teaching pedagogy and applied agribusiness topics. He has authored or co-authored 8 refereed journal articles, 7 conference papers, and 125 conference presentations. Mehlhorn has acquired \$1.17 million in grants and contracts to support his research and teaching program. His work has appeared in such journals as: Energy, Journal of Business and Economic Perspectives, Journal of Agricultural Studies, NACTA Journal, Transactions of the ASAE, and The Professional Animal Scientist.

### **Teaching**

During the past 17 years, Mehlhorn has taught 22 different undergraduate courses and 13 graduate courses primarily in the area of agribusiness management, agricultural policy, and marketing. He has advised approximately 850 undergraduate students and 6 Master of Science students. Mehlhorn has been honored with several teaching awards such as the 2009 Hardy Graham Distinguished Professorship (teaching/outreach); 2008 UT Martin Coffey Outstanding Teaching finalist; and 2000 Alpha Zeta Outstanding Agriculture Professor.

### **SAEA Service**

2009 Selected Paper Submissions chair; Undergraduate quiz bowl judge 2000 – Present; 2016 Co-Chair SAEA Undergraduate student section; Reviewer and topic leader selected paper sessions at annual meetings, various years 2003-2013; 2007 SAEA Outstanding Poster Award; SS-AAEA Student Advisor 2007-2010

### **SAEA Vision**

I would like to help SAEA expand its influence and membership through targeting students and young agricultural economics professionals to join SAEA. In addition to reaching out to younger traditional agricultural economists, I would like to see the association reach out to other business professionals who are connected to agriculture. We are missing out on many young professionals who dismiss SAEA as being only agricultural economics instead of advertising to the broader agribusiness and business community. This will bring increased discipline diversity to the association that will help us better solve the problems facing agriculture. It may be time to consider modifying some of the traditional agricultural economics silos to include the broader range of business and agribusiness professionals to our ranks. This will make us stronger as an association and more relevant to the industry we serve.

**Susana Ferreira** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Georgia. She holds a PhD in Economics (2004) from University of California, San Diego (2004), a MA in Economics (2002) from the same institution, and a BSc in Business (1997) from Universidad de Navarra, Spain.

### **Research**

Ferreira is an environmental and natural resource economist with broad interests in development and applied econometrics. She conducts research on the economic causes and consequences of natural disasters, ex-post analysis of environmental policy, sustainability and the 'greening' of national accounts, environmental valuation and measurement of the impact of environmental amenities on quality of life. Her articles have appeared in environmental economics journals, including Land Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics, and

Ecological Economics; economic development journals, including the World Bank Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, and World Development; and interdisciplinary science journals, such as the Journal of Environmental Management, Water Resources Research, and PLoS One. Over the last ten years, Ferreira has acquired over \$1.5 million in grants and contracts (as PI or Co-PI) to support her research program and her Department.

### **Teaching**

At UGA Ferreira teaches Environmental Economics at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and coordinates the seminar series that graduate students take for credit. Prior to joining UGA, Ferreira taught Environmental and Resource Economics, and Applied Econometrics Methods at the grad level, and Intro to Environmental Policy, and Intro to Quantitative Methods at the undergrad level. Ferreira is actively involved in advising undergraduate and graduate students. She has directed 7 PhD and 4 MSc students, and is currently supervising several more.

### **Service to the profession**

Ferreira is an Associate Editor for Environment and Development Economics since 2013, and serves in the Editorial Staff Committee of Economía Agraria y Recursos Naturales/Agricultural and Resource Economics (EARN) since 2014. Every year she reviews a large number of manuscripts for academic journals, and papers/abstracts for professional conferences including AAEA and AERE. She was topic leader for the SAEA meetings in 2011. She has served in the AAEA Outstanding Master's Thesis Awards Committee since 2012, which she chaired in 2014. Ferreira has served as a consultant for the World Bank and other international organizations.

### **Vision for SAEA**

When I joined UGA in 2009 I also joined the SAEA, an organization undergoing an upward trend. A series of good decisions concerning the organization's journal (participation in the Science Citation Index, on-line, open-access publication) will strengthen both the journal and the organization. I will work hard to continue and enhance this momentum, with an eye towards increasing membership in SAEA and participation at its annual meetings. My efforts will focus on the following areas: 1) increasing the visibility of the organization, 2) increasing the quantity and improving the quality of selected presentations, 3) exploring synergies between the annual meetings and JAAE, 4) more actively engaging colleagues with interests in economic development, environmental and natural resource economics and other related disciplines.

## **Voting Procedures for SAEA 2016 Officer Elections**

All members in good standing will receive an email message with voting instructions by the end of September. For your vote to count, you must be a member in good standing (i.e., current dues paid) as of September 30, 2015. All ballots must be completed between October 1 and October 31, 2015 to be counted. Submit suggestions to an Executive Committee member for future officers of your organization.

