



# Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association

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## Fall 2007 Newsletter

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### President's Column

Steve Smith

The 2007 annual meeting in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, was very successful and enjoyable, at least from my perspective. The Sands hotel facilities worked perfectly for our meetings, and the amenities of Rehoboth Beach couldn't have been better. This was due to the hard work and excellent organization of Josh Duke, Steve Hastings and Tom Ilvento, at the University of Delaware. My suggestion that they continue in this role was politely declined, saying that others deserve to experience the opportunity. The invited speakers, Liz Marshall and Bob O'Connor, presented interesting and lively talks, and generated considerable questions and comments, both during and after their presentations. The call for selected papers generated more submissions than we could accept, with several from outside the NE region. Thanks very much to Jeff Stokes, who chaired the selection effort, assisted by Bayou Demeke and a little by me. Jeff organized the process very effectively, making it quite easy. A special thanks is due to Jill Caviglia-Harris, who devised the web submission process. This went very well, especially for the first time using it, and helped to greatly streamline the process. It is now enhanced for this year's submissions. The workshop was again a success, and I greatly appreciate the work of Cal Turvey, Wes Musser and Harry Kaiser in making this happen.

Lori Lynch, our President-Elect and Program Chair, has the 2008 meeting well in hand. As this year's meeting is joint with the Canadian association, she has spent considerable effort in coordination. You should all have seen the information on the conference and the call for selected paper submissions. This information is included

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**2008 NAREA Annual Meeting & Domestic and International Agricultural Policy Workshop**  
**June 29-July 1**  
**Quebec City, Quebec**

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in this newsletter, and is on the NAREA web site ([www.narea.org](http://www.narea.org)). Planning for the 2009 meeting in Burlington, Vermont, is underway by Qingban Wang and Bob Parsons.

Our web site has been completely redesigned in appearance and function. This is due to the ideas, creativity and huge amount of work by Jill Caviglia-Harris, at Salisbury University. Her commitment to this project is amazing, and I hope we haven't burned her out. Fortunately, we have her around for at least another three years, as she is a new board member.

The involvement by graduate students in the association and annual meetings continues to be strong. They are submitting and presenting a sizeable number of papers. This year there were some 20 applications for the eight graduate student travel grants we had available. As a result of this interest, and the association's solid financial standing, the Board voted at the Fall meeting to enhance the graduate student travel grant program. Faculty, please encourage students to submit papers and attend the meetings.

Also at the Fall Board meeting, several suggestions for new awards were discussed. These include: an award for the best article by an untenured faculty member in ARER (the person would have to be a NAREA member); an award for the best presented paper at the annual meeting (by a NAREA member and meeting participant); a Fellow Award, requiring a minimum of 3 articles published in the ARER by a NAREA member; an award to the best graduate student paper presented. There was also a suggestion for a Presidential Address. The Board would very much appreciate your reactions to these ideas. Please send any thoughts to me, or to any of the Board members.

Finally, I have to say what a totally enjoyable experience it is working with the Board. Their commitment to the association, and the continual flow of ideas to improve it and to better serve the members, is what is keeping us strong and vibrant. I leave every meeting thinking what a great pleasure it is to be involved with a group where everyone has the same goal and is working to achieve it.

## 2008 NAREA Annual Meeting

Lori Lynch

This year's annual meeting, June 29 – July 1, is being held jointly with the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, and is in an exciting and very interesting venue. It is in Quebec City, Quebec, which is celebrating its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. It will be a great opportunity for a family vacation! Since the city will be hosting many events and tourists, hotel rooms will be in short supply,

so it is important to make your hotel reservations as early as possible. Please see the NAREA web page ([www.narea.org](http://www.narea.org)) for details on the meeting, for hotel reservations, and for information on Quebec City. The Call for Papers and Symposia is included at the end of this newsletter, and also is on the web site, along with instructions for submitting papers and proposals.

## 2008 NAREA Workshop

Barrett Kirwan

The topic of this year's workshop is Domestic and International Agricultural Policy. It will be held in conjunction with the joint 2008 annual meeting of NAREA and CAES in Quebec City, Quebec. The Association seeks to better inform policy makers by soliciting papers that will further the theoretical and empirical knowledge of effects of agricultural policies. The workshop will focus on assessing the effects of domestic U.S. and international agricultural policy by highlighting five broad areas: (1) domestic commodity policy; (2) risk mitigation policy; (3) agricultural trade policy; (4) policy for ecosystem services; and (5) biofuel policy.

Chair of the workshop committee is Barrett Kirwan, University of Maryland, ([bkirwan@arec.umd.edu](mailto:bkirwan@arec.umd.edu)). Other members of the committee are Bruce Gardner, Ed Young, Hartley Furtan, Bruno Larue and Lori Lynch. See below for more detailed information and the formal call for submissions.

**NOTE:** This year the workshop will be held before the annual meeting, instead of after. It will be on Sunday, June 29.

## 2009 NAREA Annual Meeting

The 2009 annual meeting will be held in Burlington, Vermont, and is being coordinated by Qingban Wang and Bob Parsons, at the University of Vermont.

## Secretary/Treasurer's Report

**2008 Membership fees** are now due. This year the Board has authorized 2 options: the annual dues are the same as in the past, \$25US regular and \$5US student; however, a new option for a 3 year membership is possible at a discounted price – \$65US for regular and \$10US for student. These options are also available through the AAEA website for those that pay in that manner.

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Secretary-Treasurer  
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Please note any changes in postal or email addresses.

Dues may also be paid through the AAEA.

Memberships as of October, 2007: 407, including 258 regular, 55 student, 25 honorary, and 66 library.

## ARER Editor's Report

Titus Awokuse and Josh Duke

We just completed our first year as the editors of the journal. We are grateful for the assistance of Wes Musser and Lori Lynch in making the transition during 2007. In the past year, we were able to make a transition from hardcopy/email submissions to a web-based manuscript management system, called Editorial Express. This online management system is now used by many other journals in the economics and agricultural economics profession. The use of Editorial Express has allowed for an efficient administration of the review process. On average, post-peer review editorial decisions are made on manuscripts within eight weeks from the initial submission date.

We are also happy to report that PDF versions of published ARER papers (April 1993 – April 2007) are now available on AgEcon Search website and are searchable via Google Scholar. We anticipate that this new development should help improve the journal's visibility and hopefully an increase in future citation counts.

ARER manuscript submissions have been steady and increasing. In 2007, we received a total of 54 manuscripts (2 invited, 52 submitted). Seven of the papers have been accepted for publication while thirteen have a "revise and resubmit" status. Twenty-one of the papers were rejected (including two returned to authors without review) and one was withdrawn. The remaining eleven papers are in first review. We have seven papers for the spring issue and three for the October 2008 issue (this includes one carried forward from Lori Lynch and Wes Musser).

Special thanks to all the reviewers and editorial board members who have assisted us in reviewing the manuscripts. We encourage increasing support from NAREA members in serving as referees for submitted

manuscripts. We also hope that you will continue to consider the ARER journal as an important outlet for your research. High quality research in various sub-fields of agricultural and resource economics are welcomed. Please submit your manuscripts by linking to the online system off the NAREA webpage or directly at:  
[https://gemini.econ.umd.edu/cgi-bin/e-editor/e-submit\\_v7.cgi?dbase=arer](https://gemini.econ.umd.edu/cgi-bin/e-editor/e-submit_v7.cgi?dbase=arer)

## Nominations for Distinguished and Life Member Awards

George Criner, Chair

NAREA calls for nominations for Distinguished Member and Life Member Awards. All members of NAREA are eligible for nomination to receive the Distinguished Member Award, in recognition for "continuous and outstanding contributions to the Association, the region and the profession" and typically "to recognize members for significant recent professional achievements in the context of an overall meritorious record." Recipients may be in teaching, research, extension, administration, government or business. According to the by-laws (see October 2005 ARER), an individual may receive the award more than once.

The Honorary Life Member Award is given to individuals who are recent active members and who have retired from their main professional position. The deadline for nominations is **March 3, 2008**. Please mail or email nominations to:

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School of Economics  
University of Maine  
206 Winslow Hall  
Orono, ME 04469  
Email: [george.criner@umit.maine.edu](mailto:george.criner@umit.maine.edu)

## Nominations for NAREA Master's Thesis Awards

Rigoberto A. Lopez, Chair

Thesis Awards. The NAREA Outstanding MS Thesis Award includes a \$250 cash prize, a certificate, and publication of an abstract (250 word maximum) in the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review at no charge to the award winner.

The NAREA Master's Thesis Award of Merit includes a \$50 cash prize, a certificate, and publication of an abstract (250 word maximum) in the Agricultural and

Resource Economics Review at no charge to the award winner. Up to three awards of merit may be granted.

Theses nominations for considerations by the Awards Committee will be evaluated according to the problem formulation, conceptual approach, quality of research, and quality of communication. Nominations must be received by **March 3, 2008**.

Eligible theses include all those that meet the following criteria:

- (1) Accepted by any institution of higher learning in the Northeast including those in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, and Washington, D.C., during the period January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2006.
- (2) The thesis topic addresses any of the issues within the purview of NAREA.

A maximum of two theses per department will be considered by the committee. Only those theses nominated by the department chair, or graduate program director, will be considered by the committee. Any member of NAREA may petition the Committee to consider a thesis accepted by another institution in the Northeast, including those in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, and Washington, D.C. Before the thesis is considered, the Committee will evaluate the petition.

To submit a thesis for consideration, please send:

- (1) A nominating letter;
- (2) Six copies of the thesis;
- (3) Six copies of the abstract (250 word maximum).

Submit thesis award nominations to:

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Dept. of Agricultural and Resource Economics  
University of Connecticut  
1376 Storrs Rd. U-4021  
Storrs, CT 06268  
(860) 486-1921  
Email: [Rigoberto.Lopez@uconn.edu](mailto:Rigoberto.Lopez@uconn.edu)

## Future Meetings

2007 Delaware  
2008 Quebec City  
2009 Vermont  
2010 New Jersey  
2011 Massachusetts  
2012 New York  
2013 West Virginia  
2014 Rhode Island

2015 Maine  
2016 Pennsylvania  
2017 Nova Scotia

## 2007-2008 Committee Membership

### Executive Committee

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Cornell University

Cheryl Brown  
West Virginia University (2010)

Jill Caviglia-Harris  
Salisbury University (2010)

#### Government Representative

To be determined

#### Industry Representative

Robert Yonkers  
International Dairy Foods Association

### **2008 Program Committee**

Lori Lynch, President-Elect, Chair  
University of Maryland

Stephen M Smith, President  
Penn State University

Harry Kaiser, Past President  
Cornell University

Douglas E. Morris, Secretary-Treasurer  
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Jean-Philippe Gervais, Host Institution Representative  
Université Laval

### **Distinguished and Honorary Life Member Awards**

George K. Criner (2008), Chair  
University of Maine

John Halstead (2009)  
University of New Hampshire

Dan Lass (2009)  
University of Massachusetts

Loren Tauer (2009)  
Cornell University

### **Masters Thesis Awards**

Rigoberto A. Lopez (2008), Chair  
University of Connecticut

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Lori Lynch, President-elect  
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Qingbin Wang  
University of Vermont

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Lori Lynch, Chair  
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Andreas Lange  
University of Maryland

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Jill Caviglia-Harris  
Salisbury University

### **Historian**

John Mackenzie  
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### **2008 Workshop Committee**

Barrett Kirwan, Chair  
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Bruce Gardner  
University of Maryland

Ed Young  
USDA, ERS

Hartley Furtan  
University of Saskatchewan

Bruno Larue  
Université Laval

Lori Lynch  
University of Maryland

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Steve Smith, President  
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Cornell University

#### **2009 Workshop Committee**

Kent Messer  
University of Delaware

Jim Murphy  
University of Alaska Anchorage

## **Call for Selected Papers and Symposia**

**CAES/NAREA Conference, Quebec City -  
QC, June 29 – July 1, 2008  
Deadline for Submission: February 1, 2008**

The Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) and Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) will hold their annual meetings jointly in Quebec City, June 29 (Sunday) – July 1 (Tuesday), 2008. There will be two types of sessions at the meetings in Quebec City - Selected Papers and Symposia. The Selected Paper sessions are an opportunity for individual CAES/NAREA members to share their current research. A double blind review process will be used to evaluate submissions to the Selected Paper sessions. The Symposium sessions are an opportunity for members to organize a group of three or four papers on a specific area that is of interest to the membership. Groups are encouraged to integrate members of both associations. A committee headed by the CAES and NAREA presidents will evaluate the symposium submissions.

Proposals for Selected Papers: Please submit an extended abstract of no more than 500 words, plus a 50-word abstract for publication in the journal. The Selected

Papers Committee will review abstracts in terms of problem statement, methods, and results. Individuals whose abstracts are selected will be notified on or about March 15, 2008. Final papers must be submitted to the Chair of the Selected Papers Committee no later than June 1, 2008. Individuals who do not submit a completed paper by June 1, 2008, will not have abstracts of their selected papers published in the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review. Group submissions around a specific topic also are encouraged. NOTE: All submissions must be made through the CAES/NAREA Joint Conference web site at: [www.narea.org/2008meeting](http://www.narea.org/2008meeting) by February 1, 2008.

Proposals for a Symposium have no restrictions on format or content, but should emphasize audience discussion. Proposals should include: 1) a title; 2) description of the topic; 3) reasons why the topic is timely and of interest to the CAES/NAREA membership; 4) suggested format and description of the presentation; and 5) names and affiliations of presenters. Abstracts of papers to be included within each symposium should also be submitted individually by each author(s) and include the title of the symposium first along with the title of the paper as follows: "Symposium Title: Paper Title" along with the individual abstract. NOTE: All submissions must be made through the CAES/NAREA Joint Conference web site at: [www.narea.org/2008meeting](http://www.narea.org/2008meeting) by February 1, 2008.

Papers and symposia are invited in the following subject categories: Consumer, Environment, Marketing, Natural Resources, Trade, Rural/Regional Development, Policy, Innovation, Industrial Organization, Production/Management, Health and Nutrition, Other – Specify.

Submission questions or concerns can be directed to the paper selection chairs Jean-Philippe Gervais, CAES chair; [Jean-Philippe.Gervais@eac.ulaval.ca](mailto:Jean-Philippe.Gervais@eac.ulaval.ca) and Lori Lynch, NAREA chair; [llynch@arec.umd.edu](mailto:llynch@arec.umd.edu). Questions about the web submission process can be directed to Jill Caviglia-Harris at [jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu](mailto:jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu). Questions related to the conference and conference location can be directed to the local arrangements committee, Jean-Philippe Gervais, [Jean-Philippe.Gervais@eac.ulaval.ca](mailto:Jean-Philippe.Gervais@eac.ulaval.ca); Richard Gray, [richard.gray@usask.ca](mailto:richard.gray@usask.ca); and Valerie Johnson, [valcaes@telus.net](mailto:valcaes@telus.net).

**Call for Papers  
2008 NAREA Workshop on:**

**NEW ANALYTICS OF PORK AND PROTECTION:  
INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO RESEARCH ON  
DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL POLICY**

**June 29, 2008  
Quebec City, Quebec Canada**

**Deadline for submission: Friday, February 15, 2008**

The Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES), and the U.S. Department of Agriculture—Economic Research Service (ERS) will jointly sponsor a Domestic and International Agricultural Policy workshop on June 29, 2008. The workshop will be held in conjunction with the joint 2008 annual meeting of NAREA and CAES in Quebec City, Quebec. The Association seeks to better inform policy makers by soliciting papers that will further the theoretical and empirical knowledge of effects of agricultural policies. The workshop will focus on assessing the effects of domestic U.S. and international agricultural policy by highlighting five broad areas: (1) domestic commodity policy; (2) risk mitigation policy; (3) agricultural trade policy; (4) policy for ecosystem services; and (5) biofuel policy.

Approximately 10 papers on the above topics will be included in the workshop. To be considered for the selected paper sessions, author(s) should submit a 1-2 page extended abstract that will be evaluated by the organizing committee on the basis of scholarly merit and relevance to the workshop topic. Workshop proceedings will be published in a special issue of the Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER) if accepted after the journal's normal review process. An honorarium of \$500 will be provided for selected papers upon submission of the final paper to ARER by July 21, 2008.

Please email paper abstracts to Barrett Kirwan, University of Maryland, at [bkirwan@arec.umd.edu](mailto:bkirwan@arec.umd.edu). The submission deadline is Friday, February 15, 2008. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstract submissions by March 31, 2008. Full papers must be received from notified authors by May 31, 2008 to be included in the program.