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Fall/Winter 2009 Newsletter

The 2009 NAREA Annual Meeting June 7-9th

2009 NAREA Workshop “Experiments Applied to Environmental & Agricultural Economics” June 9th-10th

Burlington, Vermont

Future Meetings

- 2009 Burlington, Vermont
- 2010 Atlantic City, New Jersey
- 2011 Pittsburg, Pennsylvania (with AAEA) in negotiations
- 2012 Massachusetts
- 2013 New York
- 2014 West Virginia
- 2015 Rhode Island
- 2016 Maine
- 2017 Nova Scotia

President’s Column

Lori Lynch

The 2008 annual meeting held in Quebec City, Canada attracted a large number of NAREA and Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) members. Over 250 people registered. Ninety of these participants were NAREA members, 104 were CAES members and 61 were not members in either organization. The location was fabulous and facilities great - I am to understand. Many thanks to the CAES host committee – Jean-Philippe Gervais and Richard Gray and especially the CAES staff person Valerie Johnson who took care of the details.

CAES and NAREA members as well as other individuals submitted 186 abstracts for the selected paper sessions. In addition, nine symposia were also submitted with 4 to 5 papers each. The Paper selection committee (Wes Musser, Andreas Lange, Lori Lynch, Jean-Philippe Gervais, Danny Roy, and Sean Cash) could only accept a portion of the many interesting papers submitted. In total including the symposia and the selected papers, more than 180 presentations were given during the more than 45 sessions at

the conference. These sessions offered an array of topics and generated some lively discussions. We all owe a great deal of appreciation to the selection committee for their efforts to review this many submissions as well as being flexible and accommodating the submissions that went missing. I also thank Jean-Philippe for organizing all the papers into sessions – a daunting task.

In addition, a great ‘thank you’ is extended to Jill Caveglia-Harris of Salisbury University for both setting up the web-based submission process and then for spending hours dealing with the issues that arose following the crash of the system on the abstract due date. Based on my email folder for the Quebec City meeting, it seems that thousands of emails were exchange trying to repair the submission file and finding those individuals for whom we had lost submissions.

The 2008 NAREA workshop New Analytics of Pork and Protection organized by Barrett Kirwan and Bruce Gardner was also a success with 12 speakers and 65 attendees. Keynote speakers included Robert Thompson and Andy Schmitz. The Economic Research Service and The Farm Foundation provided generous support once again for the workshop effort. The Farm Foundation will be publishing a policy brief with the abstracts from the twelve papers.

Qingbin Want and Bob Parsons of University of Vermont have been finalizing the arrangements for the 2009 meetings in Burlington, Vermont. This year the conference will be held June 7th -9th followed by the 2009 workshop on the 9th - 10th. Qingbin and Bob have gotten the association a great deal at the Burlington Sheraton of \$105 per night. The selected paper committee chaired by Jacqueline Geoghegan with members Robert Johnston,

Dana Bauer and Jill Caviglia-Harris is currently reviewing the submissions.

The 2009 Workshop on Experimental Methods organized by Kent Messer and Jim Murphy promises to be quite good. They have received over 60 submissions for the workshop and are seeking some extra funding from the Economic Research Service and the Farm Foundation to extend the workshop through Wednesday afternoon. The Environment Protection Agency has already provided generous support for the workshop through a competitive grant program. Of particular note, Nobel Laureate Vernon Smith will be giving one of the keynotes at the workshop; the second will be given by Jason Shogren. For those of you that have not previously attended a workshop, this might be one you would like to experience.

At this point, a committee from Rutgers chaired by Sanjib Bhuyan is negotiating with hotels in Atlantic City for the 2010 Meeting on June 13-15th. Thus far, negotiations have been promising.

The Executive Committee is still entertaining topics for the 2010 workshop to follow the 2010 annual meetings. Possible topics include Economic Uncertainty: The Impact on Agriculture and Natural Resources, Local Food Systems, Biotechnology, Transportation and/or Energy Issues, Green economic recovery, Trading systems (water quality, energy, .?), and Climate Change. At this point, Local Food is receiving the most discussion.

The NAREA Executive Committee had a productive meeting in October 2008 in Baltimore. Besides discussing the different meetings mentioned above, the Committee decided to explore the possibility of having a joint meeting with the Agricultural and

Applied Economics Association (AAEA) in 2011 in Pittsburg. NAREA is currently discussing the detail with the AAEA staff.

Josh Duke and Titus Awokuse, Editors of *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* provided an update on issues for 2008 and 2009. The online system is operating well. In addition, they reported that the third issue of *AREER* will begin with a special issue edited by Harry Kaiser from Cornell University based on the winter conference of the Research Committee on Commodity Promotion and the Food and Agricultural Policy Section of the AAEA. The Executive Committee also approved additional efforts to increase the accessibility and visibility of the journal including immediate postings to AgEcon Search and a three-year contract with EBSCO. I thank the finance and ad hoc committee members who explored the financial and other implications of such a contract (Todd Schmidt, Harry Kaiser, Doug Morris, Titus Akowuse, and Joshua Duke).

The "Presidents' Fund" has raised over \$5,000 and we hope it will generate some money to support graduate students and early career professionals involvement in the association. One possibility suggested was for NAREA to sponsor a retreat for early career professionals in the Northeast. Jill Caviglia-Harris and Jeff Hyde are exploring options for such an event.

I have to thank Steve Smith, Jackie Geoghegan and Cheryl Brown for filling in for me when I was absent. I was very sorry to miss the conference in Quebec City and look forward to seeing you all in Burlington! I also appreciate all the efforts of the Executive Board and others who serve the association through formal committees and informal activities. As a

small association with no staff, we only manage to provide services to our membership and our graduate students through your efforts.

2009 NAREA Annual Meeting

Jacqueline Geoghegan

This year's annual meeting, June 7 – 9, will be held in Burlington, VT, on beautiful Lake Champlain. Please see the NAREA web page (www.narea.org) for details on the meeting, for hotel reservations, and for information on Burlington. 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.

Travelers can fly into the Burlington International Airport – only about 5 miles from the conference hotel. A block of rooms has been reserved at \$105 per night plus tax. The opening reception will be held on Sunday evening (June 7th). The conference registration fee is \$160 for members, \$185 for non-members and \$90 for students for early registration- prior to May 6, 2009. The registration fee includes the Sunday evening reception and ticket to Monday's Awards Luncheon. The conference program will include further details once posted.

For further information about the conference registration you may contact Qingbin Wang (qwang@uvm.edu) and Bob Parsons (bob.parsons@uvm.edu) by email or at the following address:

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2010 NAREA Annual Meeting

The 2010 Annual Meeting will be held in Atlantic City, New Jersey beginning Sunday June 13th through the 15th. Sanjib Bhuyan, Ramu Govindasamy, Robin Brumfield, Yanhong Jin, and Carl Pray of Rutgers University are the local hosting and organizing committee. The hotel has offered a block of room at \$95 per night. Please plan on attending.

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2011 Annual Meeting Joint with AAEA in Pittsburg

As I am writing this newsletter, I am discussing the possibility of having a joint meeting with the AAEA in 2011 when the its annual meeting is scheduled to be in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. We have had great success with joint meetings with CAES in the past as well as joint meetings with AAEA. Pittsburg and the reserved convention center are reported to be quite beautiful.

This requires an adjustment in our meeting scheduling bumping Massachusetts into 2012 but the Executive Committee concurred that the benefits of a joint conference outweighed the cost of changing our yearly rotation schedule. Check the Spring newsletter for further updates.

2008 NAREA Workshop “New Analytics of Pork and Protection: Innovative Approaches to Research on Domestic and International Agricultural Policy, Quebec City

The 2008 NAREA workshop was held successfully on June 29th, 2008 in Quebec City preceding the joint Annual Meetings of CAES and NAREA. The 65 attendees heard presentation from the twelve selected and invited speakers. Keynote speakers included Robert Thompson and Andy Schmitz.

The Economic Research Service and the Farm Foundation supported the workshop to the tune of \$24,000. A policy brief including one page abstracts of the papers will be published by the Farm Foundation.

Due to conflicts with Quebec City’s 300th anniversary, the organizing committee altered the workshop usual timing of after the annual conference to the Sunday before the CAES/NAREA conference began. The arrangement worked well.

Conference papers that are accepted after a normal review will be published in the April issue of the ARER in 2009.

Many thanks to the organizing committee co-chairs: Barrett Kirwan and Bruce Gardner and members: Edwin Young, Bruno Larue, Hartley Furtan, and Lori Lynch. Thanks also to Erik Lichtenberg who stepped in to help with the review process when Bruce Gardner became ill. We also appreciated all the assistance from the CAES host committee in particular, Valerie Johnson.

Time to Join NAREA!

2009 Membership fees are now (past) due. The Board has provided 2 options to pay dues: 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: www.aaea.org

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Secretary/Treasurer's Report

The overall membership in the association numbers 379. This included 242 regular continuing members and 39 student continuing members. We also have 25 honorary members. Seventy-three libraries have subscribed to our journal. For those of you watching library numbers – this is one less than the number in Fall of 2006.

The Association currently has total assets of slightly more than \$90 thousand. Fortunately none of the NAREA money was invested in anything risky—all of it is in secure CDs or more accessible secure accounts.

ARER Editor's Report

Joshua M. Duke and Titus O. Awokuse

We greatly enjoyed our second year of editing ARER. Before we describe some new initiatives, we review the statistics on

the journal. In 2008, 23 papers (invited and selected) were published in the April and October issues. We are grateful to Liesl Koch, the technical editor, for her excellent work. In 2008, we received 55 manuscripts, which is the same number as in 2007. These numbers are high, historically, and represent strong evidence of the journal's health and stability in the changing times of our profession. Average time to first response declined to 52.4 days from 60.0 days in 2007.

Looking forward, we are wrapping up the April 2009 issue, which will likely contain eight articles—two invited papers from the 2008 meetings, four papers from the 2008 Workshop on Agricultural Policy, and two book reviews. In addition, we already have seven papers accepted for the October 2009 issue. The 2009 Workshop on Economic Experiments, chaired by Kent Messer and Jim Murphy, promises to fill a large April 2010 issue given the 60(!) abstracts received by the submission deadline in January.

We are pleased to report on several of our initiatives affecting the journal. First and foremost, the NAREA Board has approved our request to expand *ARER* to a third issue each year. Doug Morris was instrumental in helping us to start this effort. We are on-track to publishing volume 38(3) in the fall or winter. This issue will contain those papers that survive *ARERs* refereeing process from the winter 2009 joint conference of the Research Committee on Commodity Promotion (NEC-63) and the Food and Agricultural Policy Section of the AAEA (FAMPS). Former *ARER* editor Harry Kaiser has graciously agreed to guest edit this issue. In addition, we are working with another organization for another third issue, targeted for 2010. We believe this move to three issues per year will greatly expand the visibility of the journal,

particularly as it will enhance our future application to ISI for inclusion in their database. In addition, this third issue will be sent to members with no increase in dues!

Second, the NAREA Board voted that articles from *ARER* should be sent to *AgEcon Search* shortly after publication, thus making research available widely and quickly on the web. Third, we have arranged a three-year agreement with EBSCO to include *ARER* in its research database (a bundled package sold to libraries) at no cost to NAREA.

Our term ends in 2010, and NAREA will be searching for our replacements this year. We will handle new manuscripts through December 31, 2009, though we will be in charge of publishing all 2010 issues. As we approach the end of our term, we thank NAREA for allowing us to serve.

Presidents' Fund

Lori Lynch

The Presidents' Fund has been established to support graduate student and early-career professional members' involvement in the Association. All members can contribute to this fund!!! Past presidents of the Association are especially encouraged to support this fund. The Secretary-Treasurer is responsible for managing the proceeds of the Past-Presidents' Fund, as well as soliciting contributions to the Fund. A committee composed of the President, Past-President, and President-Elect will be responsible for awarding grants from this fund to graduate students and early-career professionals.

The Association has managed to raise \$5400 to begin this fund. Please consider adding your financial support to this endeavor.

Nominations for NAREA Master's Thesis Awards

Mark Sperow, Chair

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.

These 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 6, 2009**.

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, 2008, to December 31, 2008.

(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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Nominations for Distinguished and Honorary Member Awards

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: <http://www.narea.org/bylaws.html> , 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 6, 2009**. Please mail or email nominations to: Dan Lass at lass@resecon.umass.edu

Call for Nominations: NAREA Award for Outstanding Public Service Through Economics

NAREA calls for nominations for the *2009 Award for Outstanding Public Service through Economics*. This award honors and recognizes economists who have applied agricultural, environmental, consumer, resource, or community development economics in a unique way that has contributed toward solving an important problem and improving the welfare of society.

The nomination letter should focus on why the nominee meets the criteria for the award. Nominees will be evaluated on the quality of their work and their demonstrated contribution to improving societal welfare as indicated by the nomination letter. Detailed guidelines for nominations can be found on NAREA’s website (www.narea.org).

The recipient(s) will be invited to present a keynote address at the 2009 annual meeting in Burlington, VT that will be published in the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*. The recipient will receive an honorarium of \$1,000 to cover travel costs.

Nominations must be received by **April 3, 2009**. Letters of nomination and biographical sketches should be sent to:

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Graduate Student Travel Grant Awards

The NAREA travel grant program encourages graduate students to attend the annual NAREA meetings. Priority will be given to students who are presenting papers or participating in symposia. Others who may benefit from attendance are encouraged to apply. Recipients will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon.

Applications for the 2009 awards should include the following information:

1. Name, address, phone number, and email address.
2. Current status as a graduate student, department and institution where enrolled, degree program, years at institution, and anticipated time to completion of degree.
3. A statement of the applicant's plans for participating in the meeting and benefits from attending the meeting.

The application deadline is **May 1, 2009**.

Applications should be sent by email to Jacqueline Geoghegan at jgeogheg@black.clarku.edu

CAES Call for Papers

The *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics* intends to publish a special issue on water "Water in the 21st Century" in December 2010. The issue will include 12-15 state-of-the-art papers relating to economic methods, models, applications and institutions relevant to water issues in different jurisdictions and watersheds. Although all manuscripts on the topic will be considered, priority will be given to studies that advance theory or methods, or have broad policy relevance.

Authors wishing to submit manuscripts for the special issue should send an abstract of 1-2 pages to the managing editor of the CJAE (cjae@uvic.ca) on or before 27 February 2009. Manuscripts from selected abstracts will be peer reviewed. Reviews and final edits and revisions will be completed by June 30, 2010. Additional information is available at: <http://caes.usask.ca/cjae/issues.php>.

2008-2009 Committee Membership

The NAREA Bylaws provide for several standing committees and the formation of ad hoc committees according to the needs of the Association in any year. Membership for each committee is present for 2009-2010. The tasks of each committee are described in the bylaws: <http://www.narea.org/bylaws.html>

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Call for Selected Papers and Symposia

NAREA Conference, Burlington VT June 7– 9, 2009
Deadline for Submission: Friday, January 30, 2009

The Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA) will hold its annual meeting in Burlington, VT, June 7 (Sunday) – June 9 (Tuesday), 2009. There will be two types of sessions at the annual meeting: Selected Papers and Symposiums. The Selected Paper sessions are an opportunity for individual NAREA members to share their current research. 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.

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

Proposals for Selected Papers: Please submit an extended abstract of no more than 500 words, plus a 50-word abstract for publication in the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review* through the NAREA web site: www.narea.org. 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 31, 2009. Final papers must be submitted to the Chair of the Selected Papers Committee no later than June 1, 2009. Individuals who do not submit a completed paper by June 1, 2009, will not have the abstract of their selected paper published in the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*.

Proposals for a Symposium: Symposiums should be submitted in two stages:

1) The session proposal description and justification must be submitted by the symposium coordinator. The justification should provide the strengths of the combined papers along with the addition the symposium would make to the conference. The number of papers and listed titles with authors to be included in this session must be included. Symposium coordinators must select “symposium” as the paper type.

2) Paper abstracts to be included within each symposium should 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. Authors must select “symposium” as the paper type. Individual paper submissions do not need to include any introductory material describing the symposium or a description of how the paper fits into the symposium. This information should instead be provided in the symposium proposal. Individual abstracts included in the symposium should follow the guidelines and word limitations as listed for Selected Papers.

Symposium submissions will be reviewed jointly by reviewers as a complete package. As such, rejection and acceptance decisions will be made for the entire proposal rather than for any individual papers; however the program chair reserves the right to reject individual papers if deemed necessary. The order in which the individual papers and symposium proposal are received is not important for review. Individual papers and the symposium proposal may be submitted at any time before the submission deadline.

Submission questions or concerns can be directed to the paper selection chair, President-Elect Jacqueline Geoghegan (jgeoghegan@clarku.edu). Questions about the web submission process can be directed to Jill Caviglia-Harris at (jlcaviglia-harris@salisbury.edu). Questions related to the conference and conference location can be directed to the local arrangements coordinator Qingbin Wang (qwang@uvm.edu).

Call for Papers

2009 NAREA Workshop on *Experimental Methods*

June 9-10, 2009

Burlington, Vermont

Abstract Deadline: January 30, 2009

The 2009 Workshop on the use of experimental methods in environmental, natural resource, and agricultural economics will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Burlington, Vermont, on June 9-10, immediately following the annual meeting of the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA). Over the last half-century, economic experiments have provided researchers with a better understanding of human behavior and the performance of public policies. The goal of the workshop is to highlight high quality experimental research, explore the application of these methods to policy problems, and to educate researchers about the methodology. The workshop will include keynote presentations from Nobel Laureate Vernon Smith and Jason Shogren.

A special issue of the *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review (ARER)* will be published from workshop papers accepted after an expedited version of the journal's normal peer-review process. An honorarium of \$1,000 will be provided for selected papers upon submission to *ARER*.

The Workshop seeks papers that use experimental methods to address questions related to environmental, natural resource and agricultural economics. Some examples include: (1) social dilemmas – such as public good provision, externalities, and common pool resources; (2) individual preferences and decision making – such as the WTA/WTP disparity, hyperbolic discounting, risk attitudes, hypothetical bias in CV, and preference reversals; and (3) testing policy proposals and designing new markets – such as emissions trading programs, point-nonpoint trading, land use & land conservation, water markets, and fisheries management.

Authors wishing to have a paper considered for the NAREA workshop should submit an extended abstract to the NAREA website: <http://www.narea.org/>. The file should contain the following information:

Cover page with:

- title of paper;
- name, address and e-mail address of paper presenter;
- name and institutional affiliation of paper presenter and co-author(s);
- up to six key words; and
- JEL codes;

Separate pages with:

- title of paper; and
- an extended abstract of the paper (up to five pages).

Abstracts submitted without all the required information will not be considered. Electronic acknowledgements of submissions will be sent to all submitters. The deadline to submit is Friday, January 30, 2009. Abstracts will be reviewed by the Workshop's selected paper committee. Authors will be notified of the status of their abstract by March 31, 2009.

Full papers must be received from notified authors by May 1, 2009 to be included in the Workshop's program. *ARER* must receive papers by July 15, 2009 to be considered for expedited review and to receive the \$1,000 honorarium. Manuscripts accepted for publication can request a waiver of the journal's normal page charges. Further information concerning the workshop will be provided in upcoming issues of the NAREA Newsletter and the AAEA Exchange.

Major support for the workshop comes from the US Environmental Protection Agency, the USDA Economic Research Service, and the Farm Foundation.

For more information contact the NAREA Workshop co-chairs:

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- Dr. Jim Murphy, JMurphy@nero.scob.uaa.alaska.edu, (907) 786-1936

Call for Workshop Papers

The Economics of Land-Use Change: Advancing the Frontiers

Washington DC June 25– 26, 2009

Deadline for Abstract Submission: February 15, 2009

Completed Paper Due: June 1, 2009

The pace and pattern of land-use change in the United States and elsewhere has compelled many communities to demand and implement new policies due to both the environmental and fiscal impacts associated with the increasing urban and suburban landscape as well as questions of food security and global climate change resulting from the loss of farm and forest land. In addition to concerns related to the total amount of resource lands lost, the location, distribution, and pattern of these land use changes determines the local government costs of providing infrastructure such as roads, schools, sewer, water and other public services; the amount and type of nonpoint source pollution into water bodies; the loss of open space amenities; increased time commuting with associated air pollution and congestion; as well as ecological effects including hydrological disturbances and habitat fragmentation. Understanding the impacts of different land use patterns on numerous ecological services and the potential relationship between these patterns and potential government policies, have also gained in importance but are difficult to analyze given currently available modeling methods.

This highly focussed workshop seeks to bring together researchers at the forefront of theoretical, empirical, and policy aspects of economics focused on spatially explicit land use modeling. We expect to accept eight selected papers, resulting from this call for papers, as well as have three invited background presentations with a total of 20-25 participants. The format of the workshop will include three invited presentations, the eight selected paper presentations, each followed by discussant's comments as well as breakout sessions on particular topics. The three invited presentations will provide an overview of the state of the art in theoretical modeling (Elena Irwin), empirical modeling (Jacqueline Geoghegan and Alexander Pfaff) and policy issues (Lori Lynch). In addition to the invited and selected paper presenters, other distinguished researchers in the field have been invited to attend the workshop, such as Peter Berck, Nancy Bockstael, Kerry Smith and others, to be confirmed.

We invite submissions of two page abstracts for consideration for presentation as one of the eight selected papers for this workshop. Through generous support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, travel expenses (lowest airfare and hotel accommodations) will be provided for one presenter of each of the selected papers. The workshop will be held at the Mathematical Association of America's Carriage House, just off of Dupont Circle in Washington D.C.

For the eight abstracts selected, authors are expected to submit a completed draft of their papers to the conference organizers by **June 1, 2009**.

The goal of the conference organizers is to subsequently publish the invited and selected papers as a special issue of a peer-reviewed journal.

Questions can be directed to either of the two workshop organizers: Jacqueline Geoghegan (jgeoghegan@clarku.edu) or Lori Lynch (llynch@arec.umd.edu). Submissions of two page abstracts should be sent to Jacqueline Geoghegan by February 15, 2009.