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#### **Update from AERE President Dan Phaneuf**

Greetings AERE members and Happy New Year! I thought I would take this opportunity to update you on a few things, beginning with our program at the 2019 ASSA meeting.

As usual, we had a full suite of AERE sessions that were well-attended and engaging. Thanks to all members who participated as organizers, speakers, discussants, and audience members!

The AERE lunch brought together nearly 100 people for socializing. We also took that time to recognize several people for their service and contributions, in particular, outgoing officers Laura Taylor, Dallas Burtaw, and Sarah West for their service as President, Treasurer, and Secretary, respectively, and outgoing board members Severin Borenstein and Billy Pizer. If you see any of these folks in the coming year, please thank them again for their service. Likewise, please thank incoming officers Margaret Walls (Treasurer) and Nick Kuminoff (Secretary), as well as new board members Soren Anderson and Lynne Lewis, for their willingness to serve.

#### **Update from President (cont'd)**

The AERE lunch also included recognition of Louis Preonas as this year's recipient of the Wallace E. Oates Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award. Thank you to this year's Dissertation Award Committee, chaired by Arik Levinson (Georgetown University): Amy Ando (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Kathleen Bell (University of Maine), Antonio Bento (Cornell University), Shanjun Li (Cornell University), and Hilary Sigman (Rutgers University). The award is supported by an endowment created by donations from AERE members to allow a small cash payment to accompany the award. If you are interested in donating to the fund, please visit the AERE website at https://aere.memberclicks.net/donate.



The lunch concluded with an excellent address from AERE Fellow Larry Goulder. Thanks to Larry, and to all attendees, for contributing to another successful event.

AERE@ASSA concluded with a reception co-hosted by AERE and Resources for the Future on Saturday evening. Over 200 people enjoyed a complimentary drink, light appetizers and good company. Thanks to everyone for helping make AERE such a collegial and welcoming organization.



Next, our REEP and JAERE journals continue to perform well due to their dedicated editors and support from AERE members. Thanks to Cathy Kling (REEP) and Jen Alix-Garcia, Don Fullerton, Sheila Olmstead, and Chris Timmins (JAERE) for their efforts! At the AERE lunch, Cathy shared an update on REEP that included a call for broad participation in the journal and an expansion of the topics discussed in its pages. She will communicate directly with AERE members in a later email on her plans for REEP going forward. The JAERE editors have a note in this newsletter sharing some details, but I will highlight two points here. First, the journal is expanding from four to six issues in 2019, providing space for more content. This is an important step in the journal's progression and one that signals the success we have had to date. Second, as always, please submit your papers to JAERE! The journal offers excellent author service, including fast turnaround times and high visibility for published papers.

In closing, I'll remind you of the upcoming <u>AERE Summer Conference</u> at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe in Incline Village, Nevada, on May 30-31, 2019, which promises to continue the tradition of strong academic programming and collegiality. A pre-conference workshop will be held on May 29, 2019. I look forward to seeing you there!

#### **A Letter from the Editors of JAERE**

Dear AERE members.

We write with several exciting announcements from the Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (JAERE).

#### **New Content**

We just released volume 6, number 1 of the 2019 issues of JAERE, and vol. 6 no. 2 is on the way in March. As AERE members, you have free access to JAERE articles, but you might also want to share with non-AERE colleagues our excitement about free content in every issue (in this January issue, "Price Regulation and Environmental Externalities: Evidence from Methane Leaks" by Catherine Hausman and Lucija Muehlenbachs). Free content from each issue can be accessed by anyone through the JAERE website.

#### **More Content**

Starting in 2019, JAERE is moving from 4 to 6 issues per year. This will significantly reduce the delay between each paper's acceptance and publication, and allow us to continue to publish the very best papers in the field. Please continue submitting to the journal and encourage your colleagues to do the same!

#### **Fast Turnaround Times**

JAERE has some of the fastest turnaround times in the business! In 2018, our average time to rejection after review was 67 days, and the average time to receive news of an R&R was 75 days.

#### **High Impact**

Although JAERE does not yet have a formal impact factor, we are working hard to obtain one. In the meantime, you should be aware that JAERE is high-impact; according to Web of Science citations per article, even in our early years of publication JAERE's citations (2.88 per article) rank favorably with the Journal of Public Economics (2.78 per article), the Journal of Environmental Economics and Management (3.54), the Energy Journal (1.81), and Environmental and Resource Economics (2.27). Additional citation metric comparisons and other reasons to publish in JAERE are available on JAERE's website.

#### A Perk for Referees

We are working on a new process that will waive JAERE's \$100 submission fee for authors who have submitted a timely referee report to JAERE within the previous 12 months. This option will be available via a link on JAERE's website and should be in place by February 1, if not sooner.

Starting with this note, the JAERE editorial team will send email updates to AERE members twice per year. Please don't hesitate to ask any of us for additional information. We are the journal of the Association, and we welcome input from all members.

The editorial team: Jen Alix-Garcia, Don Fullerton, Sheila Olmstead, and Chris Timmins

#### Registration opens February 1 for AERE 2019 Summer Conference

The seventh annual AERE Summer Conference will be held May 30-31, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency at Lake Tahoe, located lakeside in the Sierra Mountain Range and a short walk to Incline Village.

The conference will feature a keynote address by Seema Jayachandran (Northwestern University) as well as sponsored sessions (supported by generous funding from the Office of Response and Restoration (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), the Economic Research Service (U.S. Department of Agriculture), and the National Center for Environmental Economics (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), general sessions, and a poster session. The abstract submission period is closed.

David Anthoff (University of California, Berkeley) will present a pre-conference workshop on advances in integrated assessment modeling on May 29, 2019.

#### **Upcoming Abstract Submission Deadlines and Regional Conference Dates**

AERE sponsors up to twelve sessions, presenting more than forty research papers, at the <u>Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Annual Conference</u>, held in late June each year. The next WEAI Annual Conference will be held June 28-July 2, 2019, at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square. For full consideration for AERE@WEAI sessions, abstracts must have been received by January 15, 2019.

### **AERE is an Allied Society of the WEAI so participants in AERE sessions** register at the same rate as members of WEAI.

• The Midwest Economics Association (MEA) Annual Conference will be held March 15-17, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch in St. Louis, MO. AERE sponsors six to eight sessions with up to three dozen research papers at MEA.

#### **January Jobs and Fellowships**

AERE posts job and fellowship opportunities for three months, unless otherwise notified. University and Institutional members may place an ad annually without charge--a \$250 value! Non-members may post an ad for \$250. Fill out this form to promote your job or fellowship opportunity.

- Senior Research Analyst Research and Analysis at the Center for Sustainable Energy, San Diego/Los Angeles/Oakland, CA.
- Department Head and Professor or Associate Professor Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT.
- Post-Doctoral Researcher: Marine Conservation Marine Laboratory at Duke University, Beaufort, NC.
- Officer, Conservation Science The Pew Charitable Trusts, Washington, DC.
- Instructor College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, Natural Resources and Environmental Management at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI.
- Fulbright Lectureship at the Department of Economics, University of Bologna
- Axford Fellowship in Public Policy, New Zealand. Ongoing applications close April 1 annually.

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