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Summer is Coming!



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Invitation from AERE President Dan Phaneuf

Planning for the AERE Summer Conference in Lake Tahoe is coming along nicely, and I am looking forward to seeing you there. A record number of abstracts were submitted, which organizers Katrina Jessoe and Max Auffhammer have used to put together an outstanding program. The diversity of topics and high quality of papers suggest this year will continue the conference tradition of excellence in intellectual discourse.

Furthermore, the large number of genuinely outstanding papers that did not make the program speaks to the overall strength of the association (I know Max and Katrina had great difficulty in making their decisions). I hope members whose papers are not on the program will still consider attending the event. I have attended all of the AERE summer conferences since the inaugural in 2011, and always benefited from the opportunity to interact with a broad range of environmental and resource economists, both as a speaker and general attendee. I expect this year will be no exception.

Registration for the conference and hotel accommodations are open, and we are encouraging people who plan to attend to register soon, to aid with planning. Visit www.aere.org/aere-summer-conference to learn more.

AERE 2019 SUMMER CONFERENCE

MAY 30-31, 2019 | HYATT REGENCY AT LAKE TAHOE | INCLINE VILLAGE, NV



720+ Abstract Submissions Received



AERE Awards Luncheon featuring Keynote Speaker Professor Seema Jayachandran, Northwestern University



300 Papers over Two Days in 84 Parallel Sessions



Welcome Reception, Wine & Beer Meet-Up, Bike Race, Group Run and more!

A pre-conference workshop on "Advances in Integrated Assessment Modeling" will be held May 29, 2019, led by David Anthoff (University of California, Berkeley), Nicholas Muller (Carnegie Mellon University), Fran Moore (University of California, Davis), and Elizabeth Kopits (US EPA).

A quick announcement from the Editors of the Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists

Last week, all AERE members should have received a paper copy of JAERE's first special issue, "Energy Policy Tradeoffs between Economic Efficiency and Distributional Equity," organized by NBER and funded in part by the Sloan Foundation (thanks!). In case you haven't had time to look at the special issue yet, here is a quick summary.



Economists regularly show that pricing externalities is more efficient than adopting mandates such as fuel efficiency standards, building codes, or renewable portfolio standards. In contrast, policy-makers consistently choose mandates to reduce energy use, perhaps because of the perception that a higher energy price places disproportionate burden on low-income families. Yet papers in this volume often find that mandates are more regressive than energy taxes. They also find large redistributions that are not income related. While this volume is surely not the last word on equity-efficiency tradeoffs in energy policy, its findings can serve as a useful guide to policymakers who wish to avoid inefficiency or adverse distributional consequences.

Now that JAERE is publishing six issues per year, we anticipate being able to accommodate more special issues in the future – perhaps as many as one per year. AERE members interested in proposing a special issue should feel free to reach out to a JAERE editor or co-editor.

A Letter from the Editor of the Review of Environmental Economics and Policy

Dear AERE Members, I have now served as editor of the Review of the Environmental Economics and Policy for just over a year and want to share a few thoughts with members. This also seems an appropriate time to remind our association members of the role that REEP plays within our community of scholarship and perhaps introduce newer environmental and resource economists to the goal and unique positioning of REEP within academic journals and publication venues.

REEP's role in our Profession

As intended from the outset, REEP serves a different function than typical academic journals. Rather than being an outlet for primary research studies as is our premiere research journal, JAERE, REEP is a home for review and synthesis papers. As our web site states "REEP aims to fill the gap between traditional academic journals and the general interest press by providing a widely accessible, yet scholarly, source for the latest thinking on environmental economics and related policy. The Review publishes a range of material including symposia, articles, and regular features." There are three common elements in all that we publish: sound economic reasoning, accessible writing, and relevance.

Visibility and Content

REEP has been consistently ranked in the top-20 of all economics journals and top-15 of all environmental studies journals based on its impact factor (a measure of how the articles in REEP receive citations). This is an important metric for publishers who naturally like to see their journals being actively cited, but more importantly it is an indication that the journal is reaching its goal of providing top quality understandable content to audiences. Further, it is an indication to authors that this is a valuable addition to your publication portfolio: papers published in REEP are well-cited and well-read. REEP has published papers in almost all areas of environmental and resources economics, though not evenly. As I continue to vet papers, I will remain focused on the importance of representing the full suite of environmental issues that our profession addresses.

Types of Papers and Submission Process

Because of the unusual role of REEP in the world of academic journals, our submission process differs from traditional journals. Instead of writing a paper and submitting it once complete, we invite authors to submit short abstracts for a proposed paper and a vita of the author(s). If a proposal is invited for a full manuscript, it is not guaranteed to ultimately be published, and indeed papers are ultimately rejected. However, a strong majority of papers that are invited do, after a full review cycle, prove worthy of publication. In addition to this submission process, the editor and co-editors solicit manuscripts on topics they feel would benefit from a review/synthesis as well as symposium where a group of papers (typically three) are produced on a themed topic. Finally, REEP publishes a variety of Features, shorter pieces that focus on current policy issues and other timely material. Please see our submission information and home page for more information on all types of submissions: <https://academic.oup.com/leep>

A Final Word

I am delighted to be editing REEP on behalf of our remarkable profession. I am committed to doing my best to be sure that the full range of critical environmental and resource topics are covered and that our authors are equally representative and provide a diverse group of excellent environmental and resource economists. Please consider submitting your ideas to REEP and help us expand the impact of our profession on the world.

Catherine L. Kling

For more information on how to submit your work to REEP, [click here](#).

Regional Conference News

- **AERE@MEA:** AERE's presence at the Midwest Economics Association Annual Conference continues to grow, from only two sessions seven years ago to eight AERE-sponsored sessions this year. Thirty-two papers were selected from a record number of abstract submissions. Attendance is so high that the AERE@MEA sessions are assigned one of the largest general session rooms! Networking is also a prime feature of AERE@MEA, with a cocktail reception at the host hotel on the first night of the conference and an AERE-sponsored dinner the second night at the home of Professor Lea Kosnik (University of Missouri-St. Louis). A great time was had by all! Much thanks to Professor Kosnik for serving as the AERE@MEA Program Committee Chair and for opening her home to AERE members and friends.



- **AERE@ASSA:** AERE sponsors nine sessions and hosts its Winter Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting at the ASSA Annual Meeting. In recent years, AERE has also co-hosted a reception with Resources for the Future. The 2020 ASSA Annual Meeting will be held January 3-5, 2020, at the San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina, in San Diego, CA. Abstract submissions are being accepted now through April 15, 2019.
- **AERE@WEAI:** AERE sponsors up to twelve sessions, presenting more than forty research papers, at the Western Economic Association International (WEAI) Annual Conference. This year's conference will be held June 28 - July 2, 2019, at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square in San Francisco, CA. The abstract submission period has closed.
- **AERE@SEA:** The Southern Economic Association 89th Annual Meeting will be held November 23-25, 2019, at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort & Spa in Fort Lauderdale, FL. AERE sponsors over a dozen sessions, with more than forty research papers at the SEA Annual Meeting. The abstract submission period for AERE@SEA closed March 15.
- **AERE@EEA:** AERE welcomes new Program Committee Chair M. Jimena González R., Manhattan College. AERE sponsors up to four sessions at the Eastern Economics Association (EEA) Annual Conference, which is held in late February or March each year. Abstract submissions are accepted October 15 - December 1 each year.

**AERE will post conferences and workshops
centered on economics and
environment/sustainability/natural resources
occurring anywhere globally without charge.**

[Submit your calendar event here](#)

Call for Dissertation Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the Wallace E. Oates Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award. Nominated dissertations are judged by a panel of AERE members who emphasize in their deliberations the originality of the research, quality of implementation, expository clarity, and intellectual and practical significance of research findings. Nominees must have completed all the requirements for their doctoral degree by August 15 of the year in which they are being considered for the award, which includes acceptance of the final and complete dissertation by the nominee's university (the degree may be officially conferred in a graduation ceremony at a later date, usually no later than the end of the calendar year). The award is given at the AERE Luncheon and Business Meeting held each year at the Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) annual meeting in early January. The winner receives a \$1,500 cash award along with a \$500 travel grant to attend a recognition ceremony at the luncheon. The winner's dissertation abstract is also published in the Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (JAERE). [Click here to learn more.](#)

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.

- Pre-Doctoral Economics Intern - Office of the Chief Economist at Environmental Defense Fund, New York
- Post-Doctoral Researcher in the Economics of Coastal Systems - National Center for Integrated Coastal Research at the University of Central Florida
- Associate - Applied Economics at Industrial Economics, Inc., Cambridge, MA
- Research Associate - Energy & Climate Program at Resources for the Future (RFF), Washington, DC
- 2019 Energy & Climate Research Assistant - Energy & Climate Program at Resources for the Future (RFF), Washington, DC
- PhD in Economics - Economics and Econometrics at the University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland. Posted
- Teagasc Post-Doctoral Research Fellow Level 1 (PD1) - Teagasc, WaterMARKE, Oak Park, Carlow
- Fulbright Lectureship at the Department of Economics, University of Bologna
- Axford Fellowship in Public Policy, New Zealand. **(Applications close April 1 annually)**

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