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President's Greeting



From July 9-12th we will gather in Ottawa for our annual meeting. Each year our meeting renews our commitment to the study and assessment of economic theory to issues relevant to food, agriculture, natural resources, and rural development. This historic commitment began in 1929 with the founding of CAES. Importantly, and at the same time, the Agricultural Economics Branch was established to

support Canada's Department of Agriculture.

This year's meeting features several efforts to enhance and ensure our commitment. Highlights are listed below and at (https://caesscae.ca/caes-annual-meeting/program/).

Amidst these events we will be engaging each other in paper sessions and panel discussions. In doing so, we develop the network and shared understanding that renews our commitment to our discipline and the longevity of the CAES. For this reason, I urge you to attend and, when appropriate, extend an invitation to others to do so as well.

Brady Deaton CAES President

Annual Meeting Highlights

Presidential Address

Kara Beckles, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada

Fellows Address

Jill Hobbs, University of Saskatchewan

Annual Awards Banquet

Entertainment: David Pannell, University of Western Australia

Keynote Address

David Pannell, University of Western Australia

Student Job Fair

Thursday, July 11

Post-Conference Learning Workshop

Evaluation of Public Policy/Program Interventions and Observational Microdata

Keynote: Dr. Kent Messer, University of Delaware

2019 CAES Policy Conference

Theme: Agri-Environmental Policy and Programs

"This year's conference theme involved examination of linkages between agriculture and the environment; in particular the use of behavioral economics in the policy space and current thinking on policy evaluation. Keynote speakers Drs Ken Messer and Chad Lawley did an admirable job of laying out a number of these issues for the audience. Other topics included an overview of the major producer incentive programs operating in Canada, climate change and natural capital in agriculture. Despite the heavy snowfall that blanketed Ottawa on the eve of the conference, comments from attendees suggested appreciation for the different focus of the conference this year. "

-Dr. Peter Boxall, Conference Chair



Keynote: Dr. Chad Lawley, University of Manitoba

Poster Contest Winners



From left to right: Francis Abayateye, University of Saskatchewan (3rd); Anna Chemeris, University of Guelph (2nd); Jamie Naylor, University of Guelph (1st); Peter Boxall, University of Alberta (CAES Past-President)

Policy Brief Contest Winners



From left to right: Samantha Burns, Grenfell Campus, Memorial University of Newfoundland (3rd); Laura Stortz, University of Guelph (2nd); Anna Chemeris, University of Guelph (1st); Kara Beckles (CAES President-Elect)

MORE CAES NEWS: We have a new Website!



About Membership Events Awards Publications Careers Donate Login Q



The new site contains news updates, social media posts, events listings and much, much more!

Submit your news for the Spring 2019

NEWS/BLOG

Email us your updates by March 27 for inclusion in the latest...

CAFS Newsletter!

Meet the CAPC 2019 Competition Winners! Two competitions took place during the 9th

2019 Douglas McRorie Memorial **Scholarship - Call for Applications**

Annual Canadian Agri-Food...

The Canadian Foundation for Food and Agricultural Education is...

TWITTER

Canadian Agricultural Economics Society @CAES_AgEcon

Tweets by @CAES_AgEcon

Attn CAES Members! We are calling for submissions to include in the Spring 2019 CAES Newsletter. Please submit your news by Wednesday March 27 🌼

Mar 20, 2019 Canadian Agricultural Economics Society

Wiley Health

@Wiley Health Read the new virtual issue from CANADIAN JOURNAL OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, Agri-Environmental Economics. Discover the latest research here ow.ly/CQ3w30nleTG @CAES_AgEcon #AgriculturalEconomics

JOB POSTINGS

Lecturer Positions, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Market Research Analyst

Faculty position: Lecturer

Statistician - Social Statistics and Demography

Dairy Sector Analyst, Dairy Processors Association of Canada

Assistant Professor of Applied Economic for Healthy Ecosystems

CAREERS

Career Center

Post a Job

View Job Openings

Resources

Keyword Location ☐ Freelance ☐ Full Time ☐ Internship ☐ Part Time ☐ Temporary

The new site even has a Career Centre where CAES members can post job ads for free:

https://caes-scae.ca/career-center/

Lecturer Positions, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

Applications are invited for up to two full-time positions at the rank of Lecturer at the Johnson Shovama Graduate School of Public Policy (ISGS), University of Saskatchewan (USask). These positions are for a term of two years with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2019. The primary work location...

Full Time Open

Have fun exploring the new site and feel free to use the Contact Us form (https://caes-scae.ca/contact-us/) if you have any questions or comments.

SAVE THE DAT

2019 CAES Annual Meeting 💮

July 9-12, 2019 – Lord Elgin Hotel – Ottawa



LORD ELGIN HOTEL **Ottawa Ontario**

2017 Grand Prize Winner, Ottawa Tourism 2017 Star of the City & Star Team Award

Steps from:

- o National Arts Centre
- Shaw Centre
- o Confederation Park (all season festivals)
- o Rideau Centre (Over 180 Shops)
- o Rideau Canal
- o Parliament Hill
- o Sparks Street Mall (Canada's largest pedestrian mall)
- o National Gallery of Canada
- o Byward Market (prime entertainment area)
- Elgin Street (restaurant row)

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OVERVIEW

July 9 Presidential Address

July 10 Fellows Address

July 11 Keynote Address Organized Symposia

July 12 Post-Conference Learning Workshop

REGISTRATION		May 15- June 10	
	EARLY	LATE	ON-SITE
CAES Member			
		\$560	
CAES Student/Retired Member			
Student/Retired Non-Member			
Workshop - Non-Member			
Banquet Tickets (Everyone)			\$80

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Wednesday, July 10, 7:00 pm

This year's banquet will include of Western Australia) will sing songs about economics! Not to miss!

included in the registration fee. You can purchase them when you register.



STUDENT TRAVEL GRANTS

CAES Student Members majoring in a program in agricultural economics or related field at a Canadian University and are presenting a paper at the annual meeting can apply for travel grants to offset travel expenses. Talk to your supervisor or department head if your paper is accepted to see if you are eligible.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Presidential Address

Tuesday, July 9, 5:30 pm

Welcome Reception

Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 pm

Fellows Address

Annual Business Meeting

Annual Awards Banquet

Plenary Address

Job Fair

Post-Conference Learning Workshop

Evaluation of Public Policy/Program Interventions and Observational Microdata

ACCOMMODATION

Conference Rate: \$199 CND plus taxes Cut-off Date: June 9, 2019

Check-in time: 15:00 Check-out time: 12:00

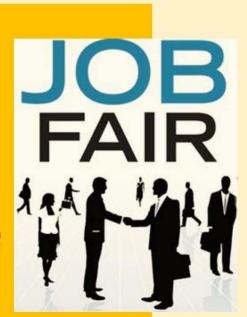
CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR ROOM or call the Lord Elgin Hotel directly at 613-235-3333 (local) or tollfree for Canada and USA 1-800-267-4298.



July 11, 2019, Lord Elgin Hotel, Ottawa

What is the value of this opportunity to employers?

Organizations will have an opportunity to meet and interview a select group of 15-30 highly skilled potential employees with a graduate level background in economics and knowledge of issues related to food, agriculture, and natural resources and the environment.



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9:00-10:00: Registered graduate students and registered employers check in.

10:00-12:00: Meet and greet over coffee and snacks. This is an opportunity for potential employers and job fair candidates to meet informally and chat over coffee. Potential employers will set up at information booths and meet with job fair candidates as they circulate in the room.

13:00-17:00: Employers interview selected job fair candidates. This period will be dedicated to one-on-one interviews between job fair candidates and participating employers as identified by the potential employers.

Information about the candidates will be provided to registered employers who will be welcome to interact with candidates in advance of the Annual Meeting.

What is the value of this opportunity to students?

Students will have an opportunity to meet with potential employers and learn more about their organizations. Many students will have an opportunity to have meaningful one-on-one interviews. Some organizations may be in a position to hire "on the spot."

Information and Registration

Further details about the job fair and how to register will be made available on the CAES website in the coming months. Please direct questions to Valerie Johnson (valerie@caes-scae.ca).

Stay Tuned!!

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MANAGING EDITOR:

The CAES board voted to create the position of Managing Editor. The managing editor will represent the journal and CAES on matters associated with the publishing contract and grants and provide leadership to advancing journal readership and journal quality. Editorial decisions on manuscripts will remain with the editor handling the manuscript. Alan Ker will assume this role.

WELCOME NEW EDITORS DR. LANGINIER AND DR. KER

Dr. Corinne Langinier is an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at University of Alberta. She received her Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Toulouse. Her main fields of research are industrial organization, innovation, information and communication technology industries, and agricultural markets. Dr. Langinier has published in leading journals such as the *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, RAND Journal of Economics,* and *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.

Dr. Alan Ker is Professor and OAC Research Chair in Agricultural Risk and Policy, Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Guelph. Dr. Ker also serves as Director, Institute for the Advanced Study of Food and Agricultural Policy. His areas of research include risk and insurance, small sample nonparametric econometrics, trade, and climate change and innovation. Dr. Ker has published in leading journals such as the *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics,* and *Statistics and Probability Letters*.

2019 SPECIAL ISSUE

The economics of agriculture and agri-food trade disputes

Editors: Sébastien Pouliot and Kathy Baylis

Trade for agricultural and agri-food products has grown dramatically in the last 25 years thanks to the large number of new trade agreements. Trade agreements govern conditions for the commerce of goods and services and establish institutions and mechanisms for the resolution of trade disputes. Economics plays an increasing role in dispute settlements by showing the existence of harm from a measure or in calculating nullification and impairment when there is no resolution to a dispute. The special issue looks into the economics of trade conflicts and tools to measure the impacts of measures impeding trade for agricultural and agri-food products.

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Click the "Get content alerts" button on the right. Enter your username and password or click "New User" to create an account. Follow the prompts and you're done!

WHY DONATE TO THE CAEFM FOUNDATION

Did you know that as a member of the CAES you are also automatically a member of the Canadian Agricultural Economics & Farm Management Foundation (the Foundation)? The purpose of the Foundation is to advance education in agricultural economics (or a related specialty) with reference to the Canadian economy. You are likely aware that the Foundation funds several awards and travel assistance to students, and that it accepts donations on the membership form, but there are many other activities in its mandate:

- Provide scholarships, bursaries, and other forms of financial assistance;
- Establish academic chairs and lectureships to encourage and improve the study, interpretation and knowledge in the field;
- Promote research and knowledge discovery for educational purposes that is non-partisan and can be made public;
- Advance knowledge and science in the field and in related subjects and disciplines as well as provide support and maintenance of learned societies and scientific institutions;
- Acquire, solicit or receive by donation, legacy, gift, grant, bequest or otherwise funds or any goods in any form to furthers its purpose.

Consider donating to the Foundation when you renew your membership!

We are asking members to donate to the Foundation when circumstances allow. Even a small donation from each member would both provide direct financial support to the above activities, and, increase the capital base so that its investments can further increase income to pay for these activities. Donations of \$25 or more receive an official tax receipt. Anyone (both CAES members and non-members) can donate through the Donate menu on the website at https://caes-scae.ca/foundation/.

AAFC NEWS



Call for Proposals - Coordinated Agriculture Policy Research Initiative (CAPRI)

Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) has launched an invitation to submit proposals under the Coordinated Agriculture Policy Research Initiative (CAPRI).

Call for Proposal Deadline: On or before Friday June 14, 2019.

The CAPRI is designed to improve collaboration with the academic community and enhance evidence-based policy development for the agriculture and agri-food sector in Canada. This allows for government and academia to engage constructively and establishes a welcoming, safe place for academics and their graduate-level students to experiment with AAFC's data and models.

AAFC has invited Principal Investigators (PI) to submit project proposals to undertake quantitative research projects utilizing AAFC's data and models not publicly available. Ideally, CAPRI analysis would be undertaken by students as part of a graduate-level thesis dissertation or research paper under the supervision of the PI; however, other collaborative projects or arrangements may also be considered. The PI or student of a successful proposal will be paired with an AAFC analyst with expertise in the data/model to be used in the project. Please note that projects generally require students to conduct their work out of AAFC's headquarters in Ottawa.

For further information on the CAPRI initiative, eligibility criteria, the application process and other proposal details, please go to one of the following links:

English:

http://www.agr.gc.ca/eng/programs-and-services/coordinated-agriculture-policy-research-initiative/?id=1497275166570 French:

http://www.agr.gc.ca/fra/programmes-et-services/initiative-coordonnee-de-recherche-sur-les-politiques-agricoles/?id=1497275166570







Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Agriculture et Agroalimentaire Canada

CAMPUS NEWS



DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dr. Brenda Parlee has been awarded funding from the Government of Alberta (Environment and Parks) to contribute to her large research project Tracking Change. This funding will support the community-based projects in the Alberta region of the Mackenzie River Basin.

Dr. Scott Jeffrey has received funding from the Western Grain Research Foundation to work on a collaborative project with University of Manitoba and University of Lethbridge on the Economic Value for Diversified Cropping Systems.

A Killam Connection Grant will contribute to **Dr. Ellen Goddard**'s project on Consumer Policy in Canada.

Dr. Debra Davidson:

https://takingitglobal.uberflip.com/i/1055360-youth-and-climate-change-report-2018 Debra Davidson, worked with a handful of students from her capstone class last Spring to turn the class research project into a polished report. They then got a small grant to pay for professional production: Youth and Climate Change Report 2018 written by Dylan Hall & Elizabeth Dowdell (edited by Debra Davisdon and Carrie Karsgaard).

Dr. Xiaoli Fan gave 3 seminar talks on "A Bayesian State-Space Approach for Invasive Species Management: The Case of Spotted Wing Drosophila" in 3 universities in China, November 2018: Wuhan University, Huazhong Agricultural University, and Zhejiang University.

Dr. Ellen Goddard gave a thought-provoking presentation on "Disruptive Technologies, Public Perceptions and Implications for Pork" at the 2019 Banff Pork Seminar, on January 9th, 2019.

VISITORS AND SPEAKERS

March 29, 2019 - Seminar by Pierre Mérel (UC Davis), "How big is the 'lemons' problem? Historical evidence from French appellation wines."

April 4, 2019 - Brown Bag by **Peter Boxall** (REES, U. of Alberta), "Economic Compensation for Loss of Metis Cultural Heritage: A professorial view from the consulting trenches".

April 11, 2019 – Brown Bag by **Vic Adamowicz** (Professor, REES, Vice Dean, Agricultural Life and Environmental Sociology), "Risk Perception, Learning and Parents' Willingness to Pay to Reduce Heart Disease Risks".

April 18, 2019 – Brown Bag by **Kim Tallbear** (Faculty of Native Studies, U. of Alberta), "Decolonizing Science and Technology".

April 26, 2019 – Department Seminar by **Ricky Volpe** (Assistant Professor, Agribusiness Department, College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences, California Polytechnic State University), Title TBA.

May 3, 2019 – Department Seminar by Tilman Klumpp (Department of Economics, U. of Alberta), "A Profitability-Based Approach to Calculating Carbon Footprints in Air Travel".



May 17, 2019 – Department Seminar by Gwendolyn Blue (Department of Geography, University of Calgary), "Contending with the Social, Cultural and Democratic Implications of Emerging Genomics Technologies in the Forest Sector".

STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to the students who defended their theses!

September 24, 2018 - Aleksandra Afanasyeva – "Environmentalism, Anti-environmentalism and Deep Stories about Wind Energy Development in Rural Alberta"

December 5, 2018 - **Roxana Zambrano** — "Inferred Valuation as a Tool to Alleviate Social Desirability Bias: Testing the Systematic Influence of Individual-Specific Factors"

December 7, 2018 - Stephanie Budynski – "The Effects of Policy and Clustering in Alberta's Expanding Microbrewery Industry"

December 13, 2018 - **Geoffrey Durocher** – "Property Rights for Managing Chronic Wasting Disease"

January 10, 2019 - Arlana Bennett - Co-management, Indigenous Knowledge and Chronic Wasting Disease in Alberta.

February 6, 2019 – Chelsea Martin - The Importance of Traditional Ecological Knowledge during times of Change in the Sahtú Region



THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

UBC has a **new undergraduate degree**: a **B.Sc. in Food and Resource Economics**. The goal of this new program, which will replace the existing Food Market Analysis major, is to provide students with in-depth training in quantitative methods in the general areas of: Food Markets and Development; Land, Resources and the Environment; and Food and Resource Management.

The Masters of Food and Resource Economics (MFRE) program recently celebrated its 10 year anniversary by a launching an alumni network.





The University of Lethbridge would like to introduce a new major in Agricultural Enterprise management offered by Dhillon School of Business.

This program welcomes students since fall 2019. This program integrates principles of management, economics, and science to prepare students to address evolving challenges in all aspects of managing agricultural enterprises, from production to consumers, from 'farm to fork.' Its focus is on agricultural risk management, business innovations.

The Agricultural Enterprise Management program was developed by Lethbridge College and the University of Lethbridge in an integrated way. Both institutions spoke with stakeholders in the farming community, industry and government to develop eight learning outcomes for the program as follows:

- 1. Apply critical thinking and analytical skills to address challenges in agricultural management and analyze and interpret domestic and international market environments.
- 2. Create and implement human resources strategies that reflect the uniqueness of agriculture and agricultural enterprises.
- 3. Organize and manage all agricultural systems and infrastructure using existing and innovative systems.
- 4. Develop and implement a budgetary and reporting process that allows for sustainable growth of operations.
- Nurture skills in communication, relationship building, strategic influencing, and tolerance for uncertainty and apply these skills to construct solutions and communicate agricultural realities to achieve optimal understanding (outcomes) for all audiences.
- 6. Create a profitable agricultural data management plan which optimizes collection, analysis, and implementation.
- 7. Influence and comply with all agricultural regulatory requirements.
- 8. Provide consultation and resources to the agriculture industry in sustainable agronomy, irrigation, and livestock.

From there, five pillars were identified: accounting and finance, policy and regulations, marketing, operations and management, and risk management.

This program is unique in its delivery. Although there are some Universities which offer programs based on agricultural science or agricultural economics, the University of Lethbridge is the sole University offering a program based on agricultural business.



FARE-Talk and Farmland Report

Brady Deaton, University of Guelph, has two new Fare-talk podcasts featuring recent research by two agricultural economists: Pat Westhoff and Richard Vyn.



Dr. Pat Westhoff discusses his recent article "Four indicators that explain world grain and oilseed market developments". The discussion focuses on Pat's empirical observation that, "Chinese demand and biofuel production account for the entire net increase in world per-capita grain and oilseed consumption since 1980."

https://www.uoguelph.ca/fare/institute/podcasts#worldgrain

Dr. Richard Vyn discusses his recently published article: "Property Value Impacts of Wind Turbines and the Influence of Attitudes Toward Wind Energy". His results indicate that wind turbines have negatively impacted property values in "unwilling host" municipalities, while no statistically significant impacts are found in unopposed municipalities.

https://www.uoguelph.ca/fare/institute/podcasts#propertyvalue

Brady Deaton, Martin Beaulieu (STATCAN), Liam Kelly, and Edwidge Tia produced a report on Ontario farmland rental rates and farmland values available here:

http://bradydeaton.com/post/2019-01-28-farmland/.

FARE Share Special Issue

This **FARE Share Special Issue** is a dedication to the late Dr. Thorald Keith (T.K.) Warley (1930-2018). Known to most as Sandy, his contribution to the University of Guelph spanned decades, including the roles of professor and chair of the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (FARE). Dr. Warley was a tireless advocate for the discipline and the key role agricultural economists play in informing policy design.

Praise for Sandy could fill volumes; we've included just a sampling of remembrances and reflections from colleagues and friends, including past and present faculty and students. You'll read about Sandy's many contributions to their lives, to the University and his extraordinary commitment to the entire agricultural economist community.

FARM MANAGEMENT CANADA NEWS



Upcoming Events and Activities NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:

THE 2018-19 EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS

Farm Management Canada and the Canadian Association of Diplomas in Agriculture Programs are proud to offer 2018-19 Excellence Award for Agricultural Students, designed to encourage students to improve their critical thinking, communication and leadership skills through a national competition.

Students are asked to submit a multimedia presentation, a video, a Twitter chat, a blog or a Wiki, responding to the question:

How can agriculture bridge the increasing rural and urban divide?

3 students will be awarded with scholarships towards furthering their education in agriculture.

First place stands to win \$1,500!

*All applications must be received no later than May 3rd, 2019.

JOIN US FOR THE 2019 INTERNATIONAL CASH CROP CONFERENCE - GLOBAL FORUM!

EXPLORING CANADA'S COMPETITIVE EDGE: How Do We Stack Up?

June 26-27, 2019 Radisson Hotel Downtown | Winnipeg, Manitoba

In today's global economy, farmers must look beyond the fencepost to gain much-needed insights into how to maintain a competitive position in the global marketplace. agri benchmark is a non-profit global network of 60 agricultural economists from 50+ international partner institutions working closely with farmers and consultants provide international insights into the strength and weaknesses of farmers across the globe. Once a year, members of the agri benchmark network meet for the annual international Cash Crop Conference to share first-hand insights on crop production. The Conference takes place in a different country every year. Canada has the honour of hosting the 2019 Conference.

As part of the international Cash Crop Conference, Farm Management Canada and the German Thünen-Institute have organized a Global Forum on June 26th and 27th, inviting members of the Canadian agricultural industry including growers, agribusiness, academics, consultants and governments to exchange insights with international counterparts and explore paths to sustaining Canada's competitive advantage.

We invite you to join us to discuss Canada's position and opportunities for growth and continued prosperity.

Register here: globalcashcropconference2019.eventbrite.ca





JOIN US FOR AGEX 2019!



CULTIVATING RESILIENCE

December 2-4, 2019 Crowne Plaza | Fredericton, New Brunswick

The Agricultural Excellence Conference welcomes farm management enthusiasts from farmers to advisors, academia, organizations, private industry, and government from across Canada to hear from leading experts and exchange insights on what it takes to succeed in today's increasingly competitive and ever-changing global marketplace.



The theme Cultivating Resilience focuses on building the capacity for you and your farm to weather any storm and seize opportunity. We will discuss the future of Canadian agriculture, the implications for farm managers, and the practical ways farmers can achieve sustainable growth and prosperity. Conference-goers will come away from AgEx equipped with information and tools to enhance Canada's farm businesses.

FMC is pleased to be partnering with Nuffield Canada and Canada's Outstanding Young Farmers for an incredible week of learning – inspire and be inspired!



Dec. 3-5, 2019 Dec. 5-8, 2019

COMING SOON: AGRISHIELD®



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AgriShield® is the first Canadian platform to offer a 360° way to assess and manage risks on the farm.

The platform covers 6 risk families including People, Finance, Market, Business Management, Business Environment and Production, and breaks those down into 19 risk categories. Each of these risk categories, including Personal Well-Being, Hired Labour, Money Management, Sourcing, Selling & Trade, Environment & Climate, Pest & Disease Management, is further broken down into risk scenarios with best management practices and helpful resources. These resources include a variety of options, from government programs to industry tools, to processes and procedures for farmers to take a proactive approach to managing risk.

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CAES Member Profile: Dr. Yu Na Lee

Where do you work and what is your title?

I am an assistant professor at the department of Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics (FARE) at the University of Guelph. I joined FARE in June 2017 after earning a Ph.D. degree in Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota.

What is your current research focus and how did you become interested in it?

My research area intersects food security, development, and decision-making under uncertainty. Examples of my current research topics include: how food price volatility affects out-

migration in rural Ethiopia; how farmers make their production decisions facing output price uncertainty; how contract farming affects the volatility of farmers' income.

I became interested in this area of research as I thought there are so many interesting and important, yet unanswered questions related to the individual welfare consequences of high and volatile food prices, especially in the context of market failure.



Dr. Yu Na Lee outside the U.S. Treasury Building in Washington D.C.

Recently, I am expanding my area of research into issues related to food consumption, such as the coexistence of hunger and rising obesity in developing countries, and whether and how policy can help individuals make healthier food choices.

What is your favourite thing about the field of agricultural economics?

There are so many things I love about the field of agricultural economics, but what I appreciate the most is the applied nature of this field of research. As a researcher, I have always dreamed of informing policy and helping people by addressing real world issues with relevant, evidence-based research. Of course, agricultural economics is a broad area, but the topics studied in this field—such as food, environment, trade and policy—are so important to our day-to-day life, which draws me to this field. The welcoming and collegial environment of the society and the community of researchers is another thing that I really love about this field.

What advice do you have for students today?

I encourage you to have diverse experiences, both curricular and extra-curricular. That will help you learn about yourself and find what you really love to do. I did not realize I wanted to pursue graduate studies overseas until I spent three years at work in Korea. I believe what really matters for success in any kind of career is your motivation, and it might take time and some trial-and-error to really figure out where your passion lies.

EDITORS' CORNER

We are always looking for new ways to improve our Newsletter and provide you with the most relevant news. Please feel free to send us your feedback and comments!

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REFLECTIONS

Timothy E. Josling (1940 – 2018)

It is with great personal sadness I write about the passing of Tim Josling on November 27, 2018. I met Tim the first time 54 years ago. Tim was working on his Master's degree and award winning thesis at what is now the University of Guelph in 1964 while I was finishing my undergrad degree. On graduation I went to Michigan State University (MSU) in June 1965 and Tim followed in fall of 1965 for his doctorate. He studied under Dale Hathaway with his focus on trade and policy. We had several courses together at MSU and worked together on various assignments. I recall one Sunday where I spent late afternoon and early evening struggling to finish an assignment for the following day. When Tim came into the grad room from an afternoon of sailing, we briefly discussed the assignment. He wrote up the assignment and left before I had written out a clean copy of over three pages of differential calculus for the assignment.

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Tim hailed from England and following his doctorate, taught at the London School of Economics and Reading University, before moving to Stanford University in the Food Research Institute and then at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford. His professional absorption with trade and policy began early in his career with the initial development with FAO of the producer subsidy equivalent concept later adapted and utilized by OECD to become the Producer Support Estimate, the Consumer Support Estimate and Total Support Estimate published annually since 1986. His work also was central to the definitions for agricultural support measures in the Agriculture chapter of the WTO agreement 1994. He was a founding member of the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC) and chaired the group for some years. His published work includes papers on commodity trade issues, country studies of agriculture and food trade, theoretical work on new and emerging topics in trade and resolving issues in trade negotiations. Tim worked with many leading scholars from around the world on these topics; they include most of the leading scholars during Tim's professional lifetime working on trade liberalization for agriculture and food in theory and practice. It is impossible to overstate Tim's leadership, scholarship, and impact on the role and practice of trade policy and trade negotiations during the past half century. A listing from journals and AgEcon Search reveals the immense breadth and depth of his lifetime work.

His most recent effort was the development and editorship of a four-volume set of papers entitled Handbook of International Food and Agricultural Policies. Authors from around the world came together under Tim's leadership and guidance to document national and international issues in agricultural policy and trade. The first volume covers the many ways that countries have addressed their support policies and rural development. The second volume deals with food policies reflected in health and nutrition, food safety and quality, food security, labeling, food biotech, and private standards. The third volume discusses the international trade dimensions of negotiations and agreements and their impact on international rules and domestic policies. The final volume raises issues of future resource scarcity and climate change, the role of water availability and a look ahead at the issues to be addressed to assure adequate food for everyone in the world. The scope and breadth of these volumes consolidate our knowledge of history and current status of trade and domestic policy issues around the world but also, they peer into the future to identify the continuing issues in trade and domestic policy for future scholars. It takes someone of Tim Josling's caliber to design and pull together the scholars and topics for this endeavour.

Tim and his family lived for many years on a hilltop in Los Gatos, California, overlooking an immense vista of Monterey Bay with Monterey to the southwest and Santa Cruz to the northwest. I visited Tim at his home a few years ago and spent a wonderful lunch and afternoon with him on the beaches at Capitola down the hill from his home. I kept my lunch down on the trip back up the hill in the late afternoon on the very winding road and Tim's fearsome speed in his roadster around the many corners. His goats and chickens in the backyard welcomed us on our return.

No words can fully capture the personal and professional loss all of us feel about Tim's passing. We have lost a very significant asset in trade policy and theory over the past fifty years, and above all a humble and warm friend to all who shared experience and life with him.