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Presidential Greeting

Tristan Skolrud

Let me begin by expressing my most sincere thanks to our past-president, Getu Hailu, for assembling such an excellent program for our Canadian Agri-Food Policy Conference, which took place just a few weeks ago in Ottawa. The conference provided a timely perspective on trends in Canadian agricultural productivity from academic, government, and industry perspectives. It was a great opportunity for everyone to learn more about the lenses through which each sector views policies and issues influencing Canadian agriculture. I would also like to extend my thanks to all our graduate student participants—we really value your contributions to the conference and to the Society. Please continue reading the newsletter for a recap of the Policy Conference, including photos and lists of award winners.



Our annual meeting this year takes place in Winnipeg from July 7th through July 9th, at the beautiful Fort Garry Hotel. With a significant number of submissions for the selected paper program, organized symposia, and the graduate student paper competition, we expect to develop a high-quality, well-rounded, and informative conference program. Stay tuned for more information regarding conference registration and hotel reservations, which we expect to be available on the CAES [website](#) in early April.

We're currently seeking submissions for a special issue of the society's journal, the *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*. The title of the issue is "Global Dynamics, food markets and the determinants of Canadian food price inflation," and the *Journal* will be accepting submissions until March 15, 2024. The issue will be guest-edited by Jill Hobbs (University of Saskatchewan), José Nuño-Ledesma (University of Guelph), and Timothy Richards (Arizona State University).

The society is seeking applications for CJAE editors! With the terms of a few of our editors expiring soon, we are looking for researchers interested in contributing to this essential task of the CAES. Editors are typically appointed to three-year terms, and there is no deadline to apply. If you're interested, please contact Getu Hailu, the current chair of our nominations committee (ghailu@uoguelph.ca).

I look forward to seeing many of you at the annual meeting in Winnipeg in just a few months! If you have any questions, comments, and/or suggestions for the Society, please do not hesitate to contact me: tristan.skolrud@usask.ca.



Society News

2024 CAES Policy Conference Recap

Fostering Innovation, Productivity, and Informed Agri-Food Policy

Thank you to all who joined us both in person and virtually at the [14th Annual Canadian Agri-Food Policy Conference](#). There were two full days of presentations covering a wide range of topics including inflation, productivity, innovation, environment, pandemic, and food security from speakers with diverse backgrounds. The policy conference reinforces the importance of looking beyond our discipline to do better work within our discipline.

We sincerely thank the sponsors of the 14th Canadian Agrifood Policy Conference (January 25 & 26, 2024), whose support has made the event possible and successful.

Platinum Sponsor:

The Institute of Advanced Study of Food and Agricultural Policy, University of Guelph

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The first day commenced with a keynote lecture delivered by Dr. Geranda Notten, University of Ottawa, sponsored by the McCain Family Chair in Food Security, University of Guelph, enlightening attendees on the topic of "Beyond income: The measurement, policy and politics of



poverty in Canada.” Geranda discussed material poverty from the perspective of income, food insecurity, and material deprivation. This stimulating discussion was succeeded by seven presentations and a panel discussion, offering diverse perspectives on the conference theme.

On the second day, attendees were treated to another insightful keynote address, this time by Dr. Keith Fuglie, U.S. Department of Agriculture, exploring the theme of “Agricultural Innovation, Productivity, and Sustainable Growth,” generously sponsored by Solomon Sinclair Institute, University of Manitoba. Following this keynote, participants engaged with 11 presentations and another enriching panel discussion, further deepening the exploration of the conference theme.

Adding to the scholarly discourse, the conference featured a vibrant poster session with a total of 14 presentations. A special thank you to all the presenters and organizers.

Thank you to all the students who submitted posters and policy briefs to the Policy Conference competition and who participated in the Graduate Student Colloquium. This year's Graduate Student Colloquium showcased three esteemed panelists.

Congratulations to the winners of the poster competition, sponsored by the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the University of Manitoba and the policy brief competition, organized by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Student Poster Competition Winners

Christopher Kimmerer, University of Guelph (1st prize)

Mariam Abu-El-Magd, University of Guelph (2nd place)

Jiaying Song, McGill University (3rd prize)

Student Policy Brief Competition Winners

Sarah Bannan, University of Guelph (1st prize)

Esther Odiriawodia Metieh, University of Guelph (2nd prize)

We would like to also extend our thanks to our speakers, moderators, and volunteers.



Esther Metieh & Warren Goodlet



Sarah Bannon & Warren Goodlet



Yu Na Lee, Jiaying Song, Mariam Abu-El-Magd, Christopher Kimmerer, Derek Brewin



2024 CAES Annual Meeting July 7-9

The CAES Annual Meeting Committee invites you to mark your calendars for the 2024 Annual Meeting happening at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, July 7th-9th, 2024. Watch your email and [the website](#) for more information coming soon.

Upcoming Award Nominations

The CAES recognizes the outstanding contributions of its members through its awards program. The program inspires professional excellence among students, early career professionals, and experienced members.

Winners are selected on the basis of their achievements and awarded at the Annual Meeting during the Annual Awards Banquet. The awards program is funded by the CAEFM Foundation.

More information about awards found on the [website](#).

CAES Fellow

With its Fellows Award, the CAES recognizes excellence in performance demonstrating continuous distinguished contributions to the advancement of agricultural or resource economics and substantial contributions to institution building and the Canadian agricultural and resource economics profession. **Send your nominations to contact@caes-scae.ca by March 1, 2024.**

Outstanding Master's and Ph.D Thesis Award

These awards recognize excellence in student research at the Master's and Ph.D. levels. The Society is accepting nominations of formally written theses at the Master's level that demonstrate exceptional quality with respect to the subject matter of the research as well as the way the research has been conducted. Master's theses must have been completed in the year previous to the year the award will be given (2022). Ph.D. theses must be completed during the previous three years to the year the award is given (2020, 2021 & 2022).

Nominations will be accepted from agricultural economics and related social science disciplines. **Submit nominations to Liam Kelly at liam.kelly@unbc.ca by March 1, 2024.**

Publication of Enduring Quality Award

The CAES is accepting nominations for the prestigious Publication of Enduring Quality Award. Publications that qualify include books, articles within books, and journal articles. Send us your nominations of publications that have had a significant impact on agricultural, food and resource economics that are at least 10 years old. **Send your nominations to the Awards Committee Chair Liam Kelly at liam.kelly@unbc.ca by March 1, 2024.**

Undergraduate Book Prize



The “CAES Book Prize” is intended to recognize and encourage the achievement of undergraduate students in their study and application of agricultural, food or resource economics, or farm management, or related fields of study at the undergraduate level. Eligibility is limited to full-time students majoring or with a strong program emphasis in agricultural, food, or resource economics, or farm management at any Canadian university.

Submit nominations to contact@caes-scae.ca by May 5, 2024.

CJAE Spotlight Article

Be sure to check out the great research in the [Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics](#), free for CAES/SCAE members.

Bioenergy feedstock supply from wheat straw: A farm level model incorporating trade-offs in crop choices, disease risk, and soil fertility

McKnight, C., Hauer, G., Luckert, M., and Qiu, F. (2024). Bioenergy feedstock supply from wheat straw: A farm level model incorporating trade-offs in crop choices, disease risk, and soil fertility. *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*. Special Issue. February 6, 2024.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/cjag.12350>

McKnight, Hauer, Luckert, and Feng Qiu have developed a dynamic programming model to examine the relationship between wheat straw supply decisions and the prevailing wheat straw and grain prices. The dynamic model takes into account crucial factors such as crop choices (particularly the trade-offs between wheat and canola concerning disease risk), the immediate benefits farmers might gain from baling and selling wheat straw, and the long-term repercussions, such as the potential adverse effects of removing wheat straw from the soil surface on wheat and canola yields. The authors offer valuable insights into how supply decisions at the farm level can significantly influence soil quality dynamics and shed light on the broader implications of these decisions, including land use change and the sustainability of feedstock supply for biofuels.

Business risk management programs and the adoption of beneficial management practices in Canadian crop agriculture

Laporte, A., Schuurman, D., Skolrud, T., Slade, P., and Weersink, A. (2024). Business risk management programs and the adoption of beneficial management practices in Canadian crop agriculture. *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*. Special Issue. January 24, 2024.

<https://doi.org/10.1111/cjag.12349>

In this insightful article, De Laporte, Schuurman, Skolrud, Slade, and Weersink examine the relationship between business risk management (BRM) programs and adopting beneficial management practices (BMPs) within Canadian crop agriculture. The authors identify a dearth of research gaps, particularly in exploring the extensive and intensive margin effects of BRM programs in Canada and beyond. They underscore the significance of such studies to ensure



that future BRM programs are designed effectively to encourage the widespread adoption of BMPs to foster climate change adaptation and mitigation.

CJAE Special Issue: Global Dynamics, food markets and the determinants of Canadian food price inflation

We are looking for papers that address topics relevant to our understanding of food price inflation, its causes, and its impact on Canadian households. We will consider research on markets, policies, and data from outside Canada, but are seeking research with results that can inform the Canadian experience and policy debates. Theoretical and empirical papers providing insights into the multifaceted nature of this subject are welcome.

The special issue will be edited by Jill Hobbs (University of Saskatchewan), José Nuño- Ledesma (University of Guelph), and Timothy Richards (Arizona State University), through the usual CJAE manuscript-review process. The review process will include at least two reviewers per paper. In total, we expect to select between 7 to 10 papers for the special issue.

Key Dates

March 1st, 2024: Proposal due. The proposal should be 250 words long, identify authors, research topic, data sources, methods and expected findings. Ideally, the proposal should indicate the progress made so far. Proposals should be submitted to José G. Nuño-Ledesma (Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Guelph) via email (jnuno@uoguelph.ca).

April 1st: Authors will be notified of preliminary acceptance April 1st or before.

August 1st, 2024: Submission deadline. Authors will submit the paper through the Journal's submission platform and indicate that their submission is for a special issue. Papers will enter a normal review process, so rejection remains a possibility for abstracts that were preliminarily accepted.

November 1st, 2024, first round of reviews due • February 1st, 2025, revised paper due.

April 1st, 2024, second round of reviews due.

June 1st, 2025, final paper due.



Member Updates

Alfons Weersink Named Fellow in the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

A big congratulations to long-time member and contributor to the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, Alfons Weersink, for being named a fellow in the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA). Each year, AAEA recognizes a small group of professionals as fellows who have made outstanding continuous contributions to the profession of agricultural and applied economics. Alfons is an agricultural economist at the University of Guelph who explores the economic impacts of new technology and government policy on agricultural structure. His research is often interdisciplinary and extends across all species of livestock animals and crops, allowing his work to easily transition to newly developing areas of concern in agriculture.



Alfons is also a fellow of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, 2014. We thank Alfons for his ongoing support and contributions to the Society.

Connect with Us

CAES-SCAE Member Feature on Twitter

Do you want to be featured on the official CAES-SCAE Twitter as a Featured Member? The CAES-SCAE Communications Committee is seeking to highlight the incredible people that are members of the society and showcase the work, research, and achievements of our network. It is an excellent opportunity to increase the impact of your work and build a network! If you are interested, please contact us at contact@caes-scae.ca and we will be available to assist you, provide you with a template and examples, and answer any questions you may have.

Society Events

If you are hosting or know of events that would be interesting to CAES-SCAE members we would love to promote them through our social media channels and newsletter. Please reach out to us through one of the methods below with the date, time, and brief event summary to be included.

Become a member

Join many of your colleagues who embrace the value of a CAES-SCAE membership.

Whether you are a current member or joining the CAES-SCAE, our society can provide important resources to students, economists, policy experts, and scholars in the field of food, agricultural, resource and environmental economics. CAES-SCAE members gain access to the



latest research, publish and present their work, find job openings, and collaborate with peers and scholars.

[Renew Now](#): Easily renew your existing membership

[Join Now](#): Sign-up to activate your membership

Note from the Communications Committee

We would like to hear from you! We are always looking for new ways to improve the newsletter and provide you with the most relevant news. Please send us your feedback and comments!



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