



**AERE/AAEA Joint Fall Virtual Workshop “Actionable  
Economic Research for Policy Making”  
October 24 and 25, 2024 · 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET**



## **Agenda**

### Thursday, October 24

2:00-2:05 p.m. ET Welcome and introductions

2:05-3:05 p.m. ET Session 1: Emerging Areas for Policy Research

- Chair: Valerie Mueller (Arizona State University)
- Panelists
  - Cindy Nickerson (USDA, Office of the Chief Economist)
  - Bryan Parthum (EPA-NCEE)
  - Jeff Shrader (Columbia University)
  - Kelly Maguire (USDA Economic Research Service)
  - Julian Reyes (BLM)

This session will explore cutting-edge areas in environmental and resource economics that are ripe for policy research, such as climate change adaptation, sustainable agriculture, and environmental health impacts. Panelists will discuss recent advancements and identify key gaps where further research could directly influence policy decisions.

3:05-4:05 p.m. ET Session 2: Engagement in Research and Policy Conversations

- Chair: Kent Kovacs (University of Arkansas at Little Rock)
- Panelists
  - Robert Richardson (OMB)
  - Matthew T. Heberling (EPA)
  - Patricia Champ (USFS)
  - Leslie Richardson (NPS)

The focus will be on effective strategies for researchers to engage with policymakers and stakeholders. Discussions will include best practices for communicating research findings, building relationships with policy influencers, and integrating economic research into the policy-making process.

4:05-5:05 p.m. ET Session 3: Securing Resources for Research

- Chair: Amy Ando (Ohio State University)
- Panelists:
  - Charlotte Tuttle (USDA-NIFA)
  - Al McGartland (EPA-NCEE)
  - John Voorheis (US Census Bureau)
  - Ariel Marshall (DOE, Office of Policy Office of Science and Innovation)

This session will provide insights into identifying and obtaining funding and data for research projects. Panelists will discuss various funding sources and offer tips for success in obtaining funds. They will also illuminate what data are readily available in their mission area, and how to work with important agency data that has limited access.

## Friday, October 25

2:00-2:05 p.m. ET Welcome and introductions

2:05-3:05 p.m. ET Session 4: Developing Methods and Models to Meet Future Needs

- Chair: Karen Fisher-Vanden (Penn State University)
- Panelists
  - David Rapson (UC Davis & Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas)
  - Alex Marten (EPA-NCEE)
  - Ben Lidofsky (OMB)
  - Spiro Stefanou (USDA, Economic Research Service)

Participants will learn about specific needs for new methods, data, and models to address emerging economic and environmental policy challenges faced by federal agencies. The session will discuss the difficult limitations that agencies face and possible roles the research community could play to address these limitations.

3:05-4:05 p.m. ET Session 5: Independent Research at Federal Agencies

- Chair: Gabe Lade (Macalester College)
- Panelists
  - Chris Moore (EPA)
  - Anne Byrne (USDA-ERS)
  - Brigitte Roth Tran (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco)
  - Dahyeon Jeong (World Bank)

This session will highlight the unique opportunities and challenges of conducting independent research within federal agencies. Panelists will share their experiences and discuss how agency-based research can influence national and international policies.

4:05-5:05 p.m. ET Session 6: How Do Different Agencies Work on Common Issues? The Case of Water Quality

- Chairs: Ariel Ortiz-Bobea (Cornell University) and Gabe Sampson (Kansas State University)
- Panelists
  - Cathy Kling (Cornell University)
  - Roger Cryan (American Farm Bureau Federation)
  - Aaron Hrozencik (USDA ERS, Resource and Rural Economics Division)
  - Matt Massey (EPA-NCEE)

Focusing on water quality, this session will explore how different agencies collaborate to address common environmental issues. Discussions will include case studies on inter-agency cooperation, data sharing, and coordinated policy efforts to improve water resource management and quality.

5:05 – 5:10 p.m. ET Closing Remarks

