Ethical Research in Agricultural and Applied Economics and Institutional Review Boards

Four AAEA members present their research at ASSA

(PRWEB) December 14, 2018 -- Scientific disciplines, agricultural and applied economics included, have ever evolving standards for ethical behavior in research. Institutional Review Boards (IRB) now provide oversight of research that involves human subjects, replicability is increasing important for publication, and media and policy impact is more valued than ever. In an AAEA session taking place at the Allied Social Science Associations Annual Meeting entitled “Ethics in Agricultural and Applied Economics Research,” four presentations will explore new ways to think about the ethics of the research process and research’s impact in the policy space.

Organizer of the session, Jeffrey Michler from the University of Arizona says, “We hope that people walk away from the session challenged to be more deliberate in undertaking ethical behavior in their own work. As we will point out in the session, there are a number of new ethical challenges facing the economics researcher but there are also a number of new tools that economists can adopt to face these challenges. We hope to raise awareness of the challenges while also providing participants with the appropriate tools.”

Presentations:
- “Moving beyond the IRB: Towards a typology of research ethics”
  Jeffrey D. Michler, University of Arizona; William A. Masters, Tufts University; and Anna Josephson, University of Arizona
- “What do you mean by “informed consent”?’ Household survey ethics in development research”
  Anna Josephson, University of Arizona and Melinda Smale, Michigan State University
- “Ethics in Econometrics”
  Travis J. Lybbert, University of California, Davis
- “The Right to Food in the United States: The Role of SNAP”
  Craig Gundersen, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

This session will be taking place on Friday January 4, 2019 at 2:30 – 4:30 pm at the Hilton Atlanta. To attend this session please contact Allison Scheetz in the AAEA Business Office for your complimentary Media Registration.

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