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## Message from the Chair

For the last two years, I have had the distinct honor to serve as the ARD Chair. Indeed, time has passed by very quickly, and it has been truly a joy to work with all of you. I have especially appreciated the work of the Executive Committee and all those who have volunteered to serve in various capacities. It is these contributions that really drive change and impact within the organization. I have been especially appreciative of the increased level of

cooperation and partnership between ARD, AEA and the Council of Deans.

I would also like to give a big shout to Dr. Alton Thompson, our very capable Executive Director, who has always ensured that ARD's business runs on time. As I pen this final missive of my chairmanship, I have an opportunity to reflect on the past and to think about the future. Without a doubt, our energies will continue to be more impactful when we work closely together to synergize our efforts and build on our competitive strengths.

During the last couple of years, I have been fortunate to witness many wonderful developments. Last year, the ARD Symposium saw record participation - one that I trust will be broken during next year's symposium, which falls during ARD's auspicious 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Even as I mention this anniversary, it occurs to me that we are here today because of those early pioneers who had the foresight to establish ARD. In October, we lost one of these pioneers, Dr. Ulysses S. Washington, Jr. who will be forever remembered fondly by all those who knew him and for the differ-



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## Election may influence Farm Bill

Most votes are in and the Democrats will take over the U.S. House. Current House Agriculture Committee Chairman Mike Conaway (R-TX) and incoming Chairman Collin Peterson (D-MN) have stated their desire to complete the farm bill during the lame duck session of Congress. However, it is unclear if there is enough legislative time to pass the bill before the end of 2018.

The original House bill was adopted on a very close, party-line vote. It is unknown if a conference agreement which contains changes to SNAP work requirements will garner Democratic votes in the House or Senate. Further complicating the picture would be if the president threatens a veto if there are no work requirements. If an agreement is not reached before Dec. 31, an extension will be needed and a new bill would have to be introduced in the new Congress in January 2019.



SNAP/SNAP-ED is the key issue to be resolved between the versions of the Farm Bill passed by the House and the Senate, followed by commodities, conservation, nutrition, time and effort reporting and the 1890 formula change.

Both the House and the Senate Appropriations Committees have approved their respective versions of the FY 2019 Agriculture Appropriations Bill. The Farm Bill funds NIFA and other USDA agencies and the Food and Drug Administration. The House Appropriations Committee provided increases for all BAC priority lines except 1890 Extension. The Senate Appropriations Committee included increases for AF-RI, McIntire-Stennis, Evans-Allen and 1890 Extension. Those priority lines not receiving an increase were funded at the FY 2018 level.

The Senate passed the Agricultural Appropriations Bill as part of a four-bill "mini-bus" on Aug. 1. The House passed a "mini-bus" appropriations package on Sept. 26 that included a CR through Dec. 7 for any appropriations bill that was not enacted, including the agriculture bill. There is optimism that this appropriation will be approved on before Dec. 7.



## Hymon-Parker receives leadership excellence award

During the 2018 APLU Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Dr. Shirley-Hymon Parker received the ESS National Excellence in Leadership Award from the ARD Region. This is a very prestigious award and we are extremely fortunate to have Dr. Hymon-Parker selected as our esteemed recipient

Dr. Hymon-Parker, a leader and trailblazer in the fields of human sciences and agricultural sciences, has been instrumental in bringing visibility to and seeking solutions for the issues and challenges facing the food and agricultural system. She has been an outspoken advocate for the 1890 land-grant system for over 25 years serving in various leadership positions in the ARD, ESCOP, AAFCS and BoHS. Her colleagues praise her work and contributions to the field because she is a consummate professional who sets high expectations for herself and others.

As the associate dean for research in the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (CAES) at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, she provides oversight for the research program, which has flourished under her leadership over the past 10 years. The research funding for the CAES represents one-third of the university's \$62 million in external research and development grant funding. While serving as the interim



dean, the CAES completed its strategic plan, *Destination Excellence*, to set the direction of the College for the next five years. Dr. Hymon-Parker also led the effort to establish the College's first doctoral program.

Dr. Hymon-Parker is a nationally recognized leader and has served as chair of the ESCOP. She has also served in leadership positions for the following: APLU's Policy Board of Directors of the Board on Agriculture Assembly Commission on Food, Environment and Renewable Resources; the 1890 Association of Research Directors; and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).

Dr. Hymon-Parker received her B.S. degree from North Carolina Central University; her M.S. degree from Cornell University, and her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, College Park. She has received a number of honors and awards including the AAFCS Distinguished Service

Award and the ADEC Webb-Godfrey-Hill Distance Education Award of Excellence.

Again, we congratulate our colleague and friend, Dr. Shirley Hymon-Parker, on receiving this award and for her leadership in the land-grant system.

## International travel helps give students the world

Delaware State University used a Capacity Building Teaching grant to give its students the world. In turn, they also built stronger ties of research and learning with other 1890 institutions, universities in Costa Rica and USDA.

DSU's programs give undergraduate and graduate students the chance to study abroad with a focus on agriculture and trade. To date, 39 students from five 1890 institutions have studied at two universities in

Costa Rica - the Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center (CATIE) and Escuela de Agricultura de la Región Tropical Húmeda (EARTH University).

The discussions and exercises help students appreciate other cultures and understand what is involved in exporting fresh tropical produce to the United States. In addition, CATIE and EARTH universities prepare students for careers at USDA agencies.

To date **Tuskegee University, Alabama A&M University, Florida A&M University** and the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore** have participated in this program. Tuskegee and Alabama A&M also used NIFA funds to support their students in this program.

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ences that he made in the lives of many for so many years ([please click on the hyperlink at the top of the first page](#)). In addition, ARD will make a significant contribution to the Dr. U.S. Washington, Jr. Endowed Scholarship Fund at Delaware State University and a special session honoring Dr. Washington will be held at the 2019 ARD Biennial Research Symposium on April 2, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Riverside in Jacksonville, FL.

The role and value of ARD in advocating for continued support for our core mission areas continues to be critically important, particularly during periods such as this one when we await finalization of the 2018 Farm Bill. I have no doubt in my mind that we are stronger and more impactful as a collective.

I am delighted that ARD's new road map for innovation and growth is built on elements from USDA Secretary Perdue's Rural Prosperity report and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine's Breakthroughs 2030, APLU's Challenge of Change, NIFA's Strategic Plan and ESCOP's revised Science Roadmap. This road map will be essential in guiding ARD's future pathway.

At the APLU meeting in New Orleans, I handed over the reins of ARD's Chairmanship to Dr. Vernon Jones. Dr. Jones is a very capable, conscientious and committed leader. ARD is in good hands! Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve and let me conclude by wishing each and every one of you a joyous and blessed Thanksgiving.



# 2019 ARD Research Symposium

## The 1890 Research Agenda: Making Critical Contributions to Rural Prosperity and Challenges in Food and Agriculture

March 31- April 3, 2019 | Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, FL

### Registration:

**Registration**—Nov. 10, 2018-Feb. 24, 2019, **\$525.**

**Late registration**—Feb. 25-March 24, 2019, **\$575.**

**On-site registration**—**\$600.**

[Registration](#) can be paid by purchase order, check or credit card.

No refunds. (Note: Credit cards users need to pay an additional fee to cover the bank charges.)

### [Hotel Registration](#)—Hotel Guest Room Rates:

Single and Double Occupancy: \$159 |

Triple Occupancy: \$184 | Quadruple Occupancy: \$209

[Tax and Surcharges](#): 7% State of Florida Sales Tax; 6% Transient Sales, and 1% City Surcharge (subject to change). Cut off March 8, 2019.

### Abstracts and Posters:

**Deadline for abstracts for posters and oral presentations will be Nov. 21.** Instructions for formatting and electronic submission will be on the symposium website. Also on the website is the evaluation instrument that will be used to judge the competitive poster and oral presentations. The information is helpful in developing the presentation content and should be used to prepare students for their presentations. Abstracts guidelines must be strictly followed and if not followed, the submission will be rejected. For each campus, abstract guideline adherence is the responsibility of the research director or his/her designee.

Judges for posters and oral competitions and session moderators will be needed and each director is asked to submit names and contact information electronically for those willing to serve in these capacities. [Access the form here.](#)

### Morrison-Evans and Mayberry Awards

**The application deadline for the Morrison-Evans Outstanding Scientist Award and the B.D. Mayberry Young Scientist Award is Jan. 18, 2019.** External reviewers, i.e., NIFA national program leaders will evaluate the applications. Access the [application here.](#)

### Special Sessions and Workshop Deadline

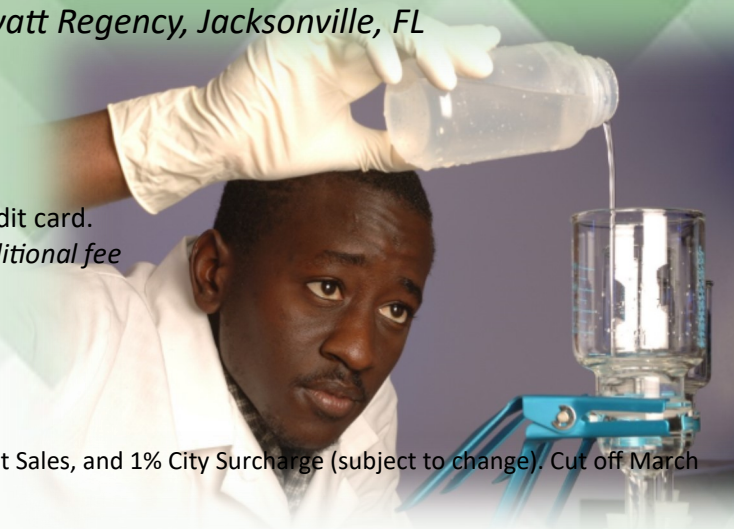
**The application deadline for the Special Sessions and Workshops on selected topics deemed appropriate to the 1890 community is Dec. 7.** Please submit a one-page abstract to Dr. Alton Thompson, ARD executive director, at [athompson1@ncat.edu](mailto:athompson1@ncat.edu). These abstracts must be sufficiently detailed to allow the Symposium Steering Committee to judge the merits of the proposed sessions. A decision will be communicated to you by Dec. 17.

### Displays| Exhibitors

**Each 1890 campus is invited to display a university display at no cost.** Additional exhibits and non-1890 exhibits must pay the **fee of \$2,000 by Feb. 8, 2019.** All exhibitors, including the 1890s, must submit the Exhibit Registration Form by the deadline of Feb. 8. To become an exhibitor, [click here.](#)

To become a sponsor, [click here.](#)

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## NIFA budget submission updates

NIFA will require the submission of budgets with grants.gov applications in FY 2020. This will include all of NIFA's capacity grant programs with the exception of EFNEP.

Erin Daly and Maggie Ewell participated in seven webinars over the past three months to review the Office of Grants and Financial Management's (OGFM) planned implementation with the regions, the 1890s and insular areas. As discussed during these webinars, OGFM has developed Frequently Asked Questions, a grants.gov application guide instructions (draft) and sample budgets and budget narratives for grantees to review and provide feedback and comments.

These materials are available on [NIFA's Capacity Grantee Resources website](#). Comments are due on **Dec. 15, by 5 p.m. EST**. Comments may be general or related to specific program(s). Additionally, comments can be consolidated as part of a regions' or institution's feedback.

Submit comments via email to: [Policyguide@nifa.usda.gov](mailto:Policyguide@nifa.usda.gov). If you have any questions, please contact [Erin Daly](#) or [Maggie Ewell](#).



### It's in the Mail

Check your mailboxes for the latest edition of Re: search, the agricultural research magazine from North Carolina A&T State University

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

**DR. CHRISTINA J. MCMANUS** was named interim associate research director of Land-Grant Programs and the College of Agriculture, Communities and the Environment at Kentucky State University

**DR. M. RAY MCKINNIE**, dean and extension administrator at Virginia State University, was elected chair of the Administrative Heads Section (AHS) at the recent APLU meeting in New Orleans.

## ARD CALENDAR

### 76<sup>TH</sup> PROFESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS CONFERENCE (PAWC)

Dec. 2-4, 2018

**Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel & Conference Center at Grand National**

[Click for additional information](#), agenda and [call for papers](#). [Register here](#).

### 2019 JOINT AEA/ARD WINTER MEETING.

Jan. 22- 25, 2019

**Westin Georgetown Hotel, 2350 M St., NW, Washington, DC.**

**Reservation Process:** A block of rooms has been reserved under the name of "AEA/ARD Joint Winter Meeting, 2019". To make reservations, call 1-888-627-8406. The rate is \$184 per night plus a 14.95 percent tax per night. The rate is available two days prior and two days after the meeting, subject to availability. The cut-off date for the established room rate is Friday, Jan. 4, 2019. If you plan to attend this meeting, please contact [Mrs. Alice Pennix](#) to receive the registration form.

### 2019 SOUTHERN REGION MINI LAND-GRANT MEETING

March 18-21, 2019 | Coral Springs, FL

**Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Spring Hotel**

**Theme: "Working Together for Impact"**

The 2019 Southern Region Mini Land-Grant Meeting brings together leaders from seven groups from both 1862 and 1890 land-grant universities to explore avenues for improving the roles of each group and the land-grant functions as a whole.

[Click for more information](#).