



**AERE Summer Conferences**  
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The fifth annual AERE Summer Conference will be held Thursday, June 9, to Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Beaver Run Resort and Conference Center located in Breckenridge, Colorado in the heart of the Colorado Rockies. As the largest historic district in the state, Breckenridge history is rich and colorful—and the AERE Conference has proven to be a popular and successful event for our profession—please join us! A pre-conference workshop, led by Matthew Harding (Duke University) as well as industry practitioners will be held on Thursday, June 9. The pre-conference workshop will focus on “Big Data in Environmental and Resource Economics.” The conference will begin with an informal welcome reception on Thursday evening; the academic program will follow on Friday and Saturday. We encourage participation from academic, public, and private sector environmental and resource economists as well as graduate students, in particular those entering the job market.

The conference will feature **General Sessions**, **Sponsored Sessions**, and a **Poster Session**. **General Sessions** and the **Poster Session** are open to all topics of interest to environmental and natural resource economists.

**Sponsored Sessions** will feature papers focusing on either of the following two themes: 1) behavioral economics and the environment, and 2) adaptation to climate change. For example, papers submitted for the behavioral economics theme could examine the use of behavioral economics to inform program development related to resource and environmental issues, per the recent Executive Order to incorporate behavioral science into federal policies. Papers submitted for the climate change and adaptation theme could examine adaptive responses to more frequent extreme events, as an example. Presenters in the Sponsored Sessions must provide full papers to discussants by May 20, 2016. Registration plus up to \$1,000 in travel costs (with original receipts) will be reimbursed for one presenter per paper accepted for

a Sponsored Session. **Note: All presenters must be 2016 AERE members.** AERE gratefully acknowledges funding provided for the Sponsored Sessions by the Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

### **Abstract Submission**

To submit an abstract, click [here](#). In the event they are not selected, abstracts submitted for the **Sponsored Sessions** will automatically be considered for inclusion in the **General Sessions** unless otherwise noted in the abstract. In the event they are not selected, abstracts submitted for the **General Sessions** will be considered for inclusion in the **Poster Session** only if explicitly noted in the abstract. Abstracts submitted for the **Poster Session** will be considered exclusively for the **Poster Session**.

Proposals for complete sessions as part of the **Sponsored Sessions** and **General Sessions** are also encouraged. Organizers of proposed sessions should submit complete information for each of the papers and indicate that the papers are part of an organized session. Papers submitted as part of a proposed session may be accepted or rejected on an individual basis unless the organizer specifically requests the session be considered only in its entirety.

Each submission requires an abstract of no more than 1,000 words (including references) that describes the paper. The submitter should plan to attend and present if his/her abstract is accepted. Each submitter may submit a maximum of two abstracts (though may be a co-author of papers to be presented by others), only one of which will be accepted. If two abstracts are submitted by the same individual, each abstract must include a ranking to indicate which paper the submitter prefers to present in the event that both are selected. We will follow a strict rule of one presentation per presenter. All participants must register for the conference by April 15, 2016 in order to be included in the final program.

Abstracts will be accepted beginning on December 15, 2015. Due to reorganization of management activities at AERE, the date for submitting a paper has been extended to **Friday, January 22, 2016** (midnight PST). Electronic acknowledgement of submissions will be sent to all submitters. We expect to notify authors by February 29, 2016 (for **Sponsored Sessions** and **General Sessions**) or by March 15, 2016 (for the **Poster Session**). **All paper and poster presenters must be 2016 AERE members.** Accepted papers must not be published before the time of the conference.

AERE looks forward to welcoming you to the Beaver Run Resort and Conference Center, located at the base of the mountains and a short walk to downtown Breckenridge. In addition to an excellent academic program, there will opportunities for people to meet for dinner in this charming Victorian-era town, check out the Breckenridge Brewery, and explore the area. Click [here](#) for additional details about the conference and pre-conference workshop.

### **Conference Organizing Committee:**

**Co-Chair Harrison Fell, Colorado School of Mines**  
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