

BOD and President Column

As the world starts to roll out vaccines, we can count on this for a new normal in the near future! This pandemic has changed our lives, including the first ever NAJUA AGM held online on July 11, 2020.

About 200 alumni and friends attended the 2020 AGM, including invited distinguish guests:

- Pam Coleman, President of IFT;
- Wei SHAO, Vice-President and General Secretary of CIFST (Chinese Institute of Food Science and Technology);
- Wei CHEN, President of Jiangnan University;
- Liang ZHANG, Director of the President's Office, Jiangnan University;
- Min HUANG, Director of Social Resources Office, Jiangnan University;
- Yuanfa LIU, Dean of School of Food Science and Technology, Jiangnan University;
- Olive LI, President of Chinese American Food Society (CAFS);
- Andy HWANG, President-elect of Chinese America Food Society.

This AGM was presided by Jianping Wu. IFT President Pam Coleman, CIFST VP Wei SHAO, President Wei CHEN gave remarks for the 2020 AGM.

President Wei CHEN was invited to have a talk with nine alumni representatives, Youling XIONG, Huan XIA, Hongda CHEN, Anqi GUAN, Xingqiu LOU, Steve CUI, Fang ZHONG, Hefei ZHAO, and Leon ZHOU, on His Prospects for Jiangnan University in the Next 10 Years. President CHEN discussed the future food, challenges and opportunities of the University facing especially at a time of global pandemic, and his prospects. President CHEN also expressed his heartfelt gratitude to NAJUA for our success and contributions to alma mater. This talk was moderated by Bo JIANG, Liwei GU, and Jianping WU.

I want to thank the BOD/ET and all NAJUM members for making a such successful AGM! I also want to congratulate Lv Kang XU and Huan XIA, respectively, for the Outstanding Member Award and Outstanding BOD Award!

The BOD/ET held the first meeting on July 26, 2020 to discuss activities for the 2020-2021. We formed several sub-committees, including Award Committee (Zhisheng LIU, Yingying XU, Siquan LI), Student Poster Competition (Liwei GU, Liang LI, Siquan LI), Newsletter (Yanyan WU, Hefei Zhao), BOD/ET Election (Jianping WU, Liwei GU, Xin YANG), AGM Preparation (Xiaoyu MIN, Zhisheng LIU, Liwei GU, Jiang BO, Ansui XU, Peng ZHOU, Jianping WU).

We also discussed that we should recognize NAJUA friends who have made significant contributions to the growth and success of NAJUA and Jiangnan University in a distinction of the Honorary Membership. The Guidelines for Nomination of NAJUA Honorary Membership has been prepared and approved as appended in the newsletter. I encourage you to nominate significant individuals for this honor.

The Award Committee has sent out call for nomination of Outstanding Member Award and BOD Award. I encourage you to nominate significant individuals.

Starting this year, the monetary award for the NAJUA Graduate Student Best Paper Competition has been increased to \$1,000, \$500 and \$300, respectively, for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize. I encourage all eligible students to submit their papers for the consideration of the award; the Guidelines for the Best Paper Competition is appended.

I want to acknowledge Xin YANG for organizing 4 Career Development Sessions which were very well received. I thank the panelists, the moderators and the audiences for making all 4 sessions very successful.

The BOD/ET held the second meeting on April 3, 2020 to discuss preparation for the 2021 AGM. Please mark your calendar for the AGM, July 21 (8:30 pm). As we are preparing for the 2020-2021 NAJUM AGM, please free me contact me for any suggestions and comments.

This is also the time of BOD/ET election. I encourage you to put your name or someone you know forward for the election. We NEED you!

Lastly, I want to congratulate, Hongbing Fan, who was awarded the 2021 Tomas H. Smouse Memorial Fellowship Award from the American Oil Chemists' Society (AOCS), and Hefei Zhao, who was awarded the 2021 Analytical Division Student Award from AOCS. Both have successfully defended and graduated, congratulations!

In the Members Corner, we highlight Dr. Huan XIA, and her startup LUSOASIS INC. I hope her great success!

Happy Summer!

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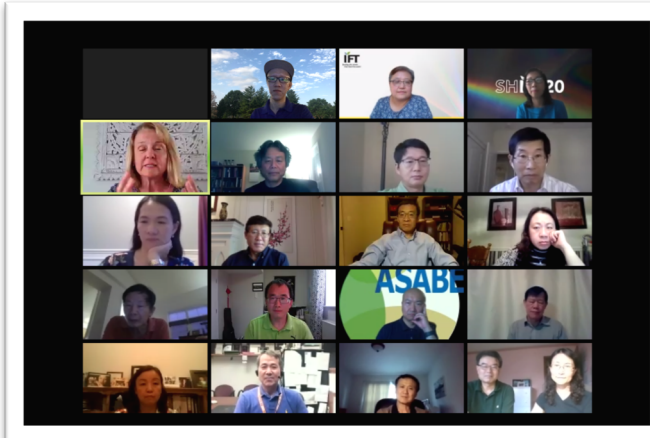
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2020 NAJUA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was held online on Wednesday, July 12, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nearly 200 alumni attended the annual meeting.

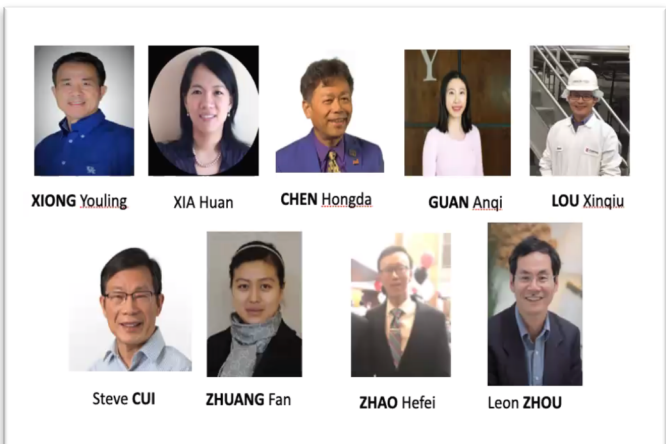


← Remarks from Pam Coleman, President of IFT

Remarks from Wei Shao, Vice President & Secretary-General of CIFST →



↓ Virtual talk between alumni representatives and Wei Chen, President of Jiangnan University



2021 Career Development Panel

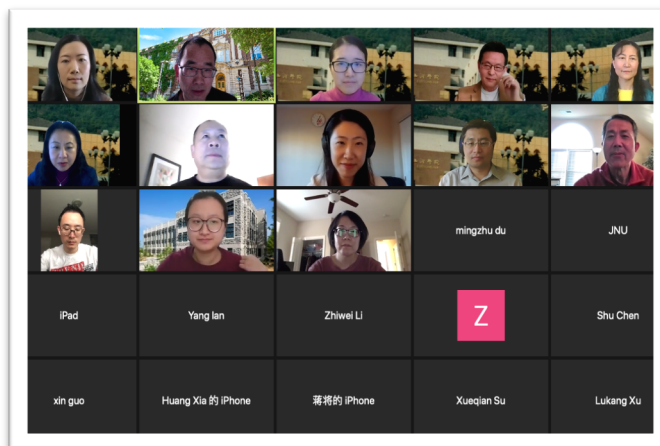
NAJUA (North America Jiangnan University Association)
Career Development Panel
 Session 1

March 20 (Saturday)
 7:00-8:30 PM EST
 Zoom Meeting ID: 918 1400 3983
 Password: 327604
 Registration (Free)
<https://forms.gle/mec0d6enbV4t1FT16>

*Industry vs Academia:
 Which Career Path is Right for You?*



Youling Xiong Professor Department of Animal and Food Science University of Kentucky	Yan Liu Associate professor Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering Michigan State University	Xingqiu Lou VP Innovation & Technical Development Essentia Protein Solutions	Wenyi Wang Co-Founder Innovation Labs General Mills	Yue Liao Principal Scientist Tyson Foods
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The career development panel session 1 ***Industry vs Academia: Which Career Path is Right for you*** was held online on March 20, 2021. Dr. Youling Xiong, Dr. Yan Liu, Dr. Xingqiu Lou, Dr. Wenyi Wang, and Dr. Yue Liao were invited to share their views on the following questions such as: 1) The differences between industry and academia, 2) How to achieve balance between life and work, 3) Tips for getting jobs in industry and interview strategies, 4) How to get well prepared for acquiring faculty jobs, etc. Dr. Yuting Xu hosted the panel.

NAJUA (North America Jiangnan University Alumni & Friends Association)
Career Development
 Special event

Zoom Meeting
 March 28 (Sunday)
 8:30-10:00 PM EST
 Zoom Meeting ID: 918 1400 3983
 Password: 327604
 Registration
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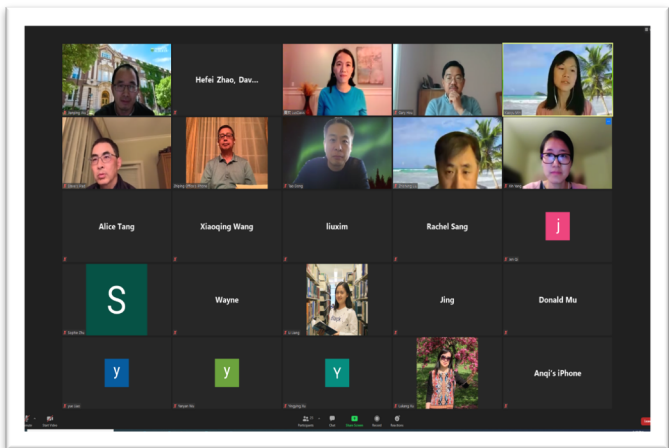


Opportunities in China
 中国发展机会

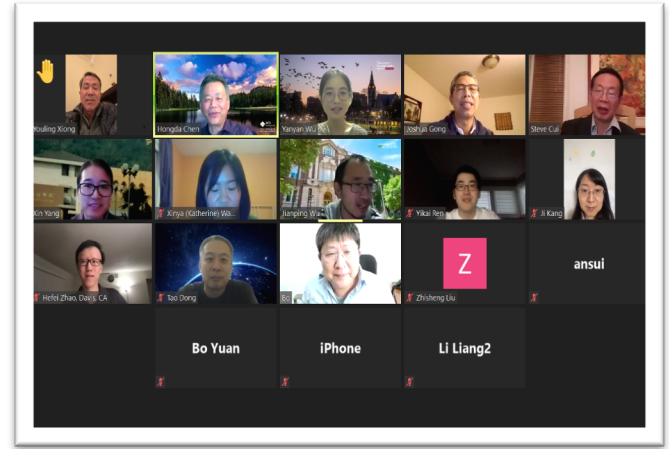
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 需要什么条件?
 如何联系?
 请注册活动, 留下你的问题

主讲人: 江南大学人力资源处副处长 陆秦

The career development panel session 2 ***Opportunities in China*** was held online on March 28, 2021. Qin Lu (Deputy Division Director, Human Resource, Jiangnan University) were invited to share the opportunities in both academia and industry in China for those who getting PhD or Postdoc abroad.



The career development panel session 3 ***Start your own business*** was held online on April 10, 2021. Dr. Zhiping Ni, Dr. Huan Xia, Dr. Shizhong Wang were invited to share their experience in running business in North America and answered the following questions: 1) An introduction of their own companies 2) The motivation of starting their own business, 3) The challenges they came across, etc. Dr. Yuting Xu hosted the panel.



The career development panel session 4 ***Career Opportunities in NA Government*** was held online on April 24, 2021. Dr. Hongda Chen, Dr. Steve Cui, and Dr. Joshua Gong were invited to share their experience in working for the government in the North America and shared their opinions on the following questions 1) What is a typical day like at work, 2) The career path and glass ceiling in government agencies, 3) How to get well prepared for acquiring jobs in government agencies and tips for interview, etc. Yanyan Wu hosted the panel.

2021 Outstanding Member Awards

Congratulations to **Ms. Lv kang Xu** and **MS. Huan Xia**, respectively, for the **2020 NAJUA Outstanding Member Award** and **Board of Directors Award**.



MS. Lv kang Xu



MS. Huan Xia

2021 Student Members' Awards



AOCS (The American Oil Chemists' Society)

@aocs

Celebrating Hongbing Fan, graduate student at the University of Alberta in Canada, winner of the 2021 Thomas H. Smouse Memorial Fellowship Award for his work on novel antihypertensive peptides.

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Hongbing Fan was awarded the 2021 **Tomas H. Smouse Memorial Fellowship Award** from the American Oil Chemists' Society (AOCS). He recently graduated from University of Alberta in Canada by a PhD degree advised by **Dr. Jianping Wu**. You can read an interview with him at [AOCS](#).



Hefei Zhao was awarded the 2021 **Analytical Division Student Award** from the American Oil Chemists' Society (AOCS). He recently graduated from University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) in the US by a PhD degree advised by **Dr. Changmou Xu**. You can read an interview with him at [AOCS](#).

Monday, March 22, 2021

Celebrating Hefei Zhao, Analytical Division Student Awardee

The Analytical Division Student Award recognizes graduate students presenting an outstanding oral or poster presentations within the Analytical technical program at the **AOCS Annual Meeting**. We are delighted to announce that the 2021 award will be presented to Hefei Zhao who will be presenting his paper on "Insights of Impact of Acetic Acid on Antioxidant Activities of Natural Phenolic Compounds at Low pH Range in Tween 20 O/W Emulsion and Mayonnaise" on Friday, May 7, 2021 8:25 - 8:45 a.m. CDT as one of the highlights of our session on Antioxidant Applications.



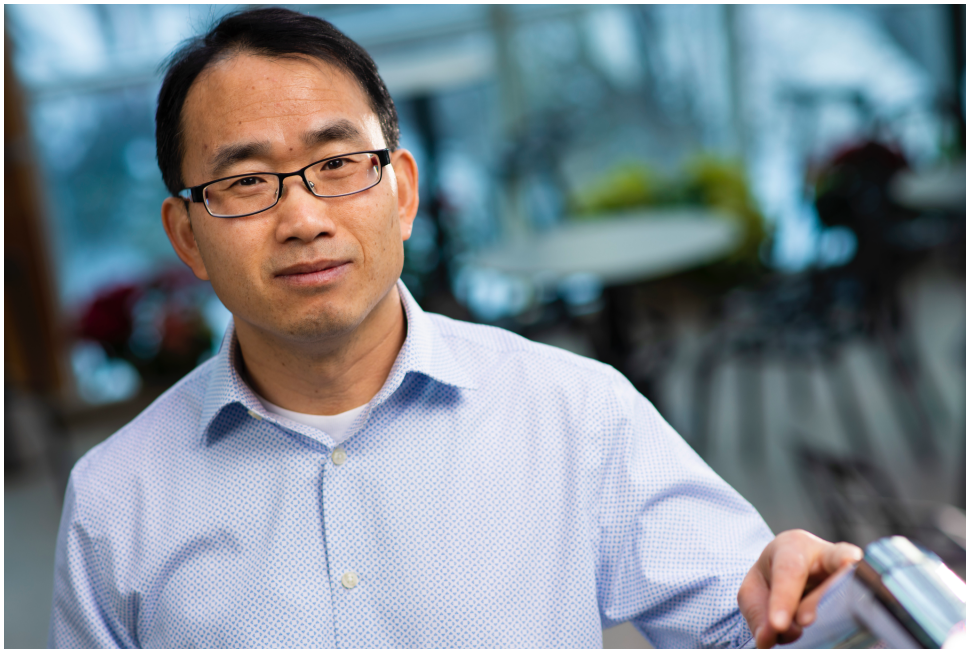
In January 2021 Hefei Zhao successfully defended his doctoral thesis and completed his Ph.D. program in Food Science Department at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln (UNL). He will officially receive his doctoral degree in May 2021. He has a bachelors and a masters degree in Food Science and Technology from Jiangnan University, China. He started his Ph.D. program at UNL in 2016, advised by Dr. Changmou Xu.

Hefei's work focuses on developing functional ingredients of under-utilized agricultural commodities and applying natural antioxidants and polyphenols derived from grapes in fatty foods. His areas of interest also include evaluating the functional properties of proteins (plant base and egg white proteins) for an appropriate application in food products and developing rapid analytical methods (Machine-Learning-Driven Raman Spectroscopy) to detect food quality and compositions such as edibles oils, lipid oxidation, and proteins. He is also

endeavoring to apply intelligent algorithms and mathematic models, such as Genetic Algorithm (GA) and Machine/ Deep learning to solve technique and engineering problems in the field of food nutrition, science, and technology.

2021 Members' Awards

Public Health Award in Honor of Babcock-Hart from the Institute of Food Technologists
Jianping Wu, PhD, Professor.
University of Alberta



Jianping Wu is the recipient of the 2021 Public Health Award in Honor of Babcock-Hart. The award honors Wu's globally recognized research in bioactive peptides from foods such as eggs, meat, soy, canola, and pulses. Wu has made significant advances in understanding food proteins as a source of bioactive peptides, including the use of a bioinformatics approach to identifying them and uncovering the molecular mechanisms of action. The ultimate goal of his work is to utilize the food proteins to prevent and even mitigate oxidation, inflammation, hypertension, metabolic syndrome, and osteoporosis.

2021 Members Corner

Dr. Huan Xia, Founder & CEO. LUSOASIS INC.

Huan Xia and her company, **LUSOASIS INC.** were recently reported by **WGN-TV Chicago 9**. She provided cooking shows by using the **Gluten Free and Vegan Baking Mix** of **LUSOASIS INC.** for pancake and waffles.

12:45PM, MAY 10, 2021
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- **Donut Holes:** can use Sweet & Savory, Raw Chocolatey, and even Gourmet Spicy!
- **Churros:** can use Sweet & Savory (insanely delicious churros with the savory taste!), Raw Chocolatey, and even Gourmet Spicy!
- **Cookie:** can use Sweet & Savory, Raw Chocolatey
- **Scones:** can use Tomato & Basil, Gourmet Spicy, Sweet & Savory, Raw Chocolatey
- **Peach cobbler:** Sweet & Savory, a perfect savory booster for warm peach taste
- **Pizza:** can use Tomato & Basil, Gourmet Spicy, Sweet & Savory

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Guidelines for Nomination of NAJUA Honorary Membership

(Approved on May 8, 2021)

NAJUA recognizes NAJUA friends who have made significant contributions to the growth and success of NAJUA and Jiangnan University in a distinction of the Honorary Membership.

- **Name of the award:** NAJUA Honorary Membership.
- **Number of the awards:** Not more than two every year.
- **Purpose of the award:** NAJUA was formally established in 2006. As an independent, nonprofit, and nonpolitical organization, we are committed to professional excellence and fellowship in academics, science and technology, businesses, and the industry. The success of this organization is due to our members' professional excellence and commitment, as well as our healthy partnership with Jiangnan University, IFT, CFIFT (Chinese Institute of Food Science and Technology), and many others. There are many NAJUA friends who have contributed tremendously to the growth and success of this organization, in addition to their own professional achievements, which should be recognized.
- **Nomination process**
 - Two or more members of NAJUA in good standing may submit, in writing, two months prior to the NAJUA AGM, the name of an individual for consideration as an Honorary Member to the NAJUA Recognition Committee (RC)
 - The application should include a brief biography of an honoree, and the reasons for granting honorary membership
 - The RC collects and reviews all nominations, and presents the recommendations to EC and BOD for approval
- **Rules of eligibility**
 - Members of NAJUA are not eligible
 - The nominee should have or have demonstrated an interest in the success of NAJUA
 - The nominee should have made outstanding and meritorious achievements in their respective fields
 - The nominee is expected to present a 5-min acceptance speech at NAJUA annual meeting
- **Award details**
 - Individuals receiving Honorary Membership designation will be awarded an engraved recognition plaque at an Annual General Meeting
 - There is no monetary honorarium whatsoever
 - Honorary Members may participate in all meetings, but shall not have a vote

**North American Jiangnan University Alumni & Friends Association
2020-2021 Recognition Awards Nomination Form**

This form must be used to nominate an individual or team for NAJUA Recognition Awards.
(Please complete Number 1 and 2 below for all team members being nominated for BOD's Award.)

1. Name of Award: _____
2. Name of Nominee: _____
Title: _____
Employer: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code, Country: _____
Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

3. Include a typed **Nomination Statement** with this form.
In the Nomination Statement, explain why this individual/team/organization should receive this award (refer to "Eligibility" section in the award description).
Include the following information: Educational background, professional affiliations, honors, and appointments of nominee.

4. Provide the following information in the spaces provided:
A. For the **Outstanding Member Award**: Year nominee became a NAJUA Member: _____
B. For the **Board of Directors Award**: Year nominee became a NAJUA Member or the year started the relationship with NAJUA when a nonmember individual/team/organization is nominated _____

5. Your Name (First Nominator): _____ Division: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code, Country: _____
Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

I certify that all information contained in this nomination is factual and that I am a current NAJUA member.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
6. Your Name (Second Nominator): _____ Division: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip Code, Country: _____
Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

I certify that all information contained in this nomination is factual and that I am a current NAJUA member.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

**Submit completed nominations electronically to jwu3@ualberta.ca
Please contact Jianping Wu jwu3@ualberta.ca with any questions**

2021 NAJUA Graduate Student Best Paper Competition

Dear Graduate Students and Professors of NAJUA:

We are calling for NAJUA graduate students in North America and Jiangnan University to submit original research papers for the 2021 NAJUA Graduate Student Best Paper Competition.

Contestants must be a NAJUA member or applying for NAJUA membership. The deadline for paper submission is **June 15, 2021**. Please send your abstract and poster/slides **in PDF format** as email attachment to Dr. Yuting Zhou (yutingzhou04@gmail.com) by the deadline.

Please read the guidelines attached for details.

If you have any questions regarding this competition, please contact with:

Dr. Liwei Gu (Liweigu@cox.net)

Chair, Committee of 2021 - NAJUA Graduate Student Best Paper Competition

2021 - NAJUA Graduate Student Best Paper Competition GUIDELINES

Purpose:

1. To encourage and promote scientific research and scholarship of graduate student members of NAJUA in science and engineering, such as food science and technology.
2. To recognize the quality of research and presentations by graduate students.

Criteria and Procedures:

1. The competition is open to all graduate students (M.Sc. and Ph.D.) studying in North America and at Jiangnan University. All contestants must be NAJUA members or applying for the NAJUA membership at the time of paper competition.
2. Papers (i.e., extended abstracts – see below) submitted for the competition must be from original research conducted primarily by the graduate students, and have not been presented or published elsewhere except at the 2021 IFT Annual Meeting. Previously published studies will not be accepted for the competition.
3. Each graduate contestant is allowed to submit only one paper.
4. The graduate student must be the primary author (usually the first author) of the paper.
5. The deadline for paper submission is **June 15, 2021**. Papers submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
6. Four judges, who are current NAJUA members appointed by the NAJUA President and approved by the Executive Committee, will evaluate all submitted papers.
7. Three (3) finalists will be selected through voting by the judges to receive NAJUA Best Graduate Paper Awards. Quality of the presentation, originality, quality of the research work and writing, as well as ability to satisfactorily answer judges' questions via emails or other communication means if necessary, will be the main evaluation criteria.
8. Winners will be invited to the NAJUA annual meeting.

9. Winners of the graduate paper competition will be announced at the NAJUA annual meeting/banquet. Each winner will receive a certificate and a monetary award. The 1st prize is \$1,000, the 2nd prize is \$500 and the 3rd prize is \$300.
10. Instructions for preparation of competition papers (extended abstracts):
 - a. Each paper must be in PDF format and consist of a total of four (4) pages, including the title page, all written in English and double-spaced.
 - b. On the title page (first page), provide the title of the paper, names of all authors and their affiliations, and the contact information (phone, email) of the graduate student.
 - c. Each paper must contain the following five components. Tables and graphs are optional but if presented, they must fit in the 3-page limit.
 - I. Introduction
 - II. Methodology
 - III. Results and Discussion
 - IV. Conclusions
 - V. References
11. Instruction for video presentation
 - a. Winners are required to make a 10-minute video presentation of their research
 - b. Video will be posted on JAJUA.org
12. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Liwei Gu at: Liweigu@cox.net