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The VAE is pleased to announce that the 2009 **William A. Sandridge** lecture will be given by:

**DR. JAMES W. PEASE**  
*Professor of Environmental Economics  
Virginia Tech*

**Thursday evening, March 12, 2009**

## THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

*MARCH 12 - 13, 2009*  
*VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY*  
*RICHMOND, VIRGINIA*

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Economists:

Please make plans to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Virginia Association of Economists. This thirty-sixth Annual Meeting will be held on March 12 and 13 on the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. All of our events will be held in "Snead Hall," VCU's new School of Business building that opened in the Fall of 2007. Lodging will be available at the Doubletree Hotel Richmond Downtown. Details on lodging and parking will be included in the January mailing. As is our tradition, the annual William A. Sandridge lecture will take place on Thursday evening, March 12. This year's speaker will be Dr. James W. Pease, professor of environmental economics from Virginia Tech. Please plan to attend the dinner that precedes the talk.

You will find the Call for Papers below. We encourage you to take advantage of this excellent opportunity to share your research with your peers. You may also choose to organize a session, chair a session, or participate as a discussant. We also want to encourage those who may simply want to attend to see some of the economic research being conducted by colleagues in the Commonwealth. The organization is interested in involving undergraduate students in the meeting. So please consider urging promising students to submit papers based on senior projects, summer research, or other types of inquiry. Last year, we were able to schedule an entire session devoted to student papers and enjoyed participation from several different schools.

In 1993, the Board of Directors established the VAE Distinguished Fellows Award. Recipients must be a current or past member of the VAE and must have made significant contributions either to the VAE or to the field of economics. Please contact me if you would like to submit a nomination.

I would also like to remind you that the Virginia Association of Economists publishes the *Virginia Economic Journal*. The editorial board of the *VEJ* accepts manuscripts on a continuing basis. If you would like to have your research considered for publication, please see the information contained on the other side of this page. Previous editions of the *Virginia Economic Journal* may be purchased at a rate of \$10.00 per copy by contacting C. Barry Pfitzner. Keep in mind that all members who register for the annual meeting automatically receive a copy of the *VEJ*.

On the Friday afternoon following each year's meeting, we host an annual golf tournament. Look for more information in the conference registration packets to be mailed in late January.

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel welcomed to contact me directly at [tim.kestner@vec.virginia.gov](mailto:tim.kestner@vec.virginia.gov) or (804) 786.8014.

Sincerely,  
Timothy O. Kestner

### CALL FOR PAPERS

The Program Committee will consider a paper or a one-page abstract of your planned research on any economics related topic—theoretical or applied—and either national, regional, or local in scope. Papers may focus on any issue or industry or they may focus on methodology; the choice is yours. The Committee is also planning a session devoted to student research projects. Sessions on selected topics will also be scheduled. A friendly reminder—anyone choosing to participate in a session is required to register for the meeting and to remit the registration fee.

If you are interested in presenting a paper or organizing a session please submit your paper, abstract, or session idea no later than December 15, 2008 to the Program Committee chair: Gregory M. Dempster, Dept. of Economics, Hampden-Sydney College, Box 132, Hampden-Sydney, VA 23943. If you are willing to discuss a paper, please contact Greg and indicate your areas of specialization. Greg can be reached by email at [gdempster@hsc.edu](mailto:g Dempster@hsc.edu), or by phone at 434-223-6230, if you have any questions.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Suggestions for nominations for officers of the VAE (President-elect and Members of the Board) are being solicited by the Nominating Committee. Please send your suggestions to Ann Battle Macheras, Virginia Economic Development Partnership, P.O. Box 798, 901 East Byrd Street, Richmond, VA 23218. You may also contact Ann at 804-545-5773 or amacheras@yesvirginia.org.

## VIRGINIA ECONOMIC JOURNAL

Selected papers may be published in the *Virginia Economic Journal*, a publication of the Association that is designed to encourage research in economics, business and allied fields. It is not limited, however, to Virginia related research or to Virginia scholars and researchers. Manuscripts should be submitted in accordance with the *Guidelines for the Virginia Economic Journal*. A copy of the *Guidelines* is available online at [www.VaEcon.org](http://www.VaEcon.org) or from Barry Pfitzner, Department of Economics and Business, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, VA 23005, bpfitzne@rmc.edu, (804) 752-7307. Questions concerning manuscripts submitted for publication should also be addressed to Barry.



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