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## A Message from our President

Dear Colleagues,



Recent incidents have once again showed that racism is still prevalent in our society. As the Statement from the AEA Executive Committee affirms, ‘legacy of slavery lives on, not just in the criminal justice system but in our universities and other powerful economic institutions...We have learned that our professional climate is a hostile one for Black economists.’ As documented in AEA 2019 survey, only 3% of the members of AEA are Black (compared with 13% of the U.S. population) and almost half of Black respondents reported experiences of discrimination in their profession. These are extremely disturbing statistics. The numbers for real estate are unlikely to be better, if not worse. These statistics show how racism can be prevalent even among the most highly educated segments of the society. The very subjective nature of performance evaluation in our profession (tenure and promotion, journal acceptances, etc.) makes it very hard to detect and fight racism. However, we all know that it persists, under different forms and shapes. As an organization, AREUEA is committed to be an inclusive organization. As stated in our recent AREUEA Code of Conduct, AREUEA will not tolerate any form of discrimination, harassment or abuse of a position of power. More importantly, all of us as individuals should stand up against racial prejudice and intolerant attitudes around us. As Martin Luther King Jr said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

Best regards,



**Abdullah Yavas**

AREUEA 2020 President

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## 2020 National Conference

The 48th annual National Conference was held virtually May 28 & 29, 2020. The conference included 16 papers in 4 sessions, the Quigley Medal lecture by Steve Malpezzi, an industry panel on the impact of COVID-19 on the housing and mortgage markets, and a WREN panel on Demystifying the Journal Publication Process. Special thanks to Mike Eriksen and Lauren Lambie-Hanson for their efforts in putting together the first virtual conference by AREUEA.

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## AREUEA Virtual Seminar Series

AREUEA has also started a Virtual Seminar Series. This series provides an additional platform for exchanging ideas and disseminating research in real estate and urban economics and is open to both AREUEA members and non-members from around the world. We are thankful to Xudong An (committee chair), Leah Brooks, Thies Lindenthal, Daniel McMillen and Jiro Yoshida for initiating and running the series. Please see our website for more information on upcoming seminars : <https://www.areuea.org/seminars/index.phtml>.

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## 2019 REE Journal Impact Factor

The 2019 Journal Citation Report was released June 29, 2020. Below is the REE Journal's new Impact Factor and category ratings from 2019 compared to 2018.

	2018	2019
<b>2-year Impact Factor</b>	1.764	<b>1.585</b>
<b>5-year Impact Factor</b>	1.986	<b>1.507</b>
<b>Rank in Business, Finance</b>	42/103	<b>59/108</b>
<b>Rank in Economics</b>	122/363	<b>160/371</b>
<b>Rank in Urban Studies</b>	23/40	<b>30/42</b>

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## 2021 AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting will be VIRTUAL Announcement from Peter L. Rousseau, Secretary-Treasurer July 13, 2020

Given recent events, continued uncertainties, current meeting/travel restrictions related to the potential spread of COVID-19, and the rising number of cases, we regret to announce that the Association's leadership has made the difficult decision not to hold the [2021 ASSA Annual Meeting](#) in person. The safety risks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic has made it impossible to plan, prepare for, and hold an in-person event as expected.

While not holding an in-person meeting will diminish the reunions, receptions, and other networking opportunities that occur in a face to face setting, the AEA is excited to announce that preparations are underway for a VIRTUAL 2021

AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting. Session and paper submissions have been strong and we are currently curating a program that will be both interesting and stimulating – especially in the times through which we are living. The virtual meeting will be held on January 3 – 5, 2021 as planned and will include the usual offering of over 500 scientific sessions. Registration will open in September and the registration fee will be set to cover the costs of holding the virtual meeting. Stay tuned for more details at <https://www.aeaweb.org/conference/>.

This has been a unprecedented year and the AEA leadership believes that, despite the departure from normal circumstances, we will continue to have an engaging and successful 2021 AEA/ASSA Meeting. We look forward to seeing you in person in 2022 when we will be together again in Boston.

If you have any questions, please email [ASSA@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:ASSA@vanderbilt.edu).

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## 2020 AREUEA International Conference Postponement



The American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) has decided to postpone the 2020 Annual International Conference, due to travel restrictions and constraints associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. We very much regret having to take this decision and wish you all well during this difficult time. This conference is tentatively rescheduled to be held between July 11 and 14, 2021, in Singapore.

Please see the [letter](#) and the [announcement](#) from the International Conference Chairs.

More details regarding the 2020 International Conference will be forthcoming as they become available. Please continue to refer to the [AREUEA website](#) for future updates.

For more information, contact our International Conference Chairs: Tien Foo Sing, National University of Singapore, [rststf@nus.edu.sg](mailto:rststf@nus.edu.sg) and Shi Ming Yu, National University of Singapore, [rstyusm@nus.edu.sg](mailto:rstyusm@nus.edu.sg).

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#### INDUSTRY NEWS, POSITION POSTINGS & MORE

AREUEA receives a number of calls for participation and positions that are posted to the “News Bytes” section of our website: [www.areuea.org](http://www.areuea.org). Visit the website often to stay current on position openings, additional conference updates, call for papers, industry announcements and other valuable information.

To post an announcement or promote an open position to News Bytes, see submission instructions and guidelines at [AREUEA News Bytes](#).

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## About Our Association...

The American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) was originated at the 1964 meeting of the Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) in Chicago. AREUEA grew from a need for more information and analysis in the fields of real estate development, planning, and economics. AREUEA has advanced the scope of knowledge in these disciplines and has facilitated the exchange of information and opinions among academic, professional, and governmental people who are concerned with urban economics and real estate issues. AREUEA's journal, *Real Estate Economics*, is published quarterly and is distributed on a calendar year subscription basis. The journal contains research and scholarly studies of current and emerging real estate issues. The Association holds three conferences each year. The conferences are an excellent opportunity for members and non-members to catch up on the most up-to-date research available in the fields of real estate and urban economics.

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## AREUEA Sponsorships

Your organization or institution can be an AREUEA sponsor!

AREUEA offers a wide variety of sponsorship levels for individuals, organizations, institutions, and corporations who wish to contribute to and support the mission of the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association.

Current sponsorship levels can be reviewed on our website by visiting [AREUEA](#).

Sponsorship benefits include sponsor recognition, individual memberships, and other resources upon request.

For more information or questions, please contact David Downs ([dhdowns@vcu.edu](mailto:dhdowns@vcu.edu)) or AREUEA Office Manager at ([Areuea@travelink.com](mailto:Areuea@travelink.com)).

We thank our Sponsors for their 2020 participation and look forward to a great 2020! (To see a listing of the prestigious sponsors supporting AREUEA click [here](#)).

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## Upcoming AREUEA Events

- **November 1, 2020** | Voting opens for AREUEA 2021 Officers & Board Members
- **November 30, 2020** | Voting for AREUEA 2021 Officers & Board Members Closes
- **December 4, 2020** | Deadline to Submit Application for Quigley Medal
- **December 4, 2020** | Membership Renewals Begin for Individuals & Sponsors

## Have You Moved?

If you have moved, changed your mailing address or other changes in your contact information in the last year, please update your AREUEA contact information as soon as possible.

Visit [www.areuea.org/members](http://www.areuea.org/members) to log into your 'account.' Your AREUEA login should be your email address. If you do not remember your AREUEA password, use the link provided to request a temporary one. Once you are in the member section you may immediately change your password and/or update any contact information in the "My Membership" section on the page.

