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A Message from our President



Dear AREUEA members,

As I write this note, I am reflecting on the fact that COVID-19 has upended the world for more than a year. I know it has disrupted the lives of everyone reading this note, and that for some of you, it has led to personal tragedy. Please know that your AREUEA family grieves with you.

One of my duties in this inaugural president's message is bittersweet: thanking our outgoing officers and Board members and welcoming our new ones. Abdullah Yavas, our outgoing President, ably navigated a challenging year of COVID-related disruption while also serving as Editor of Real Estate Economics. AREUEA was fortunate to have him at the helm in 2020. We also thank our outgoing Board members Xudong An, Mike Eriksen, Dan McMillen, Wenlan Qian, and Paul Willen for their many contributions to AREUEA.

We are lucky to have a deep bench in our talented membership for new officers and Board members. Ingrid Gould Ellen took office as Second Vice President in January 2021, and Stephanie Moulton was appointed Professional Conduct and Inclusion Officer by the Board. Moussa Diop, Jessie Handbury, Thies Lindenthal, Amanda Ross, and Eva Steiner have also joined the Board.

It's a time of transition for Real Estate Economics (REE) as well. Brent Ambrose and Abdullah Yavas stepped down as editors after a six-year tenure. Among their many accomplishments is a significant increase in the journal's impact factor. We are grateful to them for their skilled stewardship of REE. We are also grateful that Wenlan Qian has agreed to stay on as an editor, as part of a new editorial team with Dan McMillen (managing editor) and Lu Han.

AREUEA continues to pivot along with the uncertainties created by the pandemic. As you know, both the National Conference and the ASSA Conference were held online. Many thanks to Mike Eriksen, Lauren Lambie-Hanson, and Bob Connolly for their work in putting on the National Conference virtually on very short notice, and to Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh for heading up the AREUEA-ASSA conference. Both the 2021 National Conference and the International conference at the National University of Singapore (co-sponsored with the Asian Real Estate Society and the Global Chinese Real Estate Congress) will also be held online. Many thanks to Ingrid Gould Ellen and Jiro Yoshida for being at the helm of these conferences. We are postponing our other international conference in Dublin for a year in the hopes of being able to gather in person.

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We have adapted our programming to try to provide more service to our members during this difficult time. We started up a virtual seminar series this summer that is still going strong—many thanks to Xudong An, Jiro Yoshida, Leah Brooks, Dan McMillen, Eva Steiner, and Thies Lindenthal for organizing the series. We re-allocated the money that we would normally spend on travel grants for the doctoral session at the ASSA meetings to one-time stipends for graduate students who lost funding due to COVID. Thanks to Wenlan Qian and Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh for running this initiative.

In the past two years AREUEA has invested heavily in its governance. Under the leadership of my predecessors, AREUEA has put in place a code of conduct, a procedure for upholding the code of conduct, and a governance agreement between AREUEA and REE. These documents are on our [website](#), and I encourage you to read them. They are important statements of our values as an open and inclusive organization.

Being an open and inclusive organization is critical for AREUEA to fulfill its mission of supporting and promoting high-quality research and analysis in real estate and urban economics and facilitating the free exchange of these ideas. To write a true, although grandiose, statement: the topics we study affect every life on the globe. Homeownership is a crucial part of a family's wealth. Housing policy affects where families live, where they work, and where they send their kids to school. A healthy housing and mortgage market can contribute to prosperity. An unhealthy one, as we saw vividly during the great financial crisis, can wreak international havoc.

Given the stakes of the issues that we study, we need to engage and harness the full talents of every member of the AREUEA community. The AREUEA Board has established two initial priorities as part of our effort to engage our members more fully. First, we are stepping up our mentoring initiatives, including piloting a new program at the National meeting for junior scholars. Jessie Handbury and Andrea Heuson are heading up the group developing this pilot. Second, we are exploring new ways of communicating with our members, with Jenny Schuetz at the head of that committee. A crucial part of this communications work is the unglamorous but necessary work of overhauling our website, with Scott Frame, Thies Lindenthal, and Bob Connolly handling the initial leg work.

One thing that I hope you will take away from this message is that AREUEA's success depends on our members. I am grateful to everyone who has built this organization, and thus enabled us to be so nimble this past year in responding to the struggles of the pandemic. I am excited about our plans for the future and ask that you join us in shaping these plans and being part of them.

Here are some ways to participate: Please submit your papers for the National conference [here](#), the International conference [here](#), the ASSA meetings [here](#), and the AREUEA seminar series [here](#). You can volunteer to be a discussant [here](#). Please attend sessions and seminars and contribute to the exchange of ideas. If an REE Editor asks for your help in evaluating a manuscript, please say yes! If you are interested in the mission of a particular AREUEA committee, the committee members are listed [here](#). If you have thoughts or feedback on any of our work, please contact me or any [Board member](#).

With gratitude,

Karen Pence

AREUEA President

AREUEA 2021 Committees

Awards: Siqi Zheng (chair), Nate Baum-Snow, Alex Van De Minne, Ruchi Singh, Jing Wu

Executive: Karen Pence, Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh, Ingrid Gould Ellen, Bob Connolly, David Downs, Andrea Heuson, Stephanie Moulton

International Committee: Jiro Yoshida (chair), Siqi Zheng, Dan McMillan, Gianluca Marcato, Moussa Diop, and Nils Kok

Membership Committee: Leah Brooks (chair), Moussa Diop, Lingxiao Li

Nominating Committee: Abdullah Yavas (TBD, August 2021)

Publications Committee: Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh (chair), Will Strange

WREN: Amanda Ross (chair), Eva Steiner, Jessie Handbury, Weihua Zhao, Adam Nowak, Jing Li, Joe Nichols, and Elisabet Viladecans Marsal

Ad-Hoc Committee on the Website: Scott Frame (chair), Thies Lindenthal, Bob Connolly (exofficio)

Ad-Hoc Committee on Communications: Jenny Schuetz (chair), Dan McMillan, Siqi Zheng, Thies Lindenthal, Jessie Handbury, Mike Eriksen, Amanda Ross

Ad-Hoc Committee on Mentoring: Jessie Handbury and Andrea Heuson (co-chairs), Ingrid Gould Ellen, Lauren Lambie-Hanson, Dan McMillan, Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh

Ad-Hoc Committee on Virtual Seminar: Xudong An (chair), Leah Brooks, Thies Lindenthal, Eva Steiner, and Jiro Yoshida.

2021 National Conference, June 2-4



The 49th annual National Conference will be held June 2-4, 2021.

This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference will be held remotely via zoom and spread over three rather than two days, namely June 2-4.

Keynotes: On Thursday June 3, Stuart Gabriel from UCLA will give the Quigley Lecture. On Friday June 4, Hugh Frater, CEO of Fannie Mae will be the keynote speaker. For more information click [here](#).

The conference portal is now open for paper submissions. Please submit your paper [here](#). The submission deadline is April 1st, midnight EST. Note that you cannot submit the same paper to both the AREUEA/ASSA and the AREUEA National conferences.

Please take a moment now to renew your AREUEA membership [here](#). Membership is required prior to submission.

2021 International Conference, July 18-21

We are pleased to announce that the 2021 annual international conference will be held virtually between July 18-21, 2021, as a joint conference with the Asian Real Estate Society (AsRES) and the Global Chinese Real Estate Congress (GCREC). We thank the organizers Tien Foo Sing and Shi Ming Yu at the Department of Real Estate and Institute of Real Estate and Urban Studies of the National University of Singapore for their hard work in making this conference happen.



While we planned for an in-person conference in Singapore, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic presents restrictions on travel and gathering. Therefore, we have decided to facilitate the virtual conference this year. It will provide a forum for academics, practitioners and policymakers in the areas of real estate finance, development and investment, housing, urban planning, urban economics, and public policy to exchange ideas on important issues with a theme of “Future of Real Estate: Impacts of Technologies and Global Changes.” For more information, please see click [here](#).

Please submit your paper to the AREUEA International Conference click [here](#). The submission deadline is April 30, 11:59 pm SGT. Please select a submission type (AREUEA full paper) to be reviewed for an AREUEA session. We tentatively plan to organize the AREUEA sessions at 8-10 am SGT (8-10 pm EDT on the previous day) and 9-11 pm SGT (9-11 am EDT). The presenter needs to be an AREUEA member. Please renew your membership [here](#).

2022 AREUEA/ASSA Meetings, January 7-9

The 2022 AREUEA/ASSA conference will be held January 7-9, 2022 in Boston. The conference portal is now open for paper submissions. Please submit your paper [here](#). The submission deadline is April 1st, midnight EST. Note that you cannot submit the *same* paper to both the AREUEA/ASSA and the AREUEA National conferences.

Please take a moment now to renew your AREUEA membership [here](#). Membership is required prior to submission.

New Mentorship Program

AREUEA invites submissions for a new mentorship program centered around one or two dedicated sessions on the morning of Wednesday June 2, ahead of the 2021 AREUEA National meeting. In each session, three to four junior scholars will present an early-stage research project or paper, each of which will be discussed by a senior scholar. The mentor-mentee pairings will continue to meet at least three times over the 2021-2022 academic year to discuss developments in the focal paper, as well as other questions the mentee may have regarding professional development. The focus of this year’s program will be on real estate finance. Junior scholars with work closer to public and urban economics are encouraged to apply to the Lincoln Scholars program, which will be held concurrently. Click [here](#) for more information.



Submissions will be accepted via [this link](#) on or before April 1.

News Bytes 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. Visit the website often to stay current on position openings, additional conference updates, calls 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](#).

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 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 can immediately change your password and/or update any contact information in the “My Membership” section.

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) or AREUEA Office Manager at (areuea@travelink.com).

We thank our Sponsors for their 2020 participation and look forward to a great 2021! (To see a listing of the prestigious sponsors supporting AREUEA click [here](#)).

Upcoming AREUEA Events

- **April 1, 2021** | Paper Submission Deadline for 2021 National Conference
- **April 1, 2021** | Paper Submission Deadline for 2022 AREUEA/ASSA Conference
- **April 30, 2021** | Paper Submission Deadline for 2021 International Conference
- **June 2-4, 2021** | 2021 National Conference
- **July 18-21, 2021** | 2021 International Conference
- **January 7-9, 2022** | 2022 AREUEA/ASSA Conference

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.

