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The AEA is headquartered in Nashville, TN with a publications office in Pittsburgh, PA.

### **Who We Are**

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### **AEA Mission**

Established in 1885, the AEA is a non-profit, non-partisan, scholarly association dedicated to the discussion and publication of economics research while promoting the understanding of economics.

### **AEA Leadership**

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### **•AEA Journals**

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