RURAL SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY
The RSS is a professional social science association that promotes the generation, application, and dissemination of sociological knowledge. The Society seeks to enhance the quality of rural life, communities, and the environment. This association is intended to serve all those interested in rural people and places. We seek and support a diverse and international membership of academics and practitioners who share our interests.

What graduate student members say about RSS:
- There are opportunities for research funding through the dissertation/thesis grants, paper awards, and travel grants.
- It is not just sociologists. This is an interdisciplinary organization with both academic and applied focus.

I appreciate being a member in a professional group that understands why I study rural people and places, and in which I don’t have to defend my choice to study rural.

What young professionals say about RSS:
- Joining various research and interest groups (RIGS) allows you to stay connected to others with the same research interests as you.
- Opportunities for leadership in Committees and the RSS Council.
- Positive academic culture.
- Fun and informative meetings!

I maintain my RSS membership because I find great value in the organization. It furthers research in areas that matter for my work and promotes a culture of forwarding each other’s research through conferences and research groups. RSS is an important organization! I wouldn’t be here without it.

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