



From the Chair's Desk

Dear NRRIG Members,
What a winter! In this newsletter, we look forward to warmer days ahead and the Rural Sociological Society's 2019 Annual Meeting in Richmond, Virginia, Aug. 7-10.

Please submit your nominations for the 2019 NRRIG Student Paper, Student Travel, and Freudenburg Awards by May 04, 2019. It is also time to submit your nominations for RIG chair, co-chair, and graduate student representative for next year. (More information below).

This year NRRIG will sponsor a professional development roundtable session, at which early career and graduate student RIG members may meet with senior scholars to discuss questions about navigating the job market, tenure/promotion, among other topics.

We will also host a lightning talk session featuring five-minute presentations highlighting topics in communication and information access surfacing in natural resources research.

Finally, we are excited to announce RSS On the Hill, a joint venture between Rural Poverty, Natural Resources, and Rural Policy RIGs to coordinate a one-day preconference in Washington, D.C. for members to meet with stakeholders of interest to our RIGs.

With so much going on, you'll want to make your travel plans soon! We hope to see you there.

Amanda Buday
NRRIG Chair, 2018-2019

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Call For Submissions NRRIG 2019 Awards

NRRIG William R. Freudenburg Award of Merit

Each year, the Award of Merit is presented to recognize exceptional contributions to the sociology of natural resources. The award may be given in recognition of a collective body of work, or in recognition of a particularly significant single piece of work. We aim for the recipient to have one or more of the following qualifications: outstanding research and scholarship; outstanding applied sociological work, such as work with a natural resources agency, organization, partnership, or other contributions to the NRRIG or sociology of natural resources. Nominees are not required to be present or past members of the NRRIG.

To nominate someone please submit 1) up to three letters of nomination that clearly explain the reasons for considering the nomination and the nominee's contribution to the sociology of natural resources, as well as 2) a current copy of the nominee's CV. Additional supporting materials may be sent, but are not required. Nomination materials must be submitted to the NRRIG chair, Amanda Buday at atbuday@fhsu.edu by May 04, 2019.

NRRIG Graduate Student Paper Award

If you are a current graduate student or are graduating in May 2019, please consider submitting your work to the NRRIG Graduate Student Paper award. Submissions should broadly relate to RIG interests in environmental or natural resources sociology. Award recipients will receive a \$100 prize to defray the costs of attending RSS 2019.

To submit your paper 1) Submit an abstract to present the paper at the 2019 RSS Annual Meeting; 2) send an electronic copy of the full paper with contact information to the NRRIG Chair, Amanda Buday at atbuday@fhsu.edu by May 04, 2019; and 3) if co-authored, provide a statement detailing the relative contributions of each co-author.

NRRIG Graduate Student Travel Scholarship

The NRRIG Graduate Student Travel Award supports graduate student participation at the RSS Annual Meeting, reimbursing recipients the cost of their registration fee (\$125).

To submit your application 1) Submit an abstract to present an oral presentation in the area of environmental or natural resources sociology at the 2019 RSS Annual Meeting; and 2) submit a cover letter to the NRRIG Chair, Amanda Buday at atbuday@fhsu.edu by May 04, 2019.

[Please follow this link for additional information, including evaluation criteria.](#)

The Road to Richmond

Thank you for submitting an exciting collection of abstracts for the 2019 RSS Annual Meeting. Here is a sneak-peak of this year's NRRIG sessions:

Natural Resources for the Future: Exploring Sustainability
Mobilizing Rural Sociological Imaginations in Communities
Conserving Natural Resources in Rural Environments
International Perspectives on Food Consumption and Commodification
Management and Governance of Water Resources
Social Issues at the Rural Community-Energy Interface
Extractive Industries: Policies and Practices
Exploring Alternative Energies
Natural Resources in a Changing Environment

Natural Resources RIG Professional Development Roundtables

This session will allow early career and graduate student RIG members to meet in small groups with senior scholars and natural resource practitioners to discuss questions about professional development, navigating the job market, tenure/promotion, and other topics of interest to participants. We will provide each roundtable discussant (mentor) a list of suggested topics for discussion, leaving sufficient flexibility in the structure of the session to accommodate a diverse range of professional development questions raised by junior scholar participants. Advanced registration is not required, please encourage participation!

Roundtable Mentors:

Katheryn Brasier, Professor of Rural Sociology, Pennsylvania State University

Kristin Floress, Research Social Scientist, U.S. Forest Service

Jeff Sharp, Director and Professor of Rural Sociology, Ohio State University

Stephen Gasteyer, Associate Professor of Sociology, Michigan State University

Douglas Jackson-Smith, Professor of Water Security, Ohio State University



Information Exchange in Natural Resource Networks: Lightning Rounds for Emerging Themes

Recent scholarship has highlighted deficits in information access as a critical barrier to realizing social justice in siting and policy decisions, land and mineral use agreements, and preparedness for impacts associated with natural resource development. Because they have the potential to connect isolated rural residents to data, organizing models, and each other, information and communication networks are increasingly surfacing as critical points of inquiry for scholars concerned with how rural communities and residents engage with natural resource development. Given these implications, we invite natural resource scholars to share emerging themes in information exchanges in a special session featuring “lightning” presentations. The session will open with a brief introduction followed by ten five-minute presentations and concluding with fifteen minutes of Q&A. The purpose of the session is to facilitate dialogue on an emerging field in natural resources research that sits at a critical juncture for promoting social justice. **We still have room for additional participants.**

Contact Joshua Fergen (fergen.1@buckeyemail.osu.edu) **or Amanda Buday** (atbuday@fhsu.edu).

RSS On the Hill



In the interests of capitalizing on the rare instance of an RSS Annual Meeting being held within a two-hour drive of our nation's capital, the Rural Poverty, Natural Resources, and Rural Policy RIGs are organizing a one-day preconference in Washington, DC. The animating idea of “RSS on the Hill” is to schedule meetings with stakeholders of interest to our RIGs, including congressional and federal agency staff, think tanks, and advocacy groups.

Participants should arrive in DC the morning of Tuesday, August 6. We will gather for lunch and begin the program at noon. We will schedule meetings for Tuesday afternoon, then enjoy the city Tuesday evening. We will plan another half day of meetings for the morning of Wednesday, August 7, leaving DC by early afternoon, to allow enough time to arrive in Richmond for the start of the RSS Annual Meeting.

The sponsoring RIGs have committed enough funds to cover the costs associated with the meeting itself, but participants are being asked to bear the cost of travel to DC, one night's lodging, and meals. We have funding from RSS to underwrite the cost of participants from under-represented groups. **We still have room for additional participants. Contact Amanda Buday (atbuday@fhsu.edu) for more information.**

Nominations for NRRIG Leadership Positions

Please submit your nominations for NRRIG chair, co-chair, and graduate student representative for the 2019-2020 academic year. RIG service is a great way to increase your involvement with RSS and contribute to our thriving community of rural scholars and practitioners. Self-nominations are accepted.

To submit your nomination, please email the name, contact information, and CV of the candidate to Catrin Edgeley (cedgeley@uidaho.edu) or Amanda Buday (atbuday@fhsu.edu) by May 04, 2019. We will send an electronic ballot to RIG members prior to the 2019 business meeting.



Member Announcements

Rural Women's Summit

The Rural Assembly invites you to save the dates for The Rural Women's Summit in Greenville, South Carolina, October 27-29, 2019.

The Rural Women's Summit emphasizes the role rural women play in creating a more equitable and inclusive nation. We know rural women are often the primary organizers, leaders, creators, and implementers of more just and inclusive efforts in their communities. Yet they are also more likely to experience the trauma of inequities across all measures of health, economic security, connection, power, and safety. This Summit is designed for rural practitioners, leaders, and advocates to articulate the broad civic, political, and cultural impact of women's leadership in rural America, to name the ways rural women are agents of change, to call out the barriers rural women face every day, and to proclaim the powerful role rural women play in creating compassionate communities.

NRRIG In the News

Weston Eaton (Penn State) was recently featured in Farm & Ranch. Eaton and colleagues' USDA-NIFA funded research Water for Agriculture, examines collaborative management of water resources through stakeholder engagement.

Recent Publications

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