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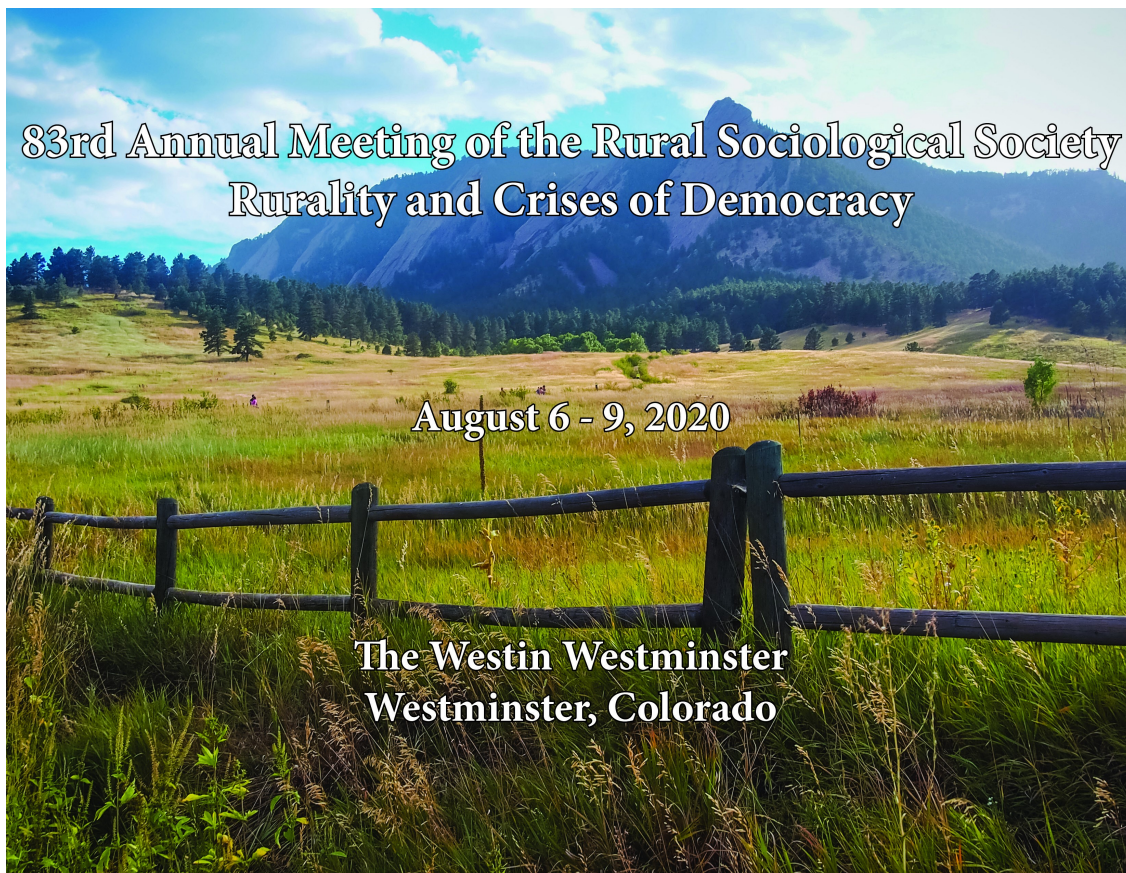


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RSS Call for Papers, Posters, and Organized Sessions

Call for Papers, Posters, and Organized Sessions
83rd Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society
Theme: Rurality and Crises of Democracy

Deadline: February 3, 2020, 11:59 PM CST

After the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election, rural voters assumed a new importance in national debates, one that underscored both their historic importance and the extent to which they had been misunderstood and overlooked by urban America. These social and political dynamics have not been confined to the United States. In Europe, populist and nationalist movements from Britain, to Poland, Hungary, Germany and France, have claimed rural voters and the countryside, and posed increasing challenges to the integrity of the European Union while simultaneously fomenting xenophobic and anti-democratic sentiment. Similar dynamics are evident in Turkey, the Philippines, Thailand, and elsewhere. As the 2020 US Presidential Election approaches, and especially in the wake of populist movements elsewhere across the globe, questions of spatial inequalities and ideological differences demand not punditry, but scholarship. This meeting's theme brings our scholarly practice to questions of rural agency, the social, political and economic roles of rural communities, and how crises of late-stage capitalism play out unevenly across the rural/urban divide in ways that both highlight and distort the challenges rural people and places face. The Rural Sociological Society was convened in 1937 at a similarly turbulent time in world history, and then as now, it is through the patient, committed and rigorous scholarship that such upheaval can most clearly be understood, and navigated. This historical juncture represents an important moment for the theoretical, empirical, and applied contributions rural sociologists can make to unpack the contradictory realities of rurality, rural identities, spatial inequalities, the implications for democracy, and ultimately, the well-being of rural people and places.

To submit an abstract, use this
link: <https://2020annualmeeting.exordo.com>

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Graduate Student and Needs-Based Travel Award

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2020 Graduate Student and Needs-Based Travel Award

Student Paper Awards

Research and Interest Group (RIGs) - 2020 Student Paper Award

What are Research and Interest Groups? Research and Interest Groups (RIGs) reflect the substantive interests of Rural Sociological Society (RSS) members and serve as an important avenue for connecting members with similar interests. RIGs serve a critical role in RSS including: identifying, developing, and recruiting for the annual RSS conference; planning special events, speakers, field trips for the annual conference; providing intellectual leadership in their respective areas; rewarding achievement through internal awards and recognitions; and creating opportunities for members, particularly graduate students, to network and identify colleagues with similar interests.

General Guidelines for Submitting Student Papers:

Be sure to read carefully the requirements set by each RIG when submitting your paper for consideration for a student paper award

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- Is authored by a student or students (no faculty co-authors).
- Authors are members of the Rural Sociological Society.
- The paper may be under initial review at time of submission to a peer-reviewed journal but cannot be already accepted (in press) or published in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Students may submit the same paper to more than one RIG for consideration but it must have topical relevance and fit the criteria for each RIG.
- Students are expected to present their paper at the Annual Meeting.

Community, Health, and Family Research and Interest Group

RONALD WIMBERLEY STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION (Graduate and Undergraduate)

Submission Deadline: Friday, April 3rd, 2020

The Community, Health, and Family Research Interest Group (RIG) is proud to announce the seventh annual Ronald Wimberley student paper competition designed to encourage and support graduate and undergraduate student research on rural communities. The call for papers is open to a wide range of topics in keeping with the spirit of the award's namesake, Ronald Wimberley. Emphasis should be placed on the improvement of the quality-of-life in rural communities. Preference will be given to those papers that make a strong contribution to our understanding of rural community life and health. How are rural communities adapting to challenges brought about by scientific changes, economic transformation, or health needs?

Graduate Student Paper Competition Guidelines:

Papers submitted for this competition will be held to a high standard with respect to the level of scholarship. The length of the paper should range from 20-30 pages and should include a relevant review of the literature, original analysis, a clear discussion and set of conclusions, complete references, and be written at a professional level.

Undergraduate Paper Competition:

Papers submitted for undergraduate student paper competition will be similarly held to a high standard appropriate to the level of undergraduate scholarship. The length of the paper should range from 10-20 pages and should include a relevant literature review with complete references that is clearly and legibly written. Papers that include original analyses will be rated higher, but this is not a requirement for submission.

*Manuscripts may be co-authored as long as the student submitting the

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manuscript is the primary author.

Instructions for Submission:

To have a paper considered for review for this award, first, submit an abstract to present the paper at the 2020 annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Second, submit your manuscript as an attached Word (doc. or .docx) file to Dr. Karl Jicha at kajicha@ncsu.edu by Friday, April 3, 2020. Please do not submit your paper in .pdf format, as we will need to edit them to make judging anonymous. In the subject line of the email enter "submission for graduate" or "undergraduate student paper competition." When the submissions are received, they will be sent to a panel of judges. Winners of the paper competition will be honored at the RIG reception during the RSS annual meeting, where they will receive a certificate and their award honoraria (see below). Winners will be notified via email by June 1, 2020.

Deadline for submissions: Friday, April 3rd, 2020

Honoraria: Graduate Paper (\$250.00); Undergraduate Paper (\$150.00): to be used to defray part of the cost of registering for and attending the 2020 RSS Annual Meeting in Westminster, CO.

Natural Resources

NRRIG GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

The NRRIG Graduate Student Travel Scholarship is intended to support graduate student participation at the RSS annual meetings.

The recipient will be reimbursed for the student (member) registration cost for the RSS annual meeting (\$125).

There is a two-step process for submission: 1) Submit an abstract to present an oral presentation in the area of environmental or natural resources sociology at the annual meeting; 2) submit a cover letter to the NRRG chair by **May 4** of the year of application. Cover letters will be reviewed based on need (i.e., does the student have alternative funding sources via his/her department or advisor), and importance of the meeting to the student's career trajectory. Abstracts will be evaluated based on relevance, innovation, and/or potential contribution to the NRRIG. The winner will be selected by a committee of NRRIG members and notified by **June 1** of the year of application.

NRRIG GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The Natural Resources Research Interest Group (NRRIG) of the Rural Sociological Society is soliciting submissions for a graduate student paper

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award in the area environmental or natural resources sociology. The paper should be related to the broad interests of the NRRIG. Current graduate students and recent graduates (who receive their degrees no earlier than May of the year of award) may apply.

Coauthored papers are acceptable, including those co-authored with faculty. If co-authored, the applicant (a) must be the lead author of the manuscript, and (b) provide a statement detailing the relative contributions of each co-author.

The recipient will receive a monetary prize of at least \$100 (final amount TBD based on NRRIG budget) to defray the cost of attending the Annual Meetings of RSS. The recipient will also be recognized at the NRRIG business meeting.

There is a two-step process for submission: 1) Submit an abstract to present the paper at the 2020 meeting; 2) Send an electronic copy of the full paper with contact information to the NRRIG chair by **May 4** of the year of application; and (3) if co-authored, provide a statement detailing the relative contributions of each co-author.

The paper submission should not exceed 35 double-spaced pages (including all tables, graphs, and references) in a standard font (12 point). The winner will be selected by a committee of NRRIG members and notified by **June 1** of the year of application.

Papers will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Advancement of knowledge in the area environmental or natural resources sociology.
2. Significance of the topic for the NRRG of the Rural Sociological Society.
3. Quality and implementation of the research, theory, and argument.
4. Analysis and interpretation of the findings.
5. Clarity and organization of the writing.

Sociology of Agriculture and Food (SAFRIG)

2020 SAFRIG Student Paper Award

The Sociology of Agriculture and Food Research Interest Group (SAFRIG) will present a Student Paper Award at the annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Requirements for this award include that:

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- 1) the paper focuses on an agrifood topic,
- 2) the paper is authored by a student or group of students (no faculty co-authors),
- 3) all authors are members of the Rural Sociological Society,
- 4) the paper will be presented at the 2020 RSS annual meeting (i.e. abstract has been accepted for presentation),
- 5) the paper uses the Rural Sociology journal guidelines for style, formatting, and references.

Papers will be particularly competitive if they demonstrate effective use of innovative theories, methods, and/or attention to unique geographic, cultural, and political contexts. Submissions for the Student Paper Award competition can be under initial review at a peer-reviewed journal but cannot be already accepted (in press) or published in a peer-reviewed journal. The winner(s) will receive a certificate and monetary award. The award will be presented during the SAFRIG Business Meeting at the 2020 conference. Questions and submissions should be sent to Florence Becot at becot.1@osu.edu. Submission deadline is **May 15, 2020**.

Ralph Brown Scholar Paper Award

Rural Sociological Society Community, Health, and Family Research Interest Group Ralph B. Brown Scholar Paper Competition Submission

Deadline: Friday, April 3rd, 2020

The Community, Health, and Family Research Interest Group (RIG) is proud to announce the fifth annual Ralph B. Brown scholar paper competition designed to encourage and support research in rural communities. The call for papers is open to a wide range of topics in keeping with the spirit of the award's namesake, Ralph Brown. Emphasis should be placed on such topics as community satisfaction and attachment, social change and development, family and community, and community leadership. International research is highly encouraged in accordance with his dedication to international development studies. Preference will be given to those papers that make a strong contribution to our understanding of rural community life and health. How are rural communities adapting to challenges brought about by scientific changes, economic transformation, or health needs?

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Natural Resources RIG Award

NRRIG WILLIAM R. FREUDENBURG AWARD OF MERIT

The William R. Freudenburg Award of Merit is presented to recognize exceptional contributions to the sociology of natural resources and the environment. The award is given to recognize an outstanding legacy / collective body of work that has demonstrably impacted natural resources and environmental sociology.

Recipients will have the following qualifications: outstanding research and scholarship as evidenced not solely by numbers of publications, but their impact: simply put, we are looking for recipients who have substantively affected the trajectory of thinking within natural resources and environmental sociology. Such impact may also be evidenced via application of work beyond the academy, such as work with a natural resources agency, organization, or other partnerships. Other contributions to the NRRIG or sociology of natural resources and environment, such as an outstanding legacy of outreach, graduate student mentorship, and/or instruction are also envisioned as important criteria for consideration. 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 and environment, 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 by **May 4** of the year of application. The winner will be selected by a committee of NRRIG members and notified by **June 1** of the year of application.

Announcements

2020-2021 SRCD U.S. Policy Fellowship Programs

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Call for Applications

The Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) is seeking applicants for the [U.S. Policy Fellowship Programs](#) for the 2020-2021 academic year. There are two fellowship programs: **federal** and **state**. The fellowships provide researchers with immersive opportunities to (1) learn firsthand about policy development, implementation, and evaluation, and (2) use their expertise to inform child and family public policies and programs that support diverse populations.

Through these experiences, fellows also learn how to communicate with policymakers and formulate more informed questions for policy-relevant research. All fellowships will run from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

Deadline to Submit Applications and Letters of Intent: **January 3, 2020, 11:59PM Eastern**

For more information, [click here](#).

SSSP: Editorial Search for Social Problems Call for Applications

Deadline for applications is January 15, 2020.

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) is soliciting applications for the position of Editor of the Society's flagship journal, *Social Problems*. The Editor's three-year term will begin with the operation of the new editorial office at mid-year 2021. The new editor will be responsible for editing and promoting Volumes 69-71 (years 2021-2024). We seek a diverse pool of editorial candidates with distinguished scholarly records, previous editorial experience (e.g., service as journal editor or associate editor, editor of scholarly editions, etc.), strong organizational and management skills, and the ability to work and communicate well with others, including with scholars in academic and non-academic settings. A familiarity with and commitment to *Social Problems* and the SSSP are essential. Applicants must be members or become members of the SSSP by the time of their application and continue to be a member during their tenure as editor.

Please direct all inquiries, nominations, expressions of interest, and application materials to Dr. Shirley A. Jackson, Chair, SSSP Editorial and Publications Committee, at shja2@pdx.edu. For a full description of the position and application process, [click here](#).

Special Issue of the Rural Sociology on Populism

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Aims and Scope

The aim of this special issue, entitled “The new populism in western rural areas”, is to investigate the phenomenon of populism in rural areas of western countries. We want to understand what are the triggering factors, if populism in the rural areas takes on specific connotations. We want, however, to overcome the representation of the rural as a homogeneous space, and investigate instead how the phenomenon of populism takes hold in a diverse spectrum of rural areas: marginal areas, tourist resorts, food districts, intensive agriculture zones, hinterlands. The contributions make it possible to construct a comparative framework on the origins, manifestations and consequences of the phenomenon in western rural areas.

For more information, [click here](#).

Distance Education Grants for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas

Distance Education Grants for Institutions of Higher Education in Insular Areas (DEG) program strengthens the capacity of institutions of higher education in insular areas to carry out resident instruction, curriculum, and teaching programs in the food and agricultural sciences through distance education technology. DEG is a NIFA-administered competitive grants program focused on improving formal, post-secondary agricultural sciences education. For more information read the [full DEG funding opportunity](#).

Posted Date: Aug. 29, 2019

Closing Date: Jan. 23, 2020

Funding Opportunity Number: USDA-NIFA-RIGP-006870

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$800,000

RENEW NOW FOR 2020

The RSS Membership year begins January 1 and runs through December 31. Your membership dues must be paid by February 28 to vote in the Spring election and to receive the Early Registration rate for the annual meeting.

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Member Publication

Global Meat

Social and Environmental Consequences of the Expanding Meat Industry

Edited by **Bill Winders** and **Elizabeth Ransom**

The growth of the global meat industry and the implications for climate change, food insecurity, workers' rights, the treatment of animals, and other issues.

For more information, [click here](#).

Call for Papers

IRSA 2020 Call for Session Proposals

Rural Sustainability in the Urban Century

XV World Congress of Rural Sociology, 8-12 July 2020, Cairns, Australia

Whose versions of sustainability count in the urban century? How does spatial disadvantage intersect with injustices based on gender, ethnic, linguistic, religious and other dimensions of social difference? What opportunities do flows of people, capital, information and commodities between urban and rural spaces present for sustainable rural development? Delegates to the 2020 World Congress of Rural Sociology will consider these and many other questions relevant to contemporary rural society. Proposals for themed sessions are welcome.

Please note proposal due date has been extended to November 10, 2019, and must be prepared following the guidelines in the link below.

For more information, [click here](#).

Request for Pilot Research Proposals

Due Date: **Friday, January 31, 2020 at 5 p.m. EST**

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The new National Institute on Aging (NIA)-funded Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging (INRPHA) invites investigators to submit proposals for pilot research that addresses key thematic priority areas (detailed below) related to U.S. rural population health and aging trends and disparities. Projects will begin June 1, 2020 and must be completed by May 31, 2021.

For more information, [click here](#).

2020 Call for Proposals: Funding for Research on Youth Employment

[The Institute for Research on Poverty \(IRP\)](#) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison seeks to fund research on youth employment, a key area of interest identified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE).

The Principal Investigator must hold a doctorate or the highest degree appropriate for their discipline at the time of application. Individuals not associated with a university (domestic or foreign) and foreign entities are ineligible for awards made under this announcement. University of Wisconsin–Madison faculty and postdoctoral fellows are ineligible for funding.

IRP anticipates funding four to eight projects, with awards ranging from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The grant contract period will be from **January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020**.

Deadline to submit your proposal is **11:59 p.m. CDT, November 15, 2019**.

For more information, [click here](#).

Everyday Chauvinisms The Making of a Mentality in the Urban and Rural Life

From June 3 to 6, 2020 will take place in Bergamo (Italy) the 8th Conference of Ethnography and Qualitative Research.

Pietro Saitta (University of Messina) solicits contributions, for the following workshop:

The present call for papers solicits either ethnographic or qualitative contributions that investigate the making and the diffusion of a chauvinistic and nostalgic mentality in the life of communities. The proposed papers should pay attention to the intimate aspects of the process of construction

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of a chauvinistic mentality and put into connection different “worlds of life” (city, country, home, work, school, peer culture, media etc.) in order to show how different elements concur in creating authoritarian personalities and orientations as well as in constituting defensive forms of social cohesion that can operate in both private and public spaces.

Deadlines and submissions:

Authors interested in this initiative should submit an abstract (1,000 words) by **January, 10, 2020** to: pisait@gmail.com, erq.conference@unibg.it

For further information:

<http://www.etnografiaricercaqualitativa.it/>

Call for Papers: SOCIJALNA EKOLOGIJA Journal for Environmental Thought and Sociological Research

Extended paper submission due date: December 1, 2019

There has been an increasing interest in co-operative forms of entrepreneurship among practitioners, academic researchers and citizens worldwide. According to the International Co-operative Alliance (ICA), nearly one billion people are members of some co-operative, and the United Nations have estimated that the livelihood of nearly three billion people, or half of the world's population, has been secured by co-operative enterprises.

For more information, [click here](#).

Engineering Studies - Special Issue

Papers Due: December 2019

Engineering Studies is an **interdisciplinary journal** devoted to the scholarly study of engineers and engineering. It advances analysis (historical, social, cultural, political, philosophical, and organizational) which enhances **critical understanding of engineering education, research, practice, policy, and representation**.

Engineering Studies involves critical investigation in the practices under study (work, design, formation, or service to society); it does not publish papers that seek only to improve the effectiveness of engineering. Prospective authors are invited to reflect on and anticipate how their work might prove helpful to the academy and beyond.

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Employment Opportunities

Postdoctoral Research Positions in Environmental Demography at CU Population Center (CUPC)

Deadline: **December 31, 2019**

CU Population Center (CUPC) at the University of Colorado Boulder is currently recruiting two postdoctoral fellows with expertise in population-environment research, to start August 2020. The initial term of appointment is one year, but reappointment for a second year is possible, subject to performance evaluation.

CUPC, housed in the Institute of Behavioral Science, is a national leader in demographic research on population health, environmental demography and migration patterns and processes. This postdoctoral research position builds on CUPC's strengths in environmental demography, and within that area, candidates should have research expertise in migration-climate-health linkages, rural demography, social vulnerability and natural hazards, and/or urbanization processes and their effects on the environment and health.

For more information, [click here](#).

Assistant Professor in Department of Bio-Industry Communication and Development

Deadline: **December 30, 2019**

The Department of Bio-Industry Communication and Development, National Taiwan University, invites applications for one full-time position at assistant professor level. Candidates with expertise in the field of rural development are welcome and the priority will be given to policy and practice. The position will become effective August 1, 2020.

Qualified candidates must have a Ph.D. degree in rural development or other related fields. Applicants should demonstrate the ability to teach in English. Applicants with ability to teach advanced quantitative statistics are preferred. Interested applicants please submit the following documents:

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Tenure track job opportunity University of Regina

Department of Sociology & Social Studies Assistant Professor or Lecturer (Tenure Track)

The Department of Sociology & Social Studies at the University of Regina invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of **Lecturer or Assistant Professor**. The anticipated date of commencement is July 1, 2020.

We are seeking candidates with teaching and scholarly expertise in two of the following three areas: **Environmental Sociology, Political Economy, and Sociological Theory**. In addition, priority will be given to candidates who can also contribute to the Department's teaching program in one or more of the following areas: Canadian political economy, Canadian political ecology, environmental history, historical sociology, and/or sociology of racialization, ethnicity, indigeneity and decolonization. Preference will be given to candidates who are prepared to develop these topics into imaginative and innovative courses that examine substantive issues in their historical and theoretical contexts.

For more information, [click here](#).

Lerner Postdoctoral Scholar - Syracuse University

Title: Lerner Postdoctoral Scholar

Department: Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion

The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

Job Description: The Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion at Syracuse University (<http://lernercenter.syr.edu/>) invites applications for a postdoctoral associate in applied population health. The postdoc will work with Dr. Shannon Monnat and other Lerner Center affiliates on research related to social and spatial determinants of health, health disparities, and/or mortality trends. Candidates with interests in rural health, rural demography, and/or rural aging are especially encouraged to apply. This position will offer exceptional opportunities for collaboration within the Center for Policy Research (<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/cpr.aspx>), Aging Studies Institute (<https://asi.syr.edu/>), and Policy, Place and Population Health Lab (<https://asi.syr.edu/policy-place-and-population-health-lab/>). At least 25% of the Scholar's time will be reserved for the individual's own

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research. The initial term of appointment is one year, but reappointment for a second year is expected, subject to good performance.

For more information, [click here](#).

Assistant Professor - Sustainability and Equity - Energy and Resources Group and the Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management

Deadline for application: **December 2, 2019**

The Energy and Resources Group (ERG) and the Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management (ESPM) at the University of California, Berkeley, seek applications for a tenure track Assistant Professor faculty position in the area of Sustainability and Equity. The expected start date is July 1, 2020. The appointment will be split 50% in ERG and 50% in ESPM.

Social equity is foundational to solving critical environmental problems facing humanity at local, national and international scales; such challenges include climate change, food security and sovereignty, natural resource access, biodiversity loss, energy resources and production, water access and quality, land use and scarcity, and human health. We seek applications from scholars who foreground issues of equity in their environmental research and whose work pays attention to issues of power, access, voice and justice in shaping local, national, and/or international policies.

For more information, [click here](#).

Assistant Professor in Healthy Community and Behavioral Development - Penn State

The strategic plan of the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education (AESE) states that “Fostering healthy individuals and communities cuts across local and global levels, and requires knowledge of how processes of individual, community, and regional development interact.” To further strengthen scholarship in this area, the department seeks candidates for a nine-month tenure-track Assistant Professor position with a 65% research and 35% extension responsibility and with the expectation of membership in the graduate faculty as well as faculty affiliate status with the appropriate Penn State center of excellence. This position is part of The Pennsylvania State University's recently launched Consortium to Combat Substance Abuse

(CCSA); <https://CombatSubstanceAbuse.ssri.psu.edu>, which seeks colleagues whose research interests and expertise fit within the broad

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areas of pathways to addiction, criminal justice, and/or spillover effects of harmful substance use and abuse to families and communities. Our expectation is that these new colleagues will work actively to build a powerful inter-disciplinary community of scholars focused on illuminating the multi-level processes that give rise to addiction; designing, implementing, evaluating, and disseminating novel, evidence-based approaches for prevention and treatment of addiction; and identifying and ameliorating the effects of substance abuse on families and communities.

For more information, [click here](#).

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice - Norwich University

Areas of specialization are open, but preference will be given to applicants with teaching and research interests in one or more of the following areas: Comparative Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice, International Security, Cyber Dimensions of Criminal Justice, Research Methods (to include mapping/GIS applications), Data Analytics, and/or Law & Society. A record of effective prior teaching and the potential for scholarly/creative accomplishments that support appointment at the level of assistant professor are expected. An ideal candidate will be familiar with sponsored research and successful grant procurement, have full time teaching experience and be willing to teach an array of courses to support the needs of our cohesive academic community.

For more information, [click here](#).

Conferences of Interest

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting, August 7-9, 2020, San Francisco, CA.

The program theme selected by President Heather M. Dalmage is [Bringing the Hope Back In: Sociological Imagination and Dreaming Transformation](#).

SSSP is an interdisciplinary community of scholars, practitioners, advocates, and students interested in the application of critical, scientific, and humanistic perspectives to the study of vital social problems. For more information contact sssp@utk.edu or visit <https://www.sssp1.org>

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8th Annual Faculty Women of Color in the Academy National Conference

The 8th Annual Faculty Women of Color in the Academy National Conference is taking place April 20-21, 2020.

The conference offers women of color faculty, university administrators, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate students a unique educational and professional opportunity to network, engage, and learn with peers from around the country.

The two-day conference features:

- Keynote speakers Patricia Hill Collins, author, professor, activist, and Rosann Santos Founder of Latinas in Higher Education, Inc. as well as the Director of Alumni Relations at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City
- Conference weaving with Angela's Pulse Performance Company
- Call for Proposals: The conference is calling for workshop and poster proposals that advance the FWCA mission to connect with research colleagues, support aspirations, and empower growth and change. To submit your proposal, click [here](#).
- Workshop by the National Center for Faculty Diversity & Development Led by Joy Gaston Gayles
- The Post-conference Academic Writing Retreat will take place April 19th
- Thought-provoking/interactive workshops
- The Zenobia Lawrence Hikes Woman of Color in the Academy Award nominations available. Click [here](#) to nominate someone.

For more information about the national conference, click [here](#). This is where you will find cost information, a preliminary program, hotel, sponsorship information, and so much more.

The full conference program is available by clicking [here](#). We look forward to welcoming over 500 Women of Color.

2020 AFHVS/ASFS Conference

May 27-30, 2020

Cultivating Connections: Exploring Entry Points into Sustainable Food Systems

The University of Georgia will host the 2020 Conference in Athens, Georgia. It will focus on the history and impact of race and culture in

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agriculture and the broader food system.

For more information, [click here](#).

For other current announcements, additional call for papers, employment opportunities, and meetings of interest see the RSS website,

www.ruralsociology.org

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