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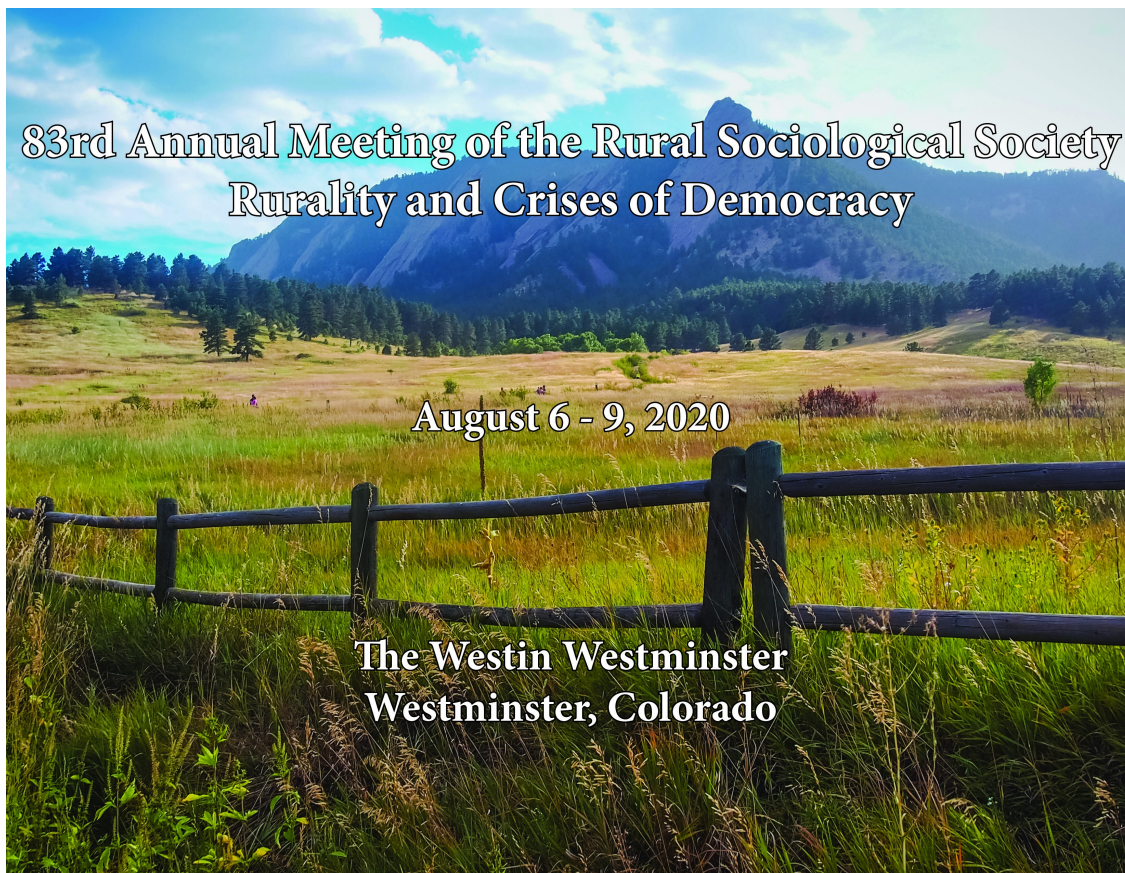


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A Note from the Executive Director

Fall is here. And as hard as it is to believe we are already four months into the RSS 2019-2020 year. Here are some current and upcoming events you should be aware of.

The Nominations Committee is seeking to fill RSS Leadership positions **NOW!** Go to the website www.ruralsociology.org to make a nomination or two. See **Announcements** in this eBulletin for more information.

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The 2020 Annual Meeting Call for Papers will be released in **November** so please watch for that.

In **November** we will begin our Membership Renewal period. I encourage you to renew your membership to RSS in a timely manner. Our membership year runs January 1 to December 31. When you renew your membership, you can also support the RSS Endowment, the Diversity and/or Student Travel Awards, the Buttel Fund, and the Busch Student Research Award. Donations to these funds enrich our membership by providing research funds to graduate students and early career professions. Travel funds increase the diversity of RSS in a number of ways. Your gifts to RSS make a difference!

Thank you for your commitment to RSS. You are appreciated.

Cynthia Struthers

Announcements

Call for Nominations 2020 RSS Leadership Positions

Nominations are sought for the positions below. Responsibilities associated with the position will begin at the 2020 annual meeting.

The Nominations Committee seeks nominations that represent the diverse interests and background of RSS membership, including, but not limited to: race and ethnicity, geography, gender and sexuality, institutional affiliations (e.g., non-land grant and non-academic), age, physical abilities, education, and nationality as well as representation of the spectrum of research, teaching, extension, public service, and administrative interests of the membership.

The Rural Sociological Society (RSS) is currently seeking nominations for leadership positions that will begin in 2020. Positions are open to all RSS members. Self and multiple nominations are encouraged.

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

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RSGA 7th Annual Rural Studies Student Conference

The Rural Sociology Graduate Association (RSGA) at Penn State will be hosting their 7th Annual Rural Studies Student Conference this fall!

This year's conference, "Resilience, Mobilization, and Sustainability in Rural Sociology and Beyond," will take place in University Park, Pennsylvania, on Friday, November 8, 2019, with a pre-conference speaker on the afternoon of Thursday, November 7.

We look forward to welcoming this year's keynote speakers:

- [Dr. Monica White](#), University of Wisconsin-Madison
- [Dr. Richelle Winkler](#), Michigan Tech

We invite students from all universities, all disciplines, and at all levels to present their work. Abstracts may reflect thesis and dissertation work, as well as program design proposals, term papers, or other research projects. Works from all stages of the research process are welcomed and encouraged for submission. This is a great opportunity to receive feedback on research (at any stage of development and from any discipline or department) from your student peers.

Friday, October 18th is the abstract submission deadline for this year's Rural Studies Student Conference. Students who intend to present are asked to submit a 250 word abstract of their work to: <http://bit.ly/RuralAbstract>

Conference registration is free but required. Please visit <http://bit.ly/RuralRegister> to confirm your attendance.

- You do not need to submit an abstract in order to attend as soon as possible.

In an effort to increase the participation of students from other universities, we would like to offer the opportunity for traveling students to be housed by Penn State graduate students. Those interested should contact psururalstudiesconference@gmail.com.

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

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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

Call for Papers

Rural Sociology "Race, Ethnicity, and Rurality in the United States" - Special Issue

Abstracts due by October 15, 2019.

The rural United States has been at the center of the national political conversation in recent years in discussions that are often explicitly or implicitly about race and ethnicity. However, popular debates tend to mask the complexities of rural space or obscure the histories and dynamics of race and racial inequality. For example, these conversations tend to overlook the long-standing presence of non-whites in rural spaces. Native American, Latin, and African American communities have long maintained an active and vital presence in rural places, often despite long-term patterns of exclusion, discrimination, and disenfranchisement. Similarly, the focus on the arrival of non-white immigrants papers over how race-making in the rural United States has been tied to global projects of expansion and state-led labor migration, in which U.S. national identity was defined in opposition to a foreign or non-white "other."

Contemporary political debates also often draw attention to the changing demographics of rural areas. While much of this debate is centered around how non-white immigrants will reshape the U.S. racial order, immigrant workers from Latin America, Asia, and Africa are also increasingly important for the rural economy. Their arrival has made the rural United States less racially and ethnically homogeneous, in the process challenging and reshaping community identities. White rural residents confront the twin phenomena of de-industrialization and demographic change, in which economic hardship is accompanied by a decrease in cultural currency. In short, the rural United States is currently

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a space in which problems – old and new – occur within varied institutional, social, and economic contexts, with consequences that have national and perhaps global implications.

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Engineering Studies - Special Issue

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.

Engineering Studies warmly welcome prospective authors to submit their contributions to a special issue dedicated to **New engineering actors and practices in agriculture**. The study of engineers and engineering generally focuses on product design, infrastructure (transport, water, energy, telecommunication), and particular industries such as aerospace, energy, and computing – but rarely agriculture, except in field-specific journals. However, **engineers and engineering are deeply engaged with agriculture, food and rural communities**. This special issue seeks to shed some light on engineers involved in agriculture: who they are, what are their relations to other actors, and what are their practices.

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

Society for Applied Anthropology

The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) invites abstracts (sessions, papers and posters) for the Program of the 80th Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 17-21, 2020. The theme of the Program is “Cultural Citizenship and Diversity in Complex Societies.”

The Society is a multi-disciplinary association that focuses on problem definition and resolution. We welcome papers from all disciplines. The deadline for abstract submission is **October 15, 2019**. For additional information on the theme, abstract size/format, and the meeting, please

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visit our web page (www.sfaa.net/annual-meeting/).

HJSR Special Issue 42: California Genocide and Healing

The Humboldt Journal of Social Relations (HJSR) invites paper submissions for the 2020 Special Issue 42: **California Genocide and Healing**. For this issue of HJSR, we are interested in exploring acts of genocide and mass atrocity, and the processes of healing that have been initiated in both native and non-native communities. We seek work that evaluates acts of genocide and mass atrocity in California, long-term ramifications, impacts on culture and society, acts of memorialization and reconciliation, and the relatively slow pace or reluctance of the State to acknowledge and respond to its history. The submission deadline is **October 31, 2019**, and manuscripts should be in 12-point font, double-spaced and generally not exceed 8500 words. Commentaries and creative writing should not exceed 3000 words.

Key themes include, but are not limited to:

- Acknowledgment and acts of reconciliation, healing, and restitution
- Memorialization and restitution
- Continuing logics and legacies
- Historical acts of genocide and mass atrocity
- Implications for Indigenous language, culture, and society
- Ethics, philosophy, and theories of decolonizing the study and teaching about the genocide of Indigenous Peoples in California

Submission Deadline Friday, October 31, 2019

Manuscripts should be 12-point font, and double-spaced. Commentaries and creative writing should not exceed 3000 words.

For submission details: <https://digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/hjsr/>

Member Publications

Urbanormativity: Reality, Representation, and Everyday Life. (Studies in Urban–Rural Dynamics) by Fulkerson, Gregory and Alexander R. Thomas. 2019

This book investigates urbanormativity—a concept that privileges urban normalcy and desirability over rural deviance and undesirability. The

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“reality” section outlines its foundations—urbanization, urban-rural systems, and urban dependency. The “representation” section explores urbanormative culture by considering cultural capital, media, and identity. The last section, “everyday life,” examines urban-rural disparities in law and politics and in life within different communities. It concludes by calling for a rural justice approach that will revalue the rural.

[Click here](#) for more information on Amazon.

Employment Opportunities

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.

We seek applicants with a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, Criminology, Sociology, Security Studies or a related field by the time of appointment. A J.D. is not sufficient qualification for this position, although advanced Ph.D. candidates who are ABD may be considered if the requirements for the degree will be completed prior to the position start date. Successful candidates will be committed to delivering a high quality undergraduate education and will pursue an active research agenda, as well as advise students majoring in the School.

The School of Justice Studies & Sociology at Norwich University seeks to fill two permanent full-time academic tenure stream positions at the level of Assistant Professor. These positions will begin on July 1, 2020.

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University of New Hampshire Department of Sociology

The Department of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire invites applications for a tenure-track, assistant professor position in medical sociology and/or race and ethnicity to begin in the 2020 fall semester. Ability to teach statistics at the graduate level will be considered an additional strength. We seek candidates who will maintain an active research program and secure external funding, contribute to graduate and undergraduate teaching, and provide service to the department, university, and the profession. **Review of applicants will begin on October 15, 2019**, and continue until the position is filled. UNH actively creates an educational environment that fosters diversity, inclusion, and quality engagement for all. Applicants should submit a letter of application indicating research and teaching interests, curriculum vitae, a sample of written work, and contact information for three references to provide confidential letters of recommendation to the following website: <http://jobs.usnh.edu/postings/33856>.

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

Assistant Professor Political Economy - University of Tennessee

The Department of Sociology at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville invites applications for a tenure-track position at the level of Assistant Professor in the area of political economy, beginning August 1, 2020. We are particularly interested in candidates who can contribute to the Department of Sociology's (<http://sociology.utk.edu>) strength in social justice and whose research resonates with our other departmental areas: criminology; environmental sociology; and critical race and ethnic studies. Applicants must demonstrate promise of distinguished scholarship and excellent teaching and will be expected to seek external funding as a condition of tenure and promotion. A Ph.D. in Sociology or related area is required at the time of appointment. **Review of the applications will begin October 7.**

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

Environmental Social Science Position - University of Tennessee

The Department of Sociology at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the area of environmental sociology, beginning August 1, 2020. The UTK Sociology Department helped to establish environmental sociology within the discipline and we are looking for a scholar who will

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add to our reputation as a leader in this field. Our needs include expertise in ecojustice, communities, the green economy, and the global environment. We are particularly interested in candidates who can contribute to the Department of Sociology's strength in social justice (<http://sociology.utk.edu>) and whose research resonates with our other departmental areas: criminology, political economy and globalization; and critical race and ethnic studies. Applicants must demonstrate promise of distinguished scholarship and excellent teaching and will be expected to seek external funding as a condition of tenure and promotion. A Ph.D. in Sociology or related area is required at the time of appointment. **Review of the applications will begin October 7.**

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

The Ohio State University - Post Doctoral Researcher

Dr. Douglas Jackson-Smith, Professor in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at the Ohio State University is seeking a postdoctoral researcher to play a lead role in developing, implementing, and evaluating stakeholder engagement and participatory research projects with diverse farm and food system stakeholders. Position is open to scholars with experience and interests in stakeholder engagement, on-farm research, and/or participatory modeling. This person will be expected to design, implement, and evaluate a series of stakeholder engagement and participatory research/modeling activities in connection with several transdisciplinary projects, including one major NSF-funded INFEWS grant supporting participatory processes to build scenarios and models to explore the implications of deglobalization on food/energy/water systems in the eastern Corn Belt. The position will be in the School of Environment and Natural Resources, and work will be based at Ohio State University's Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, Ohio. Successful candidates will be expected to conduct fieldwork, travel to meet with collaborators, participate and help organize participatory research workshops; communicate research results to scientific community via journal article publications, conference presentations and seminars; and advise and interact with graduate and undergraduate students.

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Assistant Professor, Sociology Utah State University

Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology

Assistant Professor, Sociology

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The Department of Sociology, Social Work & Anthropology at Utah State University invites applications for a nine-month tenure-track position in Sociology at the rank of Assistant Professor. The appointment begins in August 2020. We seek candidates who can contribute to our Demography and Community/Environment specialization areas through a research and teaching emphasis on either (1) community and/or environmental health (e.g., environmental health disparities) or (2) the dynamic interplay between population and the environment (e.g., the effects of climate change on migration). Scholars who have an interest in contributing to the department's programs, curricular offerings, and research portfolio in ways that enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion are encouraged to apply.

Review of applications will begin on October 7, 2019.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will develop and teach a graduate course in either (1) environmental health or (2) population and environment. In addition, the candidate will contribute to other undergraduate and graduate coursework in Sociology and Demography that meshes with the faculty member's expertise and fits the department's needs.

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

Conferences of Interest

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 agriculture and the broader food system.

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Conference on Asian Linguistic Anthropology (CALA)

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The CALA 2020, The Conference on Asian Linguistic Anthropology 2020 will be held on February 5-8, 2020, at the University Putra Malaysia Bintulu Campus, Sarawak, Malaysia.

The CALA, with major partners Taylor and Francis Publishers Global, SOAS (University of London), The University of Illinois, Temple University, and our 120 global affiliates in whole, manages the global network of scholarship on Linguistic Anthropology, and on Language and Society, pertinent to Asia (<https://cala.asia/associated-bodies/>). Its projects, events, and media hold great significance for Asian and global academia. Here, The CALA also houses The JALA, The Journal of Asian Linguistic Anthropology.

8th Global Nitrogen Conference 2020

The 8th Global Nitrogen Conference will be hosted in **Berlin, Germany** from **May 3-7, 2020**. Since 1998, these international nitrogen conferences have been a unique platform to highlight nitrogen's role as an essential resource and a major environmental threat. They provide a forum and catalyst for interdisciplinary nitrogen research, bringing together scientists from a range of disciplines – from atmospheric science to economics, plant biology to policy analysis. They have also been an important opportunity to engage with other important stakeholders, including civil society, national governments, international organizations and fertilizer companies among others.

The overarching theme of INI-2020 is the Sustainable Development Goals – the 17 UN-sanctioned targets for social, environmental and economic outcomes to be achieved by 2030 – with nitrogen central to 16 of them. How humanity manages its relationship with nitrogen over the coming decade will be critical in determining whether we meet these goals. Some, like ending hunger and poverty, will require better access to nitrogen. Others, like protecting life on land and water and climate action, will require reducing nitrogen pollution. All will benefit from better nitrogen management and more effective policies.

Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting in Albuquerque 2020

The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) is pleased to announce our 80th Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 17-21, 2020.

The SfAA Annual Meeting provides an invaluable opportunity for scholars, practicing social scientists, and students from a variety of disciplines and

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organizations to discuss their work and brainstorm for the future. It is more than just a conference: it's a rich place to trade ideas, methods, and practical solutions, as well as enter the lifeworld of other professionals. SfAA members come from a variety of disciplines -- anthropology, sociology, economics, business, planning, medicine, nursing, law, and other related social/behavioral sciences.

IRSA 2020 World Congress of Rural Sociology

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

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

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.

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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