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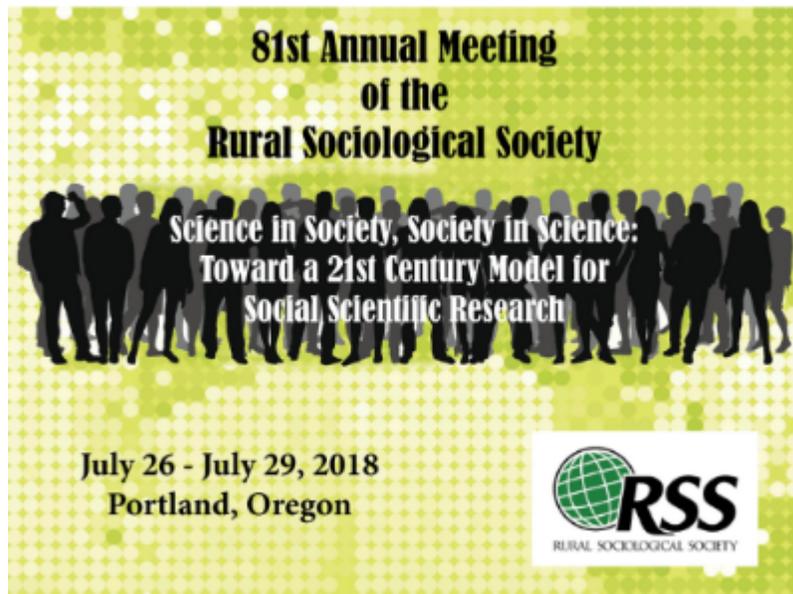
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## Plenary Session – Saturday, July 28 at 11:00am – Jill Belsky, University of Montana

“Tensions, negotiations and joys in practicing critical engaged scholarship”

Jill Belsky received her PhD in Rural/Development Sociology from Cornell University in 1991, and has been a faculty member at the University of Montana ever since, initially in the Department of Sociology and later in the Department of Society and Conservation, which she helped to create. Her research and teaching over the decades have focused on the intersections of rural change, livelihoods, farming systems and environmental politics and policies, including governance of community-owned and managed forests. She has worked in Southeast Asia, Belize, Bhutan and western Montana. She directed the Bolle Center for People and Forests (2004-2014) and served as Editor-in-Chief of the journal, *Society & Natural Resources* (2012-2014). Her plenary talk will highlight her decade-long involvement with the Blackfoot Challenge (a local watershed organization), The Nature Conservancy, and various public land agencies, politicians and residents in the Blackfoot Valley of Montana who have responded to corporate timberland divestment and landscape/community fragmentation through purposeful acquisition, including creating and managing a community conservation area. She will speak specifically about tensions as an “engaged scholar” addressing market-created/privatization problems with market-based/privatization solutions, making necessary negotiations between critical analyses and practical concerns, and the joy of participating in collective action for progressive goals and public goods.

## 2018 FIELD TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

All field trips will be held on **Thursday, July 26, 2018**. They include transportation and lunch.



field trip this year. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to the business office ([rssira@wiu.edu](mailto:rssira@wiu.edu)).

### **Queering the Food System in Oregon**

The field trip takes a food systems approach, visiting a queer-owned farm in a rural Oregon and queer-owned food and farming hubs in Portland.

### **Water Conservation in the Willamette Valley**

Our field trip will be based on the water conservation efforts in Willamette Valley where the City of Portland and the surrounding communities are located. Water conservation efforts are very important in this area as the water resources in the West have been disproportionately affected by the ongoing climatic change compounded by the urban sprawl in this region.

### **Labor Issues in Organic Agriculture**

Current organic standards don't speak to the fair or humane treatment of labor. What is, and what should be, the relationship of environmental sustainability to just work? Moreover, in today's political climate, undocumented farmworkers face unprecedented challenges. How are farmworkers, their families, and their communities (both within and outside the U.S.) being affected by, and how are they responding to, the hard-line immigration policies of the current administration? This field trip is focused on gaining some insight into these questions, from people who deal with it every day.

For more information on field trips, <http://www.ruralsociology.org/2018-annual-meeting-field-trips>.

## **2018 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

Dear RSS Members and Friends:

The RSS 2018 annual meeting registration link is now up and running on the website. For more information, visit <http://www.ruralsociology.org/>, or click the link below.

To register: [https://rss.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com\\_mcform&view=ngforms&id=30687#/](https://rss.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mcform&view=ngforms&id=30687#/).

You can reserve rooms at the Red Lion Hotel on the River:

<https://book.passkey.com/event/15983048/owner/4387/home>.

[rssiira@wiu.edu](mailto:rssiira@wiu.edu).

## In memory of Bill Flinn

### **Flinn, William (1938 - 2018)**

William "Bill" Flinn passed away peacefully at his home in Columbus, Ohio on the morning of June 9th surrounded by family. He was born on November 22, 1938 in Piqua, OH to Margorie Marie Flinn and Charles E. Flinn of Houston, OH. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law, William Barber and nephew Charles Barber. After graduating from Houston High School, he went on to earn a B.S. in Agricultural Economics (1960), an M.S. in Rural Sociology (1961) and a PhD in Rural Sociology (1966) all from The Ohio State University. He had a long and distinguished career as a Professor at The University of Wisconsin and The Ohio State University where he received numerous teaching and research awards among other distinctions and honorary positions including a Fulbright Lectureship at the National University in Bogota, Columbia, President of the Rural Sociological Society, Distinguished Rural Sociologist by the Rural Sociological Society, Alpha Gamma Rho Brother of the Century Award and Sigma Delta's Outstanding International Award and Outstanding Research Award. He became the President and Executive Director of the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities in 1980 and remained in that position for over 20 years even though it was initially only supposed to be a short-term appointment. Under his leadership MUCIA enjoyed unprecedented international growth and success. Later in his career he returned to academics and his passion for teaching. He had a full and well lived life traveling the globe and making many friends along the way. He was dedicated to teaching and serving others with love and compassion and was an amazing story teller, the life of the party and a loyal friend and colleague.

Bill is survived by his wife of 52 years, Susan; two brothers Dick (Marla) and Gary (Susan) Flinn; sister Kathleen Barber; brother-in-law Glen Heller (Sandy); daughter Anne Clark and her husband Jim; son Jim Flinn and his wife Sara; five grandchildren Danny, Thomas, Johnny, William and Oliver along with nieces and nephews: Holly

Flinn, Heidi McCabe (Tim), Victoria (Brian) McCurdy and Nick Flinn and their families, best friend Bob Caldwell and his family and honorary son Morgan Clark. Per his wishes, no formal services will be held but a celebration of his life at The Varsity Club will be announced at a later date. One last Bill Flinn party.

Published in The Columbus Dispatch on June 11, 2018

For more information, click here: <http://www.ruralsociology.org/obituary-for-bill-flinn>

## DISSERTATION AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

RSS is pleased to announce two of our 2018 Dissertation Award Winners

Laura Bray, North Carolina State University - *Dividing the San Juan: Water Inequality in the Southwest*

Shannon Westlake, Mississippi State University - *Attributes Affecting the Adoption of Pollinator Conservation Practices*

Awards will be made at the 81th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, July 26-29, 2018 in Portland, Oregon.



### Laura Bray

Laura's dissertation research examines the formation of water inequality in the southwestern US. Despite legal and historical claims to a large portion of water resources in the West, indigenous communities face significant challenges related to water quality and infrastructure. These conditions stand in stark contrast to the

urban and rural places frequently lead to claims of injustice from rural communities, yet few environmental justice scholars have explored the rural dimension of environmental inequality. This study seeks to gain a deeper understanding of how race and rurality intersect in the production of environmental injustice through a historical case study of two closely related water projects – one for rural development on indigenous lands and the other supporting urban growth. Congress authorized the Navajo Indian Irrigation project and San Juan-Chama project together in 1962 to divide the waters of the San Juan River between the Navajo Nation and the state of New Mexico. Although approved together, the two projects diverged sharply in their construction progress and funding. New Mexico's project was finished ahead of schedule in 1973, and the San Juan River now provides up to 90% of Albuquerque's drinking water. The Navajo project, by contrast, remains unfinished today and suffers from perpetual underfunding and deteriorating infrastructure. Examining the practices, discourses, and logics used to divide the river can provide a deeper understanding of the relationship between race, space, and environment within rural contexts.



### **Shannon Westlake**

Pollinator species are vital components of numerous ecosystems, providing the service of pollination. Insect pollinators provide immense benefits through the reproduction of food crop species, accounting for 35% of global food production, and for biodiversity, by pollinating roughly 90% of the world's flowering plants as well as being an integral part of the food chain. Despite their impact, native pollinator species face population declines resulting from habitat loss, increased pesticide use, and climate change. Over the past few years, pollinator conservation has become a topic of great interest and research among people around the world, leading to the development of best management practices (BMPs) and creation of funding opportunities in several countries, including the United States (e.g., CP-42 practice in the Conservation Reserve Program, funded by the Farm Bill). Although federal agencies and non-governmental organizations have joined forces to increase awareness and applicability of programs to private landowners, there is still a gap in BMP implementation. The purpose of this research project is to study various

The production-dominated state of Mississippi is a novel region to approach a human dimension study of pollinator BMP adoption among private landowners because little is known about landowners in the Southeast, compared to primary research regions, such as the Midwest. In Mississippi, over 90% of the land is privately-owned, with large sections in timber and agricultural production. This variety of land use emphasizes the insufficiency of approaching landowners with a one-size-fits-all management practice. Furthermore, the majority of the population in Mississippi is considered rural; therefore, researching landowner attitudes, knowledge, and connectedness will be vital to understand potential adoption constraints. To better support landowners and promote pollinator BMP adoption, I will research landowner attributes and behaviors using Diffusion of Innovation Theory and the Theory of Planned Behavior to provide a more comprehensive picture of the knowledge and practice gaps. At the conclusion of the study, I expect to determine various adopter typologies that will assist in developing recommendations for improved BMP promotion strategies better suited for different types of landowners.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Michigan State University - Fixed-Term Assistant Professors in Sociology

The Department of Sociology at Michigan State University invites applications for three 9-month Assistant Professor positions for Academic Year 2018-2019, with potential for a multi-year contract, beginning on August 16, 2018. Successful candidates will teach undergraduate courses in a variety of areas.

#### **Position # 1**

Fall 2018: Introduction to Environmental Sociology; Climate Change & Society; People & the Environment

Spring 2019: Introduction to Environmental Sociology; Science, Technology, & Society

#### **Position #2**

Fall 2018: Social Inequality; Political Sociology; Sociology & the Individual

Spring 2019: Introduction to Sociology; Society & the Individual

#### **Position #3**

Fall 2018: Social Research Methods; Sociological Theory

Spring 2019: Quantitative Analysis for Social Research; Sociological Theory

Please indicate in your cover letter which position(s) you are applying for.

#### **Required Qualifications**

### **Desired Qualifications**

Experience in teaching writing-intensive, discussion-based courses using innovative, experimental teaching techniques is encouraged.

These positions are listed on the MSU Applicant Page (<http://careers.msu.edu>) as posting #514762. Applications must be submitted to the MSU Applicant Page and should include a cover letter specifying which position for which you are applying, a CV, and a teaching portfolio. Letters of recommendation are not required with the initial application, but applicants may be asked to provide up to three letters of recommendation after initial screening.

For more information, [see the full position announcement](#).

### **University of Kentucky - Assistant/Associate Extension Professor position**

The Department of Community and Leadership Development in the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment at the University of Kentucky seeks applicants for a 12-month, tenure track Extension Title Series, Assistant/Associate Extension Professor position. The anticipated start date is January 2019.

The successful candidate will be expected to establish high impact, research-based Extension programs that respond to issues facing communities and groups across Kentucky, and contribute to the Department's instructional programs.

**Qualifications:** An earned doctorate in community development, **rural sociology**, sociology, anthropology, education, community psychology, political science or other related social science disciplines.

**The deadline for application is August 20, 2018** or until a suitable candidate is found. Interested candidates should submit an application, letter of interest, curriculum vita, a writing sample, and contact information for at least three letters of reference to UK's Integrated Employment System: <http://www.uky.edu/hr/employment/working-uk/ies-resources-for-applicants>.

(Direct link: <https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/190700>).

Questions may be addressed to Dr. Ronald Hustedde, Search Committee Chair, Dept. of Community and Leadership Development. 500 Garrigus Bldg. University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0215; phone: 859-257 - 3186; e-mail: [rhusted@uky.edu](mailto:rhusted@uky.edu).

For more information, [see the full position announcement](#).

### **Assistant Professor or Associate Professor of Sociology of the Environment and Natural Resources at Utah State University**

#### **Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology**

The Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology at Utah State University (USU) invites applications for a nine-month tenure-track position in Sociology at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor. The appointment is expected to begin in August 2019.

Position: We seek a candidate with strong theoretical and empirical skills whose research and teaching interests and expertise focus on the sociology of the environment and natural resources.

The incumbent candidate will address environment and natural resource issues in ways that will complement current faculty expertise in our Environment & Community specialization area, and also contribute to at least one of our other areas of specialization (Social Inequality & Demography). The incumbent candidate will be expected to teach either undergraduate social theory and/or social statistics as well as undergraduate and graduate courses linked to their areas of expertise and to departmental needs.

For more information, [see the full position announcement](#).

## Assistant Professor, Community and Economic Development, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University

### About Western Illinois University:

Western Illinois University, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, serves nearly 10,000 students at its traditional, residential four-year campus in Macomb, IL and its metropolitan, non-residential campus in Moline, IL. Compliance to state and federal hiring standards is coordinated through WIU's Office of Equal Opportunity & Access.

Western Illinois University is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity employer with a strong commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including, but not limited to, minorities, veterans, women and individuals with disabilities. WIU has a non-discrimination policy that includes discrimination based on an individual's membership in the following classes: sex, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, genetic information, veteran status, and any other classes protected by state or federal law.

**APPOINTMENT:** August 16, 2018, or as soon as possible after that date. This is a tenure-track, nine-month position.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** As a tenure-track faculty member in the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA), the selected candidate will be expected to: 1) establish a substantive research program in applied community and economic development with applications to rural areas of Illinois, the Midwest, and North America. The research program is expected to inform the Institute's outreach activities with an emphasis on sustainable local economies, rural development policy, community quality of life, community planning and design, and rural environmental sustainability, among other issues. The selected candidate is expected to secure extramural funding to support a robust research program; 2) teach two courses per semester and advise graduate students in a growing M.A. degree in community and economic development; 3) engage in community outreach activities aligned with the faculty member's research and teaching expertise, and; (4) participate in broad-based university and departmental committee work and professional service.

For more information, [see the full position announcement](#).

## Senior Scientist for the Food & Environment Program in the Union of Concerned Scientists at the Washington, DC Office

UCS is a national non-profit advocating for science-based solutions to our world's most challenging problems, including public health and environmental sustainability. Within that mission, the Food and Environment program is working towards our vision of a just, equitable, & sustainable food system, from farm to fork. The Senior Scientist will bridge our team's analytical work in agroecology, health, and economics with our efforts to bring a lens of social justice and racial equity to federal food policy. Join our amazing team of scientists, organizers, and advocates to lead food

### The Position

The Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) is an independent national nonprofit whose scientists and engineers work to solve some of our planet's most pressing environmental and safety problems. UCS combines technical analysis and effective organizing and advocacy to create innovative, practical solutions for stemming the tide of global warming, sustainable food policy and agriculture, energy and transportation, fighting misinformation and reducing the threat of catastrophic nuclear war.

Within UCS, the Food and Environment program is working to achieve our vision of a just, equitable, & sustainable food system, from farm to fork. The Senior Scientist will bridge our team's analytical work in agroecology, health, and economics with our efforts to bring a lens of social justice and racial equity to federal food policy. Join our amazing team of scientists, organizers, and advocates to lead food system research at the intersection of natural and social science.

For more information, click this link: <https://www.ucsusa.org/about/jobs-ucs#seniorscientist>

### Assistant Professor & Extension Housing/Community Development Specialist

The Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics at the University of Georgia invites applications for the tenure-track Extension Specialist of Assistant Professor rank in Housing and Community Development.

**Position:** Assistant Professor & Extension Housing/Community Development Specialist (nine month, academic appointment, tenure track, 75% public service and outreach, 25% teaching).

**Start date:** October 1, 2018 or as negotiated.

**Qualifications:** Candidates must have a doctorate degree in housing, community development, urban/regional planning, public administration, public policy, nonprofit management, economics, sociology or a closely-related discipline, or be ABD with a terminal degree transcript on file no later than nine months from appointment date.

**Preferred Qualifications:** Minimum of 1 year experience in housing or community development and a record of fostering relationships with local government leaders, industry organizations and associations, housing experts and consultants is preferred.

**Responsibilities:** The applicant must understand and embrace the land grant mission of public service and outreach, including serving the needs of underrepresented and/or economically disadvantaged individuals and communities. The successful applicant must be an effective communicator, both orally and written and with diverse audiences, and must work successfully, both independently and within a team. All applicants must have a commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education. Candidates must demonstrate promise of moving toward excellence in service to Georgia citizens and their families, student instruction, scholarly activities, professional development activities, professional leadership, and/or service to the profession.

For more information, click this link: <https://facultyjobs.uga.edu/postings/3772>

### Special Issue in Engaged Scholarship for Resilient Communities

The journal Social Sciences (ISSN 2076-0760; index by \*Scopus\*) is currently running a Special Issue entitled "Engaged Scholarship for Resilient Communities".

Local and community-scale practices show potential for addressing critical social and environmental problems, particularly in the absence of effective state or federal policy and programs. Partnerships between community organizations, policy-makers, and academic groups can both inform community-level solutions and create opportunities for learning and empowerment. For this Special Issue, we seek submissions on the analysis or application of community-engaged research promoting community sustainability...

The submission deadline is **November 1, 2018**. You may send your manuscript now or up until the deadline. Submitted papers should not be under consideration for publication elsewhere. We also encourage authors to send a short abstract or tentative title to the Guest Editors, Prof. Richelle Winkler ([rwinkler@mtu.edu](mailto:rwinkler@mtu.edu)) and Prof. Angie Carter ([ancarter@mtu.edu](mailto:ancarter@mtu.edu)) or the Editorial Office in the email ([socsci@mdpi.com](mailto:socsci@mdpi.com)) in advance. For more information, see [http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=343:special-issue-in-engaged-scholarship-for-resilient-communities--call-for-papers&catid=23:call-for-papers&Itemid=134](http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=343:special-issue-in-engaged-scholarship-for-resilient-communities--call-for-papers&catid=23:call-for-papers&Itemid=134)

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