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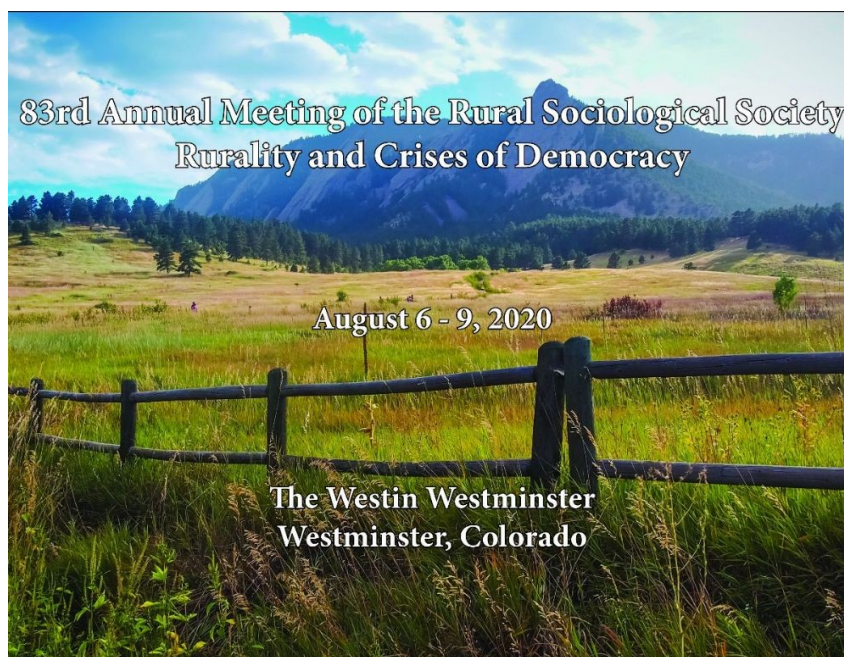
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## Announcements

### The RSS 2020 Election will be held in April 2020.

You will receive a link to the ballot by April 1.

The ballot will be open for 30 days.

Please watch for the election announcement with a link to your ballot.

### Denton E. Morrison Obituary

We are very sadden to relay the news that Denton E. Morrison passed away on December 12th at the age of 87 of natural causes.

Dr. Morrison had a long accomplished career including work with University of California, Berkeley, Michigan State University Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Committee on Nuclear and Alternative Energy Sources (CONAES), and was the Principal Investigator of a National Science Foundation. Dr. Morrison also enjoyed self-publishing poetry, poetic stories, a memoir, and humor while in retirement in Florida.

To view the full obituary, [click here](#).

## RSS Call for Papers, Posters, & 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 17, 2020, 11:59 PM CST**

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After the 2016 US 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>

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

### **2020 Call for Special Papers and Sessions Feminist Structured Sessions Gender and Sexualities RIG, Rural Sociological Society**

Extended deadline: **Monday, February 17, 2020, at 11:59 pm (CST)**

The Gender and Sexualities Research Interest Group (RIG) is seeking papers and session proposals that promote feminist approaches to rural topics and issues. We are looking for panels or papers that promote critical and self-reflective dialogue, uplift under-privileged or under-represented voices, analyze systems of power, support activism and change, and challenge "expert" knowledges. We are particularly interested in panels or presentations that may do this in original and inclusive ways, that encourage participation, collaboration, and creativity, either with the audience or among panelists.

While we are looking for thoughtful and innovative ideas, some proposals may include:

- Co-presenting research with a community member; Presenting work from a community member collaborator if they are not able to travel and attend
- Creating panels that include different aspects of gender identity, including historians, poets, artists, musicians, etc.
- Identifying alternative ways to present your research: video, music, etc.
- Facilitating discussions around a certain topic in the form of "consciousness raising"

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### **Call for Submissions: RSS Awards**

**Deadline: February 28, 2020**

The RSS Awards Committee is seeking submissions for the following awards:

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- Distinguished Service to Rural Life
- Distinguished Rural Sociologist
- Excellence in Research
- Excellence in Instruction
- Excellence in Extension and Public Outreach
- Certificate of Appreciation
- The Fred Buttel Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award 2020 (Book)
- The Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award

When nominating someone for any award, nominators should consider whether the candidate meets the standards outlined by the RSS Code of Ethics. RSS award winners are expected to meet these standards: <https://www.ruralsociology.org/rss-ethics>.

Detail description and criteria for all awards can be found at: <http://www.ruralsociology.org/directions---nominations-for-rss-awards>

Nomination packets should include a cover letter from the principal nominator outlining the major contributions of the nominee, a biographic sketch of the candidate/organization, brief materials (e.g., brochure, report, etc.) describing the project or program if nominee is an organization or collective, and two to four letters of support.

Nomination packets should be submitted by February 28, 2020 to Gretchen Thompson, via email as.pdf application packets to: [gthompson@fhi360.org](mailto:gthompson@fhi360.org).

## **Graduate Student and Needs-Based Travel Award**

### **2020 Graduate Student and Needs-Based Travel Award**

**Deadline: February 17, 2020, 11:59 EST**

The Rural Sociological Society (RSS) and the Membership Committee are pleased to announce that travel awards are available to support the attendance and participation of graduate students and rural scholars with limited travel funds at the annual conference to be held in Westminster, Colorado. These awards will be given on a competitive basis and are meant to assist students and others in defraying costs associated with attending the RSS meeting. Awardees will be reimbursed at the annual meeting in Westminster.

We anticipate granting awards at the minimum amount of \$100 per recipient or at a maximum amount of \$300; however, the amount of funds and the number of awards may fluctuate depending on the number of applications and the need described therein.

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

## **Diversity Travel Award**

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The Rural Sociological Society (RSS) and the Committee on Diversity are pleased to announce that travel awards are available to support the attendance and participation of minority participants at the annual conference to be held in Westminster, Colorado. These awards will be awarded on a competitive basis and are meant to assist participants in defraying costs associated with attending the RSS meeting.

We anticipate granting awards at the minimum amount of \$500 per recipient or at a maximum amount of \$750; however, the amount of funds and the number of awards may fluctuate depending on the number of applications and the need described therein.

### **Eligibility and Application Requirements**

#### **To be eligible for the award, an applicant must be:**

- An active participant of the meeting by presenting a paper, participating on a panel, or presenting a poster on research. We encourage applications from academics and non-academics.

#### **In addition, for students:**

- A student pursuing a degree relevant to rural studies in an academic institution.
  - A student member of the Rural Sociological Society at the time of receiving the award.

#### **To apply, an applicant must submit:**

- A completed Travel Award Application (see below)

Completed applications should be submitted via e-mail to Ian Carrillo, [icarrillo@ucsb.edu](mailto:icarrillo@ucsb.edu) not later than **Monday, February 17, 2020, 11:59 pm (EST)**.

The Diversity Committee will make selections and announce decisions by March 31, 2020. No part of the application may be submitted by fax and only applications from individuals on their own behalf will be accepted.

## **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

- 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



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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 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](mailto: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

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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 (Cat Edgeley at [catrin.edgeley@nau.edu](mailto:catrin.edgeley@nau.edu)) 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 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 (Cat Edgeley at [catrin.edgeley@nau.edu](mailto:catrin.edgeley@nau.edu)) by **May 4** of the year of application; and (3) if co-authored, provide a statement detailing the relative contributions of each co-author.



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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 NRRIG 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.

**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, Cat Edgeley ([catrin.edgeley@nau.edu](mailto:catrin.edgeley@nau.edu)) 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.

**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:

- 1) the paper focuses on an agrifood topic,
- 2) the paper is authored by a student or group of students (no faculty co-authors),

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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](mailto: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?

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

## Additional Announcements

### Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation January E-Newsletter

CRRF is an organization comprised of members from across Canada, with diverse international links, representing rural leaders, rural organizations, development practitioners, government policy makers, researchers, students, and other stakeholders interested in the future of rural Canada. CRRF explores a diversity of issues, including rural health and social provision, local and regional economies, local government and community governance, education, organization development, environmental management and stewardship, and many others facets of life and livelihood in rural Canada. Each year

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CRRF hosts a national conference to share lessons learned, research findings, and discuss key rural issues. In addition to the national conference, CRRF hosts and participates in workshops, forums, and symposia to advance rural issues in Canada.

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

### **NSF Research Traineeship (NRT) Climate Resilience Program**

Auburn University seeks M.S. and Ph.D. students to apply for the newly funded \$3M NSF Research Traineeship (NRT) Climate Resilience Program.

Domestic/permanent resident graduate students applying to Auburn can apply for up to two years of project support (\$34,500 stipend/yr and tuition/fees paid). Additionally, international students and students already supported by the university can apply as non-funded Trainees still benefiting from the innovative interdisciplinary project. We seek excellent students that want to help make the SEUS more resilient to climate change related hazards through conducting interdisciplinary research working with and communicating to both stakeholders and the public. Programs associated with the NRT include the Departments of Geosciences, Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences, Rural Sociology, the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, Biosystems Engineering, and the Earth System Science Ph.D. Program.

Please go to <https://aub.ie/NRT> to learn more about the project and to apply. Applications are due on March 15, 2020. Students must be accepted to an Auburn University M.S. or Ph.D. program and the graduate school to be qualified as an NRT Trainee.

Please contact the project PI, Dr. Karen McNeal, [Karen.mcneal@auburn.edu](mailto:Karen.mcneal@auburn.edu) with any questions. (also [http://www.auburn.edu/cosam/climate\\_resilience/index.htm](http://www.auburn.edu/cosam/climate_resilience/index.htm))

### **Society and Natural Resources Book Series News**

The International Association for Society and Natural Resources is pleased to announce that Social Ecology Press has been renamed as the Society and Natural Resources Book Series and Press. We are excited about this new opportunity to highlight great books in society and natural resources!

IASNR has distribution and co-publishing agreements with the University Press of Colorado/Utah State University Press. The editorial board works closely with UPC/USUP to market our existing library and to promote the cultivation of new books in the broad area of society and natural resources. Available books can be seen and purchased by going to the series web page: <https://www4.iasnr.org/society-natural-resources-book-series-university-press-of-colorado/>.

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

### **Agriculture and Food Research Initiative Foundational and Applied Science**



The AFRI Foundational and Applied Science (FAS) Request for Applications (RFA) supports grants in six AFRI priority areas to advance knowledge in both fundamental and applied sciences important to agriculture. The six priority areas are: Plant Health and Production and Plant Products; Animal Health

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and Production and Animal Products; Food Safety, Nutrition, and Health; Bioenergy; Natural Resources, and Environment; Agriculture Systems and Technology; and Agriculture Economics and Rural Communities. Research, Extension and Integrated Research, Education and/or Extension projects are solicited in this FY 2020 RFA. Project types and deadlines vary by program area priority. The RFA also includes eight specific priorities for co-funding with the American Pulse Association, Colorado Potato Administrative Committee, The Cotton Board, Kansas Wheat Commission, The National Honey Board, and USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council. Read the full [FAS request for applications](#).

### **Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program (WAMS)**



WAMS supports research, education/teaching, and extension projects that increase participation by women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. This program addresses educational needs within broadly defined areas of food, agriculture, natural resources, and human (FANH) sciences. Applications recommended for funding must highlight and emphasize the development of a competent and qualified workforce in the FAHN sciences. WAMS-funded projects improve the economic health and viability of rural communities by developing research and extension initiatives that focus on new and emerging employment opportunities in STEM occupations. Read the full [WAMS funding opportunity](#).

## **Additional Call for Papers**

### **[ASFS] Call for Papers Agri Food Markets**

#### **Agri-Food Markets towards Sustainable Patterns: Trends, Drivers and Challenges**

The range of suitable contributions for this special issue is wide: case studies, experiments and other forms of empirical evidence, as well as application of theoretical concepts. More specifically, we welcome manuscripts that help to outline sustainable horizons of the future agri-food market, dealing with:

- “green” changes in consumer demand
- sustainability and innovation along the agri-food chains (ecopreneurship; vertical integration and horizontal alliances; farming associationism)
- efficiency and inclusiveness of sustainable agri-food systems (agri-ecology and organic farming; small producers; safeguard of the natural and cultural heritage; relationship between food, gastronomy and territory; neolocalism; alternative agri food networks)
- interaction between the agri-food market and agrienvironmental policies
- market regulation instruments (public policies and national and international governance; impact of specific free trade agreements and trade tariffs; food sovereignty and sovereignty)
- tools to prevent risks which may jeopardise agrifood markets.

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**UKCPR Announces Second Round RFP for Research on Senior Food Hardships**

The University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research (UKCPR), with underwriting from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, announces a second round competition for research contracts that expand understanding of, and the attendant policy implications for, food-related hardships among older persons in the United States. For purposes of this RFP, older persons are defined as those ages 60 and older.

We seek research proposals from qualified individuals and institutions to provide rigorous research in one of three topical domains: 1) Describing households with food insecure seniors, including, but not limited to, factors such as functional status and ability to live independently, access to transportation, mental function, spousal health status, and social network and family connections; 2) Understanding factors underlying participation and re-certification in food assistance and other safety net programs; and 3) Evaluating the causal impact of food and non-food assistance programs on health and nutrition outcomes, as well as related outcomes such as consumption trade-offs. Total anticipated funding under this mechanism is \$1.2 million of four large subcontracts at \$250,000 each and four small subcontracts at \$50,000 each.

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

## Employment Opportunities

### Assistant Professor in Native American Studies and The Environment

**The Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management (ESPM)** and the **Department of Ethnic Studies** at the University of California, Berkeley invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor faculty position in the area of Native American Studies and the Environment with an expected start date of July 1, 2020.

The relationship between Native Americans and environment has important political, historical, human welfare, environmental justice, and ecological dimensions. We seek applications from scholars who foreground indigeneity in their environmental research and whose work seeks to advance understanding of and solutions to environmental challenges such as: climate change, natural resources and environmental management, water and land access and governance, food security and food sovereignty, and/or public health at local, national and/or international scales.

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## 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](mailto:sssp@utk.edu) or visit [https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/783/2020\\_Annual\\_Meeting/](https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/783/2020_Annual_Meeting/).

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

The 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

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.

### **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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