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**81st Annual Meeting  
of the  
Rural Sociological Society**

**Science in Society, Society in Science:  
Toward a 21st Century Model for  
Social Scientific Research**

**July 26 - July 29, 2018  
Portland, Oregon**



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## 2018 RSS ANNUAL MEETING CALL FOR PAPERS, POSTERS, AND ORGANIZED SESSIONS

2018 Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society  
Portland, Oregon July 26-29, 2018

**MEETING THEME: Science in Society, Society in Science –  
Toward a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Model for Social Scientific Research**

Growing public skepticism about the value of science and expert knowledge has been a defining characteristic of the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. Critiques of science come from many sources – populist anti-elite social movements, academic studies of conventional scientific methods and institutions, and advocates for a more participatory approach to knowledge production. As the distinction between 'facts' and 'values' has become blurred, the evidence-base that informs current policy becomes increasingly contested territory. Notably, social scientists have long relied on evidence and scientific research to challenge popular misunderstandings of social problems like poverty, crime, racism, and sexism. At the same time, they have been at the forefront of critiques of the mainstream scientific enterprise and helped pioneer new approaches to research and engagement.

Professional social science societies (like RSS) have an obligation to support those who are studying and developing effective responses to the challenges faced by rural people and places in a globalized world. New models for scientific research will be increasingly important if our efforts are to inform public discourse and shape the development of effective public policies. To do this, we need to reconcile tensions between the desire to retain the power and insights of rigorous scientific methods, and our awareness of the societal biases associated with conventional scientific institutions. **At the 2018 Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, we particularly encourage attendees to present work that explores this vexing and enduring issue, and to provide examples of innovative approaches to applied scientific research on rural topics.**

Over the last 80 years, the annual meetings of the RSS have been a venue for the exchange of ideas and information about a wide range of rural issues. Our attendees include faculty and students from

presentations of research and engagement focused rural people, places and themes from a wide range of disciplinary perspectives.

**Abstracts:** Abstracts should be approximately 350-500 words and briefly outline the purpose and theoretical framing of the paper, poster, program, or organized session. Where appropriate, include information about methods, data, and preliminary findings. The deadline for submitting papers, posters and sessions is **Thursday, February 1, 2018, 11:59 pm (EST)**.

The abstract deadline is **Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 11:59 pm (EST)**. To submit an abstract, use this link <http://www.ruralsociology.org/annual-meeting-call-for-paper>. See the **Annual Meeting** page of the **RSS website** [www.ruralsociology.org](http://www.ruralsociology.org) for more information. Contact Kate MacTavish, Program Chair [RSSAnnualMeeting@gmail.com](mailto:RSSAnnualMeeting@gmail.com) or the RSS Business Office [rssiira@wiu.edu](mailto:rssiira@wiu.edu) with any questions or ideas for special events you have for the 2018 meeting.

## RSS NOMINATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

### NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH **JANUARY 19, 2018**

The Rural Sociological Society (RSS) is currently seeking nominations for leadership positions that will begin in 2018. Positions are open to all RSS members. Self-nominations are encouraged.

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.

Nominations are sought for the positions below. Responsibilities associated with the position will begin at the 2018 annual meeting.

1. **President-elect:** serves for three years as President-elect, President and Past President (voting member of Council each year)
2. **Vice President:** serves for one year (voting member of Council for that year)
3. **Council Member (3 positions):** serves for two years (voting member of Council each year, appointed as chair-elect of one RSS standing committee in the first year, serves as chair in the second year). Council members represent land-grant institutions of higher education, non-land grant institutions of higher education, and non-academic institutions.
4. **Student Representative to Council:** serves for two years (voting member of Council each year)
5. **Chair-elect of the Nominations Committee:** serves for two years, as Chair-elect and then chair (not a voting member of Council)
6. **Nominations Committee Member:** serves for one year (not a voting member of Council).
7. **Ethics Committee Member:** serves for three years (not a voting member of Council).

Nominations may be submitted through the RSS Nominations Form:

[https://syracuseuniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8CY1ijEWdSpi8Nn](https://syracuseuniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8CY1ijEWdSpi8Nn)

For questions or further information, please contact Shannon Monnat, Nominations Committee Chair, directly at [smmonnat@maxwell.syr.edu](mailto:smmonnat@maxwell.syr.edu).

## 2018 RURAL SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY AWARDS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

*Deadline: February 16, 2018*

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

- 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 2018 (Book)
- The Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award

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

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 16, 2018 to Jennifer Sherman, Department of Sociology, PO Box 644020, Pullman, WA 99164-4020. Email submissions of compiled .pdf application packets are encouraged: [jennifer\\_sherman@wsu.edu](mailto:jennifer_sherman@wsu.edu).

## 2018 MASTER'S, PhD, AND EARLY CAREER RESEARCH AWARD COMPETITION

### Master's, PhD and Early Career Research Award Competition

This year the RSS Council has authorized the use of Endowment funds to support Master's theses, Ph.D. dissertations, and Early Career Research awards to support research activities conducted during the 2017-2018 fiscal/academic year. Proposals are invited to conduct research on all topics

Sociological Society. Award winners are strongly encouraged to submit papers based on their research to future RSS Annual Meetings. The RSS Endowment Committee will oversee the awards process.

### **The RSS Master's Thesis and Dissertation Research Award Competition**

Graduate student members of the Rural Sociological Society are eligible to apply for master's thesis and Ph.D. dissertation research awards. Dissertation awards can be made for up to \$5,000. Master's thesis awards can be made for up to \$2,500. Proposals approved for funding may receive budget allocations below the requested amounts, based on availability of funds and recommendations of the Endowment Committee.

### **The RSS Early Careers Research Awards Competition**

Members of the Rural Sociological Society who received their Ph.D. on or after January 1, 2013 are eligible to apply for RSS Early Career Research awards. Because the size of these awards is modest, proposals will generally involve small-scale projects that will enhance opportunities for scholars to pursue expanded research efforts in the future. The Early Career Research awards have previously been made for up to \$5,000.

### **Submission Guidelines for Awards Competitions**

The deadline for submission of proposals and required supporting materials is February 16, 2018. Proposals received after that date will not be reviewed or considered for funding. All proposals must be submitted electronically compiled into a single Adobe Acrobat .pdf format to Jennifer Sherman ([jennifer\\_sherman@wsu.edu](mailto:jennifer_sherman@wsu.edu)), chair of the Awards and Endowment Committee. Nominees who are unable to meet these submission requirements and/or who cannot save their files in .pdf format should contact Jennifer at (509)335-4163 or at the email listed above at least two weeks in advance of the due date so that alternative arrangements for submission can be made.

**Submission Deadline: February 16, 2018**

**Notification Date: May 2018**

**Award Date: August 2018 or by special arrangement**

## **2018 DIVERSITY TRAVEL AWARD**

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 Portland, Oregon. These awards will be awarded on a competitive basis and are meant to assist participants in defraying costs associated with attending the RSS meeting.

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 both academics and nonacademics.

#### **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 Loka Ashwood ([l1a0008@auburn.edu](mailto:l1a0008@auburn.edu)) not later than **Thursday, February 15, 2018, 11:59 pm (EST)**.

The Diversity Committee will make selections and announce decisions by March 31, 2018. No part of the application may be submitted by fax and only applications from individuals on their own behalf will be accepted.

To download an application, click this link:

<https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/Diversity%20Travel%20Award%20Application-2018.docx>

## **2018 STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD**

### **2018 Graduate Student and Needs-Based Travel Award**

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 Portland, Oregon. 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 Portland.

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.

### **Eligibility and Application Requirements**

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

- A student pursuing a degree relevant to rural studies in an academic institution OR able to demonstrate a lack of funds to attend the annual meeting.
- A member the Rural Sociological Society at the time of receiving the award.

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

- A completed Travel Award Application (see below)
- If student, a letter of support or recommendation from a faculty member or department chair. If non-student, a letter of support which also documents need from a current boss/department chair or former advisor (e.g., for those seeking employment). Please have these emailed directly to Dr. Schad by the letter writer.

Completed applications should be submitted via e-mail to Jessica Ulrich-Schad

([jessica.schad@sdstate.edu](mailto:jessica.schad@sdstate.edu)) no later than **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 11:59 p.m. (EST)**.

The Membership Committee will make selections and announce decisions by March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

To download an application, click this link:

<https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/2018AnnualMeeting/Graduate%20Student%20and%20Needs-Based%20Travel%20Award%20Application-2018.docx>.

## RSS COMMUNITY, FAMILY, AND HEALTH RIG PAPER COMPETITIONS

### Ralph B. Brown Scholar Paper Competition

**Rural Sociological Society Community, Family, and Health Research Interest Group Ralph B. Brown Scholar Paper Competition Submission Deadline: **Friday, May 4th, 2018****

The Community, Family, and Health Research Interest Group (RIG) is proud to announce the third 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?

#### **Scholar Paper Competition Guidelines:**

Who is eligible: The Ralph B. Brown Scholar Paper Competition is open to faculty and nonacademic researchers who have an advanced degree. Undergraduate and graduate students are not eligible but are encouraged to submit a paper to the Ronald Wimberley student paper competitions.



level of scholarship. The length of the paper should range from 25-35 pages and should include a relevant review of the literature, original analysis or effort to advance community theory, a clear discussion and set of conclusions, and complete references.

**Instructions for Submission:**

To have a paper considered for review, first, submit an abstract to present the paper at the annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Second, submit your manuscript as an attached Word (.doc or .docx) file to Amanda McMillan Lequieu at [ammcmillan@wisc.edu](mailto:ammcmillan@wisc.edu) by May 4th, 2018. 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 Ralph Brown scholar paper competition." When the submissions are received, they will be sent to a panel of judges who will not be made aware of the author's identity. The winner 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 July 1st, 2018.

**Deadline for submissions: Friday, May 4th, 2018**

**Honoraria:** Scholar Paper (\$400): to be used to defray part of the cost of registering for and attending the 2018 RSS Annual Meeting

**Ronald Wimberley Paper Competition**

**Rural Sociological Society Community, Family, and Health Research Interest Group Ronald Wimberley Student Paper Competition Submission Deadline: Friday, May 4th, 2018**

The Community, Family, and Health Research Interest Group (RIG) is proud to announce the fifth 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 Paper Competition:** Papers submitted for the graduate student paper 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 the 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.

**Instructions for Submission:** To have a paper considered for review for either award, first, submit an



[ammcmillan@wisc.edu](mailto:ammcmillan@wisc.edu) by May 4th, 2018. 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 either "submission for graduate student paper competition" or "submission for undergraduate student paper competition." When the submissions are received, they will be sent to a panel of judges who will not be made aware of the author's identity. 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 July 1st, 2018.

**Deadline for submissions: Friday, May 4th, 2018**

**Honoraria:** Graduate Paper (\$250); Undergraduate Paper (\$200): to be used to defray part of the cost of registering for and attending the 2018 RSS Annual Meeting

## RSS TEACHING AND CURRICULUM RIG PAPER COMPETITION

**Submission Deadline: Friday, May 4th, 2018**

The Teaching and Curriculum Research Interest Group (RIG) is proud to announce the second annual paper competition designed to encourage and support research on teaching and curriculum in the rural social sciences. The call for papers is open to a wide range of topics related to teaching styles, pedagogy, assessment, classroom engagement, and can range from experimental studies of teaching and learning to essays on pedagogically important issues.

### **Paper Competition Guidelines:**

Who is eligible: The paper competition is open to faculty of all levels and to graduate students who have experience teaching their own courses or discussion sections.

Papers submitted for the paper 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 or theoretical contribution, a clear discussion and set of conclusions, complete references, and be written at a professional level.

### **Instructions for Submission:**

To have a paper considered for review for the award, first, submit an abstract to present the paper at the annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society (choose the Teaching and Curriculum RIG as your first choice during submission). Second, submit your manuscript as an attached Word (.doc or .docx) file to Dr. Jessica Crowe at [jessica.crowe@siu.edu](mailto:jessica.crowe@siu.edu) by May 4th, 2018. Please do not submit your paper in pdf format (we will need to edit them to make judging anonymous). In the subject line of the email enter "submission for paper competition". When the submissions are received, they will be sent to a panel of judges who will not be made aware of the author's identity. Winner(s) of the paper competition will be honored at the RIG reception during the RSS annual meeting, where you will receive a certificate and your award honoraria (see below). Winner(s) will be notified via email by July 1, 2018.

Honoraria: (\$250): to be used to defray part of the cost of registering for and attending the 2018 RSS Annual Meeting

## POPULATION RIG GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The Population Research Interest Group (RIG) of the Rural Sociological Society is soliciting submissions for a graduate student paper award in the areas of **rural demography and population studies**. The RIG takes a broad view on acceptable topics as long a rural population characteristics factor prominently in the research.

**Eligibility:** Current graduate students and recent graduates (who receive their degrees no earlier than May 2018) may apply. Coauthored papers are acceptable as long as all of the authors were students at the time the paper was written and submitted. Coauthored papers with individuals possessing their terminal degree prior to May 2018 will not be considered.

**Award:** The recipient will receive a monetary prize of at least \$200 (final budget TBD) to help defray the cost of attending the 2018 RSS Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon (July 26-29, 2018). The recipient will also be recognized at the Population RIG business meeting.

**Submission Guidelines:** Follow two steps: 1) Submit an abstract to present the paper at the annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society (due Friday, February 1, 2018, 11:59 pm EST). 2) Send an electronic copy of the full paper with contact information to the RIG co-chair Tim Slack ([timslack.lsu@gmail.com](mailto:timslack.lsu@gmail.com)) **by Friday, May 4, 2018, 11:59 p.m. EST.**

**Format:** 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 RIG members and receive their award at the RSS Annual Meeting. The winner will be notified via email by June 1, 2018.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST

### **Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies Association (APASA)**

We are delighted to announce the establishment of the Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies Association (APASA), which is currently accepting memberships for 2018. This is a new interdisciplinary association for scholars interested in research about the plain people, including the Amish, Apostolic Christians, Brethren / German Baptists, Hutterites, Russian-origin Mennonites, Swiss-origin Mennonites, and the Bruderhof. APASA will include the following activities and benefits:

- The **website** [www.amishstudies.org](http://www.amishstudies.org) to provide a focal point for our Association *Journal of Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies* (<https://kb.osu.edu/dspace/handle/1811/57691>) to the open access
- **Reduced rate hardcopy subscription**
- Invitation to participate and present at the **annual APASA mini-conference**
- Access to the **annual membership list**
- Subscription to the **APASA listserv**, which provides a regular stream of items of interest
- Ability to **contribute content to the *Journal*** including submissions and book reviews

### New Book Announcements

Peter Leigh Taylor & David A. Sonnenfeld, eds. (2018). *Water Crises and Governance: Reinventing Collaborative Institutions in an Era of Uncertainty*. London and New York: Routledge. ISBN 978-1138299764

Water Crises and Governance critically examines the relationship between water crises and governance in the face of challenges to provide water for growing human demand and environmental needs. Water crises threaten the assumptions and accepted management practices of water users, managers and policymakers. In developed and developing world contexts from North America and Australasia, to Latin America, Africa and China, existing institutions and governance arrangements have unintentionally provoked water crises while shaping diverse, often innovative responses to management dilemmas. This volume brings together original field-based studies by social scientists investigating water crises and their implications for governance. To purchase, see <https://www.routledge.com/Water-Crises-and-Governance-Reinventing-Collaborative-Institutions-in/Taylor-Sonnenfeld/p/book/9781138299764>

Alessandro Bonanno and Steven A. Wolf (eds.). 2017. *Resistance to the Neoliberal Agri-Food Regime: A Critical Analysis*. New York: Routledge

This volume explores the contents, forms, and actors that characterize current opposition to the corporate neoliberal agri-food regime. Designed to generate a coherent, informed and updated analysis of resistance in agri-food, empirical and theoretical contributions analyze the relationship between expressions of the neoliberal corporate system and various projects of opposition. For a full description, click [https://www.amazon.com/Resistance-Neoliberal-Agri-Food-Regime-Agriculture/dp/1138723371/ref=sr\\_1\\_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1512718756&sr=1-3&keywords=alessandro+bonanno](https://www.amazon.com/Resistance-Neoliberal-Agri-Food-Regime-Agriculture/dp/1138723371/ref=sr_1_3?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1512718756&sr=1-3&keywords=alessandro+bonanno)

Alessandro Bonanno. 2017. *The Legitimation Crisis of Neoliberalism*. New York Palgrave-Macmillan  
This book proposes a theory of the legitimation crisis of neoliberalism. Through analyses of the legitimation crisis of regulated capitalism and the characteristics and theories of neoliberalism, the author contends that neoliberalism is affected by crises of system and social integration. The crisis of system integration refers to the inability of market mechanisms to address problems of capital accumulation and social stability. The crisis of social integration refers to the unmet promises of economic growth and social well-being. While attempts to address these crises are carried out through state intervention, crisis resolutions are inadequate due to the limits of the free market system and current state forms. For full description, see <http://www.palgrave.com/us/book/9781137592453>.

## STUDENT INTEREST

### PhD Research Assistantship - Natural Resource Sciences (Human Dimensions Specialization) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

The student will be funded as part of a new USDA-NIFA project examining the impact of stakeholder engagement methods on social, economic, and biophysical outcomes for managing water for agriculture. The student will gain experience in human dimensions of natural resources, public participation and engagement, governance, natural resource management, and multiple research methodologies (quantitative and qualitative). The successful applicant will have experience with and/or knowledge of relevant topics, including natural resource management, agricultural conservation practices, water quality and quantity issues, and stakeholder engagement. Interested applicants should send a one page letter describing interests and qualifications and a CV to Dr. Mark Burbach at [mburbach@unl.edu](mailto:mburbach@unl.edu) or 402-472-8210 by **January 31, 2018**.

Interested applicants should also be prepared to apply for admission to the graduate program in Natural Resource Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln by January 31, 2018, although earlier applications are strongly encouraged. For more information about the graduate program, contact Ms. Patty Swanson, Graduate Admissions Coordinator ([pswanson2@unl.edu](mailto:pswanson2@unl.edu)). For more information, see <http://snr.unl.edu/gradstudent/index.asp>. To apply click <http://snr.unl.edu/gradstudent/howtoapply-graduate.asp>

### PhD Research Assistantship to Study Opioid Risks in Non-Metropolitan Communities – Iowa State University

A new PhD research assistantship is available in the Department of Sociology at Iowa State University. This assistantship will be funded as part of a new project identifying and disseminating effective place-based strategies to reduce opioid risks and hazards in rural and micropolitan communities experiencing social disorganization due to economic and farm restructuring. The assistantship will be part of an interdisciplinary team from rural sociology, public health, criminology, and computer science. The student will gain experience in data management and statistical modeling, qualitative interviews and case study analysis, and engagement with stakeholders across the nation.

Interested applicants should apply for admission to the graduate program in either Rural Sociology or Sociology at Iowa State University by **January 31, 2018**. In addition, applicants should send a curriculum vita and cover letter describing their interests and qualifications for the assistantship to Dr. David Peters ([dpeters@iastate.edu](mailto:dpeters@iastate.edu)) by the same deadline. Additional information about the department and graduate program can be found on the Iowa State Sociology website at <http://www.soc.iastate.edu>. For full details, see [http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=305:ph-d--research-assistantship-to-study-opioid-risks-in-non-metropolitan-communities&catid=28:student-interest&Itemid=149](http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=305:ph-d--research-assistantship-to-study-opioid-risks-in-non-metropolitan-communities&catid=28:student-interest&Itemid=149)

PhD Research Assistantship is available in the department of sociology at Iowa State University. The assistantship will be funded as part of a new project examining the social dimensions and governance of foods derived from gene edited crops. Gene edited foods will likely create controversy and pose major governance challenges because of the technology's scientific complexity, existing social controversy toward transgenic biotechnologies, and the ad hoc nature of current biotech regulations. The successful applicant will have the opportunity to be part of an interdisciplinary team at ISU and SUNY-ESF examining these issues and will gain experience in using both qualitative and quantitative methods, and stakeholder and public engagement. Successful applicants will have a background or interest in the Sociology of Food and Agriculture, Political Sociology, Rural Sociology, and/or Sustainable Agriculture.

The position begins in fall, 2018 and the successful student would be eligible for up to three years of funding, a full waiver of tuition expenses, and a package of benefits (including health insurance). The position includes opportunities for professional development, including contributing to peer-reviewed publications and presentations at professional meetings. In addition to the research assistantship, the student will be expected to develop their own related research project to fulfill the requirements of the PhD in Sociology. Students may also choose to combine their PhD degree in Sociology with the interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture <https://susag.iastate.edu/>

Interested applicants should apply for admission to the graduate program in Sociology at Iowa State University by **January 31, 2018**. In addition, applicants should send a cover letter describing their interests and qualifications and a resume to Dr. Carmen Bain ([cbain@iastate.edu](mailto:cbain@iastate.edu)) by the same deadline (January 31, 2018). For more information about the Sociology graduate program at ISU, contact Dr. Susan Stewart, Director of Graduate Studies ([sstewart@iastate.edu](mailto:sstewart@iastate.edu)). Additional information about the Sociology Department can be found at <https://soc.iastate.edu/> and the Graduate Program at: <https://grad.soc.iastate.edu/>

### Request for research project proposals - Improving Education and Reducing Inequality in the United States

The Russell Sage Foundation (RSF) and the William T. Grant Foundation (W.T. Grant) request proposals for research projects that investigate educational opportunity and success in the U.S. by utilizing data on academic achievement from the Stanford Education Data Archive (SEDA). The archive, constructed by Sean Reardon (Stanford University) and colleagues, contains data on the results of over 300 million standardized achievement tests taken by about 40 million public school students from 2009 to 2015. This new data was made public on December 5, 2017. The New York Times mapped these test scores in two interactive charts that demonstrate the effectiveness of school districts nationwide. RSF and W.T. Grant seek research projects that use SEDA data files in combination with other data sources to analyze the effects of different policies, practices, and social conditions on academic achievement gaps, or the effects of these achievement gaps on other social and economic outcomes. We are particularly, though not exclusively, interested in studies aimed at understanding how to reduce educational inequality and other forms of inequality.

The deadline for proposals is **March 1, 2018**, at 2pm ET/11am PT. Eligible applicants include doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows or non-tenured faculty who received their Ph.D. on or after August 31, 2010. We strongly encourage applications from scholars who are underrepresented in the social sciences. For full details, click [http://www.russellsage.org/funding/improving-education-and-reducing-inequality-united-states?utm\\_source=streamsend&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=30056233&utm\\_campaign=TEST%20-%20Two%20New%20Opportunities%20from%20RSF:%20Journal%20Issue,%20Small%20Grants%20Competition](http://www.russellsage.org/funding/improving-education-and-reducing-inequality-united-states?utm_source=streamsend&utm_medium=email&utm_content=30056233&utm_campaign=TEST%20-%20Two%20New%20Opportunities%20from%20RSF:%20Journal%20Issue,%20Small%20Grants%20Competition). Questions should be sent to [seda@rsage.org](mailto:seda@rsage.org).

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Call for Papers - Landscape Education: Research and Practices

Royal Geographical Society Annual International Conference 2018 in Cardiff, August 28-31, 2018. As the concept of landscape is becoming increasingly popularised and democratised (Jorgensen et al., 2015; Egoz et al., forthcoming), it has also gained a renewed role in the educational context, where it can be seen both as a didactic object and a pedagogical instrument. Scholars are engaged in exploring the implications and consequences of educating on, for and through the landscape by using concepts such as 'landscape literacy' (Spirn, 2005; Castiglioni, 2009), 'landscape awareness' (Butler and Åkerskog, 2014) or 'médiation paysagère' (Davodeau and Toulblanc, 2010). Moreover, understanding the physical and social determinants of the landscape and being able to recognise the various perceptions and meanings attached to it are paramount in terms of acting appropriately and responsibly for its sustainable protection, management and planning, as recognised by the European Landscape Convention (Article 6a, 6b). Besides the technical and professional side, it is therefore important to also consider the primary stages of education as well as all the non-formal forms of education addressed to citizens... For the full description, see [http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=309:call-for-papers---landscape-education--research-and-practices&catid=23:call-for-papers&Itemid=134](http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=309:call-for-papers---landscape-education--research-and-practices&catid=23:call-for-papers&Itemid=134)

Please submit proposals (title, an abstract consisting of a maximum of 250 words and author details) to Benedetta Castiglioni ([etta.castiglioni@unipd.it](mailto:etta.castiglioni@unipd.it)) and Margherita Cisani ([margherita.cisani@unipd.it](mailto:margherita.cisani@unipd.it)) by **January 31, 2018**.

### Call for Papers - Landscape and Training: Political and Educational Issues, Tools and Practices

Royal Geographical Society Annual International Conference 2018 in Cardiff, August 28-31, 2018. The landscape is currently being critically examined and its theoretical foundations are being discussed and consolidated. This renewal concerns both aspects of perception and representation (Lowenthal,

political analysis, between bodily engagement and political involvement. These evolutions call for reflection and debate on education and training: how to train on landscape issues and how to use the landscape for training purposes? With what objectives (Castiglioni, Partoune et al., Davodeau et al.)? For a full description, click [http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=308:call-for-papers---landscape-and-training--political-and-educational-issues--tools-and-practices-&catid=23:call-for-papers&Itemid=134](http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=308:call-for-papers---landscape-and-training--political-and-educational-issues--tools-and-practices-&catid=23:call-for-papers&Itemid=134)

Please submit proposals by email (title, abstract of a maximum of 250 words and author details) to Anne Sgard: [anne.sgard@unige.ch](mailto:anne.sgard@unige.ch). Call for papers deadline: **February 5, 2018**.

#### Call for Abstracts - CFP AFHVS/ASFA Annual Meeting

The University of Wisconsin–Madison’s Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems (CIAS) is pleased to host the Joint Annual Meeting of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS) and the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), June 13 to 16, 2018. The conference theme, The Agroecological Prospect: The Politics of Integrating Values, Food, and Farming, is an invitation to engage with the political and governance issues that arise in agricultural and food systems. Learn more about the conference at <https://afhv2018.wiscweb.wisc.edu/>. Giving voice to these issues is fundamental to resolving them, so that we may better function in harmony with natural systems – while ensuring economic viability, food security, and the sovereignty of all people. Abstract deadline has been extended to **February 15, 2018**. Submit abstracts for presentations and posters at [https://easychair.org/cfp/AFHV-ASFS\\_2018](https://easychair.org/cfp/AFHV-ASFS_2018).

#### Call for Abstracts – International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM)

International Association for Society and Natural Resources is happy to announce that abstract submissions for individual papers and posters for presentation at ISSRM 2018 are now being considered! This year’s symposium will be held at the Snowbird Ski and Summer resort in the Wasatch Mountains of northern Utah June 17-21, 2018. This year’s theme is Landscape Legacies and Global Trajectories. Information on the resort and the many on-site summer recreation activities can be accessed at [www.snowbird.com](http://www.snowbird.com). This location will also provide easy access to many major U.S. National Parks and National Monuments – ten National Parks are located within a day’s drive or less! Located just 30 minutes from the Salt Lake City International Airport, Snowbird is an easily-accessible, family-friendly, and stunningly beautiful conference venue! All abstracts must be submitted by no later than **February 15, 2018**, at midnight (Mountain Standard Time). For full details visit [http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=288:call-for-abstracts---international-association-for-society-and-natural-resources&catid=23:call-for-papers&Itemid=134](http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=288:call-for-abstracts---international-association-for-society-and-natural-resources&catid=23:call-for-papers&Itemid=134). For questions, please email Jessica Burk at [info@iasnr.org](mailto:info@iasnr.org).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

#### Assistant Professor, Rural Sociology - The Pennsylvania State University

This is a nine-month, tenure-track Assistant Professor position in rural sociology with a 75% research and 25% teaching responsibility and with the expectation of an affiliation with the Population Research Institute. The successful applicant will be expected to develop a nationally and internationally recognized research program related to the sociology and demography of rural population health and health disparities. For more information, click <http://www.ruralsociology.org/pennsylvania-state-university---assistant-professor--rural-sociology>. Review of applicants will begin on **January 19, 2018**, and remain open until a suitable candidate is identified. The proposed start date is August 15, 2018 or as negotiated. Questions can be directed to Professor Leif Jensen at [lij1@psu.edu](mailto:lij1@psu.edu). To apply click <http://apptrkr.com/1114090>.

#### Associate Professor – South Dakota State University

The Department of Sociology & Rural Studies invites applications for a tenure-track Associate Professor position to begin fall 2018. We are seeking a colleague whose duties will include teaching at the graduate and undergraduate level, maintaining an active, independent research agenda that includes peer-reviewed publications and grant activity, graduate and undergraduate advising, and service to the department and university. The department seeks someone with expertise in public, applied and/or clinical sociology in the areas of Health, Agriculture, Community, Environment, Education, and Organizations. Start Date: August 2018. Follow this link (<https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu/postings/9255/>) to learn more and apply. First consideration date is **January 19, 2018**, but the position will remain open until it is filled.

#### Assistant Professor – University of Vermont

POSITION: We seek a colleague to join the Department of Community Development and Applied Economics (CDAE) in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Vermont, starting at the rank of a tenure-track Assistant Professor. We seek a candidate with a focus on applied economics and ecologically sustainable and socially responsible entrepreneurship and community development, with interests that span across our majors: Community Entrepreneurship, Community and International Development, and Public Communication.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The successful candidate will teach three to four courses per academic year (e.g., applied economics at undergraduate and graduate levels, community development, behavioral economics, consumer economics, resource economics, ecological economics, etc.). Responsibilities also include advising graduate students, and there will be opportunities to teach at the graduate level in our CDAE Master of Science and Master of Public Administration programs.

Apply online at [www.uvmjobs.com](http://www.uvmjobs.com), position number 020277. Please contact Dr. Qingbin Wang, Chair of the Search Committee, at [qwang@uvm.edu](mailto:qwang@uvm.edu) for any questions about this position. Submit cover letter,



**Climate policy work - The Stockholm Environmental Institute (SEI)**

The Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) is pleased to announce that we have been selected by the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) as a host organization for the 2018 Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows Program. This program places recent PhD graduates in the humanities or humanistic social sciences in two-year positions in U.S. government and non-profit organizations. The SEI position will be based in our Seattle office, on our climate mitigation policy team. The fellow will contribute to SEI's work on emerging topics in climate policy, which may include, among others, low-carbon cities, carbon pricing strategies, climate finance, and the climate implications of oil and coal extraction. A full position description can be found at:

[http://www.acls.org/uploadedFiles/Fellowships\\_and\\_Grants/Competitions\\_and\\_Deadlines/2018/Public-Fellows-SEI.pdf](http://www.acls.org/uploadedFiles/Fellowships_and_Grants/Competitions_and_Deadlines/2018/Public-Fellows-SEI.pdf).

The fellowship program is made possible by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Fellows will receive an annual stipend of \$67,500 and health insurance. Fellows must possess US citizenship or permanent resident status, and hold a PhD in the humanities or humanistic social sciences conferred between September 1, 2014 and June 22, 2018. The application deadline is **March 14, 2018** (9pm EDT). For more information visit: <http://www.acls.org/programs/publicfellowscomp/>.

**Dean of the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences (CBSHS) – Clemson University**

Clemson University announces a search for the next Dean of the College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences (CBSHS). The College seeks to continue to develop as a national and international leader in education and research. The Dean will lead and build the college according to the university's recently approved strategic plan, ClemsonForward (<https://www.clemson.edu/forward/>). The Dean will be responsible for fiduciary decisions: manage the budget and other resources; departmental administration: appoint department chairs and college administrators, and periodically review the performance of chairs and administrators in concert with the Provost; personnel: hiring; establish job titles and salaries; make decisions and review policies regarding renewal, tenure, promotion, and dismissal; authorize faculty leave; review faculty annual evaluations; promote departmental mentoring and development opportunities, and support professional development of faculty and staff...

For a full description and to submit applications, please see the Parker Executive Search website (<https://www.parkersearch.com/current-opportunities/clemson-university/dean-college-behavioral-social-and-health-sciences>). Please submit nominations, applications or expressions of interest by **March 16, 2018**. Applications received after this date may be considered at the discretion of the committee and/or hiring authority. For additional information, please contact Porsha L. Williams, Vice President ([pwilliams@parkersearch.com](mailto:pwilliams@parkersearch.com)) and / or Grant Higgison, Associate ([ghiggison@parkersearch.com](mailto:ghiggison@parkersearch.com)).

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