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CORRECTION:

In a recent e-mail message we incorrectly listed Dr. Sunday Omunjimi's institution. He is Senior Lecturer at Federal University Oye-Ekiti, Nigeria not the Federal University, Nigeria.

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**2018 Annual Meeting Call for Papers
EXTENSION – Thursday, February 15, 2018**

**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 21st 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 21st 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 diverse colleges and universities, researchers working in government or nonprofit institutions, and rural activists and practitioners. **In addition to presentations on the meeting theme, we always invite**

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 15, 2018, 11:59 pm (EST)**.

The abstract deadline is **Thursday, February 15, 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 for more information. Contact Kate MacTavish, Program Chair RSSAnnualMeeting@gmail.com or the RSS Business Office rssiira@wiu.edu with any questions or ideas for special events you have for the 2018 meeting.

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.

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

Master's, Ph.D. 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 encompassed by the field of rural sociology. The awards are designed to stimulate research that will help develop the careers of future rural sociologists and support the broader mission of the Rural 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), 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.

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 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) 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.

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 during a paper session presenting a poster on research.
- 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) no later than **February 15th, 2018, 11:59 p.m. (EST)**.

The Membership Committee will make selections and announce decisions by March 29th, 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

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.

Papers submitted for the scholar paper competition will be held to a high standard with respect to the 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 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 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 Lequeiu at 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)

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.

Deadline for submissions: Friday, May 4th, 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 as 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) **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

News You Can Use: Journal Highlights

Featured Essay: Sociology and Journalism: A Comparative Analysis by Herbert J. Gans (Contemporary Sociology, January 2018)

Income Segregation between School Districts and Inequality in Students' Achievement by Ann Owens (Sociology of Education, January 2018)

<http://www.asanet.org/sites/default/files/attach/journals/jan18soefeature.pdf>
<http://www.asanet.org/research-and-publications/journals/sociology-education>

Emancipatory Empiricism: The Rural Sociology of W.E.B. Du Bois by RSS Members Joseph Jakubek and Spencer D. Wood (Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, January 2018)

<http://www.asanet.org/sites/default/files/attach/journals/jan18srefeature.pdf>
<http://www.asanet.org/research-and-publications/journals/sociology-race-and-ethnicity>

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 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

Membership is \$20 per year, with a discounted rate for two years when a hardcopy subscription to JAPAS is included. Information about joining is available on the Amish Studies website:

www.amishstudies.org

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

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

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

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=30056233utm_campaign=TEST%20-%20Two%20New%20Opportunities%20from%20RSF:%20Journal%20Issue,%20Small%20Grants%20Competition. Questions should be sent to seda@rsage.org.

CALL FOR PAPERS

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, Duncan, Ingold), political dimensions (Cosgrove, Mitchell, Neumann) and the epistemological frameworks, inspired by phenomenology, cultural geography or political geography. The landscape in contemporary geography stands in a very critical position between aesthetic, sensory approaches and 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.). Please submit proposals by email (title, abstract of a maximum of 250 words and author details) to Anne Sgard: anne.sgard@unige.ch. Call for papers deadline: **February 5, 2018**. 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.

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.

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. 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. For questions, please email Jessica Burk at info@iasnr.org.

Call for Abstracts - 2018 Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference

The 2018 Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference is all about bringing together practitioners, policy makers, community leaders, and researchers interested in rural issues. This conference is a unique opportunity to share your own successes, learn from a diverse group of individuals, and hear the latest on issues that matter to communities and people who call rural Canada home.

The conference organizing committee is accepting abstracts for oral presentations, panels, capacity building sessions, and posters for the upcoming conference in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan from October 10-12, 2018. This year’s theme is Health and Shared Prosperity. With subthemes including Accessing Health, Feeding Success, Prosperous Labour Forces, Sharing Prosperity, and Eco-Health. For a full description, click http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=312:call-for-abstracts---2018-canadian-rural-revitalization-foundation-conference&catid=23:call-for-papers&Itemid=134.

To submit oral presentations, panels, capacity building sessions, and posters please follow this link: https://uoguelph.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cvgggqP18jaMUex. The deadline for content submission is Monday **April 2, 2018** at 11:59PM.

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.

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) and / or Grant Higgison, Associate (ghiggison@parkersearch.com).

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