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



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

Jill Belsky received her PhD in Rural/Development Sociology from Cornell University in 1991, and has been a faculty member at the University of Montana ever since, initially in the Department of Sociology and later in the Department of Society and Conservation, which she helped to create. Her research and teaching over the decades have focused on the intersections of rural change, livelihoods, farming systems and environmental politics and policies, including governance of community-owned and managed forests. She has worked in Southeast Asia, Belize, Bhutan and western Montana. She directed the Bolle Center for People and Forests (2004-2014) and served as Editor-in-Chief of the journal, *Society & Natural Resources* (2012-

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public land agencies, politicians and residents in the Blackfoot Valley of Montana who have responded to corporate timberland divestment and landscape/community fragmentation through purposeful acquisition, including creating and managing a community conservation area. She will speak specifically about tensions as an "engaged scholar" addressing market-created/privatization problems with market-based/privatization solutions, making necessary negotiations between critical analyses and practical concerns, and the joy of participating in collective action for progressive goals and public goods.

2018 FIELD TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT



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

Queering the Food System in Oregon

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

Water Conservation in the Willamette Valley

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

Labor Issues in Organic Agriculture

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

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

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Dear RSS Members and Friends:

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

To register: https://rss.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_mcform&view=ngforms&id=30687#/.

You can reserve rooms at the Red Lion Hotel on the River:
<https://book.passkey.com/event/15983048/owner/4387/home>.

If you have questions, please contact the business office at 309-298-3518 or rssiira@wiu.edu.

In memory of Peggy J. Cook



PEGGY J. COOK (née Johnston) of Gainesville, VA, formerly of Memphis, TN, Starkville, MS, Alexandria, VA passed away on May 18, 2018 at Capital Care Hospice in Aldie, VA. She was born on July 25, 1936 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. Her parents were the late Arthur Singleton Johnston II and Opal Griffin

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Peggy received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and Sociology from Mississippi State University in 1958. She was a founding member and President of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority as well as a life-long member of the National Rural Sociological Society. She completed her Master's Degree in Sociology in 1968 and earned her Ph.D. in Rural Sociology from The Ohio State University, 1982.

She was employed as a Rural Sociologist, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agricultural, Washington, D.C. for 25 years, retiring in 2001. Her career accomplishments included participating in many service and consulting activities, receiving many honors and awards, and authoring several publications and journal articles.

For more information, click here: www.ruralsociology.org/obituary-for-peggy-j--cook

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

About Western Illinois University:

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

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

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

RESPONSIBILITIES: As a tenure-track faculty member in the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs

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

For more information, click this link: http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=352:assistant-professor--community-and-economic-development--illinois-institute-for-rural-affairs-at-western-illinois-university&catid=25:employment-opportunities&Itemid=137

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

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

The Position

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

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

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

Assistant Professor & Extension Housing/Community Development Specialist

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

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

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

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

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

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

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue in Engaged Scholarship for Resilient Communities

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

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

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

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