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ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRAVEL AND HOTEL INFORMATION

Hyatt Regency Columbus
350 North High St.
Columbus Ohio, United States

To make your reservation, click [here](#).

To view anticipated costs of attendance, click [here](#).

To view information on express bus service from the airport to the hotel, click [here](#).

REQUEST FOR ITEMS FOR SILENT AUCTION

The Awards and Endowment Committee and Diversity Committee will be holding a Silent Auction during the Annual Meeting in Columbus to raise funds for Diversity Travel Awards and Diversity-Related Sessions at the 81st Annual Meeting to be held in Portland, Oregon in 2018. Please notify Aimee Viera avieira@norwich.edu or Emily Wornell emily.wornell@gmail.com if you have an item you would like to donate. Please bring it with you to Columbus.

Sign up for Field Trips

There is still time to sign up for RSS field trips. All field trips are scheduled for Thursday, July 27 for more information click [here](#).

RSS BUSINESS MEETING - FRIDAY, JULY 28th

Please review the proposed RSS Ethics Policy that will be voted on at the 2017

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Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Adoption of the Ethics Policy will require some changes to the RSS, Constitution and By-Laws. Please review the policy, by-laws and

constitutional changes [here](#).

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST

Three funded MA positions - University of Manitoba and University of Regina

We are seeking three highly motivated students who want to complete a Master's and are interested in conducting research on the social and environmental impact of changes in farmland tenure on the Canadian prairies.

This research responds to urgent calls from farmers' organizations, politicians, and academics for more research on changing patterns of farmland ownership, concentration and land tenure in Canada. Having access to and control over farmland deeply affects farmers' economic security and identity, influences patterns of rural development, and is critical for the viability of rural communities. Farmland tenure is increasingly important given that a whole generation of young people is seeking ways to gain access to land to be able to farm; it also determines what kind of agricultural production models are put in place. The research addresses three key questions: How are investors changing the dynamics of farmland ownership? What is the impact of greater land concentration in the prairie region? And, what kinds of land policies are needed to build healthy, just, safe and sustainable food systems? These issues are at the heart of research on changing farmland tenure and food sovereignty in the Canadian prairies where 71.6% of Canada's total agricultural land is located.

The successful applicants will receive a stipend of \$17,500/year for two years plus research expenses to conduct fieldwork in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The research will form the basis of the student's MA thesis. The MA students will be part of a team and have opportunities to interact with other researchers, present in seminars/workshops, and to publish in newspapers/magazines and a peer-reviewed journal. Selection is competitive and will be based on the student's academic performance, area of studies, experience and interest in rural studies and/or agriculture.

Interested applicants should email their queries, including a CV, and a letter of interest explaining their experience in rural development, rural issues, and/or farming to the researchers listed below. Students currently enrolled in a Master's program, or who wish to begin studies in the Fall 2017, Winter 2018 or Fall 2019 are invited to apply.

Applicants wishing to study at the University of Manitoba will be supervised by Dr. Annette Desmarais (Canada Research Chair in Human Rights, Social Justice and Food Sovereignty). Depending on the interests of the students, it may be possible to do the MA in Geography, Sociology or the Natural Resource Institute at the University of Manitoba. Please contact her at Annette.desmarais@umanitoba.ca.

Applicants interested in studying at the University of Regina will be supervised by Dr. André Magnan in the Department of Sociology and Social Studies. The Social Studies program provides an interdisciplinary MA, with a strong grounding in social science methodology and theory. Please contact him at andre.magnan@uregina.ca.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for Proposals for editorship of the journal Population Research and Policy Review

The SDA Publications Committee seeks applications for the position of Co-Editor of Population Research and Policy Review (PRPR) published by Springer. The incoming Co-Editor will begin working with continuing Co-Editor Lynne Cossman in January 2018 and will serve three years as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the 2018-2020 volumes of the journal. Lynne Cossman's term as Co-Editor will conclude in 2018 so the Committee also welcomes applications for the position of Co-Editor beginning in January 2019. Applicants are asked to submit their CV and plans for editing PRPR by **August 1, 2017**. Click [here](#) for more information.

The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)

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The Society for Applied Anthropology (SFAA) invites abstracts (sessions, papers and posters) for the 78th Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA, April 3-7, 2018. The theme of the program is "Sustainable Futures."

The Society is a multi-disciplinary association that focuses on problem definition and resolution. We welcome papers from all disciplines. The deadline for abstract submission is **October 15, 2017**. For additional information on the theme, abstract size/format, and the meeting, please visit our [web page](#). For meeting information, visit www.sfaa.net/annual-meeting/.

Call-for-Proposals: New Book on Midwestern Politics

Scholars, commentators, and political analysts are asked to submit proposals of 500 words or less outlining a proposed chapter for a volume on the history of Midwestern politics since 1945.

Jon Lauck of the University of South Dakota and Catherine McNicol Stock of Connecticut College will serve as volume editors. All proposals should be sent to Jon Lauck at jlauck1941@hotmail.com and to Catherine McNicol Stock at cmsto@conncoll.edu by **September 1, 2017** and include a vita pasted at the end of the proposal (please include the proposal and vita in one document). If a proposal is accepted, the final version of an author's chapter will be due on August 1, 2018. The University Press of Kansas has expressed preliminary interest in the volume. Publication is expected, but not guaranteed, during the summer of election year 2020. Click [here](#) for more information.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant Professor - Colorado State University

Position Summary: This is a new resident-instruction/ on-campus tenure-track faculty position to support the department's teaching, research, and outreach. Workload will be distributed as 50% teaching/advising, 40% research and 10% service/outreach.

The Human Dimensions of Natural Resources Department is a social science unit with expertise in a number of disciplines working to address a diversity of conservation issues around the globe. We are seeking an individual who can complement this expertise through new methodologies, topical focus areas and/or disciplinary training. Specifically, the individual will contribute to understanding about society's capacity to adapt and/or respond to major conservation social science issues and challenges. We are seeking an individual with expertise to address this topic via their respective social science training and perspective.

The successful candidate is expected to establish and maintain an ambitious research program that is strong in its potential for application to conservation issues, and integrates contemporary methods and/or topics. In addition, the successful candidate will value a role in preparing students for conservation work and research, including teaching 3-4 classes annually. Applications will be accepted until **November 17, 2017**. For the full position description, [see attached](#) and the website linked [here](#).

Criminology - Mississippi State University (any rank)

The Department of Sociology invites applications for an Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Professor to begin in Fall 2018. We seek candidates who conduct research in, and are committed to teaching about, Criminology. Preference will be given to candidates whose research and teaching complements our existing areas of concentration and research expertise. Completion of the Ph.D. in Sociology or Criminology by time of hire is required. Active participation in the teaching, research and service responsibilities of the department. Teach introductory, advanced undergraduate and graduate courses. Participate in departmental activities.

All applicants must apply online at www.msujobs.msstate.edu (PARF # 495755) and attach a curriculum vitae and cover letter (which should describe research and teaching interests and any supporting materials that demonstrate research, teaching and/or service achievements).

Materials can also be sent to: Chair, Search Committee, Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology, P.O. Box C, Mississippi State, MS 39762. Three letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Chair of the Search Committee. Review of applications begins October 1, 2017, though applications will be accepted and reviewed until the position is filled. For more information, visit [here](#) and <http://www.sociology.msstate.edu>.

Professor in Environmental Communication - Swedish University of Agricultural Studies

The Department of Urban and Rural Development at SLU offers a strong social science research environment with its foundations in the research subjects environmental communication, rural development, landscape architecture and agrarian history. We are now seeking to recruit a professor and research leader to the Division of Environmental Communication.

Environmental Communication is a subject within which we investigate the communicative aspects of environmental and sustainability issues. Here, communication is considered as co-construction of meaning rather than the transmitting of information. The Division for Environmental

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Communication conducts primarily qualitative social science research concerned with themes such as participation, power, resistance, conflict and learning in decision making, implementation and change processes from a communicative perspective. The research spans over a wide range of contexts such as nature conservation, forestry, food production, climate change, game management, mining and built environment. An important goal is that the research contributes to sustainable development and social change. Applications close on **October 13, 2017**. For more information, click [here](#).

ALFA Endowed Eminent Scholar Chair - Auburn University

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology is seeking candidates at the Full or Associate Professor level for an Eminent Scholar position. The holder of the ALFA Endowed Eminent Scholar Chair will demonstrate excellence in research, teaching and service /outreach. The successful candidate will have received national and international recognition through publications in scholarly journals, success in acquiring external funding, teaching, and stakeholder engagement. Key stakeholders include agricultural producers, industry, non-profit organizations, and organizations involved in the formulation of policies for food and agriculture.

Position: This ALFA Eminent Scholar Chair is a nine-month, teaching and research appointment. The position has a five-year renewable term with tenure in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology. The salary for the ALFA Eminent Scholar is negotiable and competitive based on qualifications. The endowment provides a salary supplement and funds annually to support the incumbent's research program. The starting date is negotiable after closing date. Research/teaching percentages in the appointment are also negotiable.

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