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Rural Peoples in a Volatile World: Disruptive Agents and Adaptive Strategies

July 27-30, 2017
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ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEADLINE TO REMAIN IN PRINT PROGRAM
If you are presenting a paper or poster at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio you must register for the conference by June 10 in order to remain in the print program. Likewise if you have to make any changes to your paper or poster title or list of authors those need to be done by the 10th. The preliminary program is available 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 Vieria 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.

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.

RSS room block expires July 7, 2017. Do not wait until the last minute to make your hotel reservation.

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](http://mailchi.mp/wiu/ebulletin-may-2017-ni6f284lw3).

**RSS BUSINESS MEETING - FRIDAY, JULY 28th**

Please review the proposed RSS Ethics Policy that will be voted on at the 2017 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](http://mailchi.mp/wiu/ebulletin-may-2017-ni6f284lw3).

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**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](http://mailchi.mp/wiu/ebulletin-may-2017-ni6f284lw3) for more information.

**Call for Papers for the Humboldt Journal of Social Relations special issue: The American West after the Timber Wars.**

Academics, students, and practitioners are encouraged to submit papers for a special issue of the Humboldt Journal of Social Relations focused on post-timber war dynamics in the American West. We welcome original research papers as well as commentaries, creative writing, and photo essays. We seek a wide range of perspectives on communities of the American West after the timber wars.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Deadline **Oct. 30th, 2017.** Manuscripts should be in 12 point font, doubled spaced and generally not exceed 8500 words. Commentaries and creative writing should not exceed 3,000 words. See [digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/hjsr/](http://digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/hjsr/) for other manuscript submission details. For more information, please [read](http://mailchi.mp/wiu/ebulletin-may-2017-ni6f284lw3).

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**ALFA Endowed Eminent Scholar Chair**

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
The ALFA Eminent Scholar endowment will provide support for the successful candidate to: 1) continue and extend an outstanding record of scholarly research, 2) teach in the Department’s undergraduate and/or graduate programs; and 3) provide leadership in a specific research area in partnership with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Auburn University, state, national, and international organizations and stakeholders. Applications are encouraged from scholars who research a diverse range of topics that relate to natural resources (energy, water, soil, biodiversity), food and nutrition (health, consumer issues), community development (rural development, labor, entrepreneurship), farm and agribusiness management (marketing, production, finance, technology), or agriculture policy (farm policy, domestic ag policy, trade policy, ag law).

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.

Salary/Appointment: 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.

Click here for more information.