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ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

2017 RSS AWARD RECIPIENTS

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[Chief Larson Graduate Student Paper: Amanda McMillan Lequeiu, University of Wisconsin-Madison](#)
[Distinguished Rural Sociologist: Leif Jensen, The Pennsylvania State University](#)
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Excellence in Extension and Outreach: Dreamal Worthen, Florida A & M University

Excellence in Instruction: Richelle Winkler, Michigan Technological University

Excellence in Research: Shannon Elizabeth Bell, University of Kentucky

Certificate of Appreciation: Stephen Sapp, Iowa State University

Rural Sociology Best Paper: Riva C.H. Denny, Michigan State University, Michelle R. Worosz, Auburn University, and Norbert L. Wilson, Auburn University

Fred Buttel Outstanding Scholarly Achievement: Hannah Holleman, Amherst College

Distinguished Service to Rural Life: Carol and John Zippert



Chelsea Schelly, the RSS Awards and Endowment Committee Chair, with the winners of the RSS Distinguished Service to Rural Life Award, Carol and John Zippert

POSTER AWARD WINNERS

FIRST PLACE

Leasing and Royalty Income Household Spending Decisions in the Marcellus Shale Region

Grace Wildermuth, The Pennsylvania State University; Kathy Brasier, The Pennsylvania State University; Tim

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RSS **SECOND PLACE****Rural Community Recovery and Assistance Following Large Wildfires: A Case Study of the Carlton Complex Disaster**

Catrin Edgeley, University of Idaho; Travis Paveglio, University of Idaho

THIRD PLACE**How Do Climate Science Boundary Organizations Matter to Local Climate Policy?**

Alexander Hurley, Ohio University

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST

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Carol Zippert's poetry heard at the
2017 RSS Annual Meeting

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SAVE THE DATE – July 26-29, 2018
81st Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society
Portland, Oregon

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STUDENT INTEREST

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Graduate Research Assistantship in Sustainable Development and Rural Sociology - University of Missouri-Columbia

A graduate research assistantship in rural sociology and sustainable development (at either M.S. or Ph.D. level) will be available beginning in Spring 2018 within the Department of Rural Sociology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The student will be working with Dr. Hua Qin and contribute to an NSF-funded project on the dynamic human dimensions of forest insect disturbance in north-central Colorado, as well as other related research in population (migration) and the environment, vulnerability and adaptation to environmental/climate change, and applied social science methods and data practices.

The successful applicant will receive an annual assistantship stipend (\$1,821 and \$2,003 per month at the master's and doctoral levels, respectively), a full tuition waiver, and paid health insurance. Prospective students should contact Dr. Qin (qinh@missouri.edu) for more details. Please include a statement of research interests and a current resume with the inquiry.

For more information, please click the following:

https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/JobPostings/graduate%20assistantship%20in%20sustainable%20development%20and%20rural%20sociology_mizzou%202017.pdf

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. 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.

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 Dr. Annette Desmarais (Annette.desmarais@umanitoba.ca), and Dr. André Magnan (andre.magnan@uregina.ca). 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.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for Papers: Michigan Sociological Association 2017

Annual Meeting: Environmental Sociology in the 21st century: Where Do We Go From Here?

The annual Michigan Sociological Association conference, sponsored by Grand Valley State University, will take place in Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 27th & 28th, 2017. We are seeking sessions and papers that align with our broad theme of Environmental Justice. As a general sociology conference, MSA also welcome papers that come from a range of areas of sociological inquiry. MSA encourages work that examines life in Michigan and welcome work that is interdisciplinary and that will connect with the community. The deadline for title submission is **September 30, 2017**. For more information, click http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=225:call-for-papers--michigan-sociological-association-2017&catid=23:call-for-papers&Itemid=134

Call for Abstracts - Rural Poverty Fifty Years After the People Left Behind - A Research Conference Looking Forward and Backward, March 21-22, 2018 in Washington DC

Abstracts are being accepted for a multidisciplinary social science conference on rural poverty in the United States on the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 report of the President's National Advisory Commission on Rural Poverty entitled The People Left Behind. This report focused attention on the economic and social conditions of the 14 million rural people living in poverty, and called for policies that would improve opportunity and living conditions in rural America. E-mail a 2-page abstract (or completed paper) to info@rupri.org by **October 1, 2017**. Acceptance decisions will be made no later than October 21, 2017. Completed papers are expected at least two weeks in advance of the March 21-22, 2018 conference. Please see https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/CallforPapers/rupri_rural_poverty_conf_call_for_abstracts.pdf for more information.

Social Sciences Special Issue

The issue of *Social Sciences* will highlight cutting edge research that examines empirical linkages at the intersection of population dynamics, development, and environment in a context of climate change. This Special Issue welcomes research papers at any scale, from global to local, but these should explicitly observe factors in each domain and the mechanisms linking across domains. Papers should conform to basic social science research expectations and include a theoretical framework and systematic evaluation of evidence. The deadline for submissions is **October 1, 2017**. For more information, please see http://www.mdpi.com/journal/socsci/special_issues/Population_Development_and_Environment.

Call for Special Issue Proposals - International Association for Society and Natural Resources

Society and Natural Resources (SNR) is currently accepting proposals for special issues. Previous special issues have focused on issues such as sustainable agriculture politics and policy, water conflicts, and the relationships between the fields of environmental sociology and natural resource sociology. We invite interested applicants to submit proposals by

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The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)

The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) invites abstracts (sessions, papers and posters) for the Program of 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 <https://www.sfaa.net/annual-meeting/abstract-submission/>. For meeting information, visit www.sfaa.net/annual-meeting/.

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 **October 30, 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. For more information, see <http://digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/hjsr/> and <https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/CallforPapers/hjsr%20-%20cfp%202018%20-%20please%20distribute.pdf>.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant Professor of Sociology – University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Do you want to share your curiosity for understanding the social world with motivated students? The Department of Sociology invites applicants for one tenure-track, Assistant Professor of Sociology position to begin late August 2018. Candidates for the appointment should have or be near to completing a doctorate in sociology, or a closely related field (e.g., social gerontology, or sociologically trained criminology) by the start date. Doctorate must be earned by the first personnel review, no later than May 15, 2019. Areas of expertise are open, however, preference will be given to candidates who can teach in areas that are complementary to the areas of expertise of our current faculty. Courses taught by the successful candidate include our introductory general education course in race and ethnicity and research methods. Preference will be given to candidates who can also teach sociology of health care and illness/medical sociology, and develop other courses that meet departmental need and student demand. The position is open until filled, however, review of applications will begin on **September 18, 2017**. For more information, please click <https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/JobPostings/uwl%20job%20ad.pdf>

UCSB Research Specialist, Land Systems Science/Economics – University of California, Santa Barbara

The Environmental Studies Program at the University of California, Santa Barbara invites applications for an Assistant or Associate-level Specialist position to join Professor Robert Heilmayr's lab (<http://www.robertheilmayr.com/>). Specialists are academic appointees who engage in specialized research, professional activity, and University and/or public service, and who do not have any teaching responsibilities. The successful candidate will support a new research initiative exploring the impacts of corporate commitments to end deforestation. The research project will combine remote sensing and econometrics to both advance science as well as improve social and environmental outcomes on the ground. The search will remain open until the position is filled. For primary consideration, applications should be completed on or before **September 29, 2017**. Questions can be directed to Professor Robert Heilmayr (rheilmayr@es.ucsb.edu). For more information, click https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/JobPostings/ucsb_research_specialist.pdf.

Post Doctoral Researcher: Human Dimensions of Complex Agricultural Working Landscapes- The Ohio State University

Dr. Douglas Jackson-Smith and Dr. Kaiguang Zhao, Professor and Assistant Professor in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at the Ohio State University, are seeking a social science postdoctoral research scholar. The position will be based at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, OH. Successful candidates will help design and implement a research program that focuses on human dimensions of complex agricultural working landscapes. Work is part of a larger interdisciplinary research program exploring the social, economic, and ecological dynamics of working landscapes in Ohio. Position is open to scholars who have experience integrating social science data collection and analysis with watershed and landscape-scale hydrologic and ecosystems service models. Experience with survey methods, economic valuation of ecosystem services, agent-based modeling, multi-level modeling, and/or GIS analyses is desired. Initial consideration will be given to applications received by **September 30, 2017**. Review of applications will continue until the position has been filled. Preferred Start date is January 1, 2018. For more information, see <https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/JobPostings/osu%20workinglandscapes%20postdoc%20ad%20final.docx.pdf>

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. 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 https://rss.memberclicks.net/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=202:criminology---mississippi-state-university-any-rank-&catid=25:employment-opportunities&Itemid=137.

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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. Applications close on **October 13, 2017**. For more information, click <http://www.slu.se/en/about-slu/jobs-vacancies/read-more/?eng=1&Pid=3066>.

Assistant Professor Sociology Undergraduate Program in the Department of Cultural and Social Studies - Creighton University

Creighton University's Department of Cultural and Social Studies invites applications for a full-time tenure-track Assistant Professor position within its Sociology Program, to begin the Fall 2018 semester. We seek applicants with a PhD in sociology or related field, with expertise in quantitative methods and a strong desire to teach undergraduate courses in Statistics and Geographic Information Systems. The position carries a 3-3 teaching load with class sizes averaging 25-35 students. Review of applications will begin **October 31, 2017**. For complete details, click <https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/JobPostings/job%20description%20-%20circulation.pdf>

Assistant Professor in Environmental Policy - Michigan Technological University

The Department of Social Sciences at Michigan Technological University invites applications for an Assistant Professor in Environmental Policy to join an interdisciplinary social sciences faculty. Possible research interests include climate policy, energy policy, environmental policy, environmental health policy, or natural resource policy. Candidates with strengths in international policy and spatial approaches, including GIS, are especially encouraged to apply. Applications will be reviewed starting **November 1, 2017**. Full consideration will be given to applications received by that date. For more information, visit <https://www.jobs.mtu.edu/postings/5796>.

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 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, click <https://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/47095>.

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