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2018 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

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.


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

RSS ELECTION REMINDER

The RSS 2018 Election for Leadership Positions is continuing throughout the month of April. A link to a secure electronic ballot was sent out on April 1, 2018. The ballot will close Monday, April 30, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. CST.
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 brought about by scientific changes, economic transformation, or health needs?

**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 ammcmlinan@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**

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 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 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

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) file to Dr. Jessica Crowe at jessica.crowe@siu.edu by May 4th, 2018. Please do not submit your paper in pdf format (we will need to edit them to make judging anonymous). In the subject line of the email 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
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.

NATURAL RESOURCES RIG AWARDS

NRRIG Graduate Student Paper Award
The Natural Resources Research Group (NRRIG) of the Rural Sociological Society is soliciting submissions for a graduate student paper award in the area of environmental or natural resources sociology. The paper should be related to the broad interests of the NRRIG. Current graduate students and recent graduates (who receive their degrees no earlier than May of the year of award) may apply. Coauthored papers are acceptable, including those co-authored with faculty. If co-
authored, the applicant (a) must be the lead author of the manuscript, and (b) provide a statement detailing the relative contributions of each co-author. The recipient will receive a monetary prize of at least $100 (final amount TBD based on NRRIG budget) to defray the cost of attending the Annual Meetings of RSS. The recipient will also be recognized at the NRRIG business meeting.

There is a two-step process for submission: 1) Submit an abstract to present the paper at the 2018 meeting; 2) Send an electronic copy of the full paper with contact information to the NRRIG chair (Yetkin Borlu - yborlu@richmond.edu) by May 4 of the year of application; and (3) if co-authored, provide a statement detailing the relative contributions of each co-author. 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 NRRIG members and notified by June 1 of the year of application. Papers will be evaluated using the following criteria: 1. Advancement of knowledge in the area environmental or natural resources sociology. 2. Significance of the topic for the NRRIG of the Rural Sociological Society. 3. Quality and implementation of the research, theory, and argument. 4. Analysis and interpretation of the findings. 5. Clarity and organization of the writing.

**NRRIG Graduate Student Travel Scholarship**
The NRRIG Graduate Student Travel Scholarship is intended to support graduate student participation at the RSS annual meetings. The recipient will be reimbursed for the student (member) registration cost for the RSS annual meeting ($125). There is a two-step process for submission: 1) Submit an abstract to present an oral presentation in the area of environmental or natural resources sociology at the annual meeting; 2) Submit a cover letter to the NRRIG chair (Yetkin Borlu - yborlu@richmond.edu) by May 4 of the year of application. Cover letters will be reviewed based on need (i.e., does the student have alternative funding sources via his/her department or advisor), and importance of the meeting to the student’s career trajectory. Abstracts will be evaluated based on relevance, innovation, and/or potential contribution to the NRRIG. The winner will be selected by a committee of NRRIG members and notified by June 1 of the year of application.

**NRRIG William R. Freudenburg Award of Merit**
The William R. Freudenburg Award of Merit is presented to recognize exceptional contributions to the sociology of natural resources and the environment. The award is given to recognize an outstanding legacy / collective body of work that has demonstrably impacted natural resources and environmental sociology. Recipients will have the following qualifications: outstanding research and scholarship as evidenced not solely by numbers of publications, but their impact: simply put, we are looking for recipients who have substantively affected the trajectory of thinking within 8 natural resources and environmental sociology. Such impact may also be evidenced via application of work beyond the academy, such as work with a natural resources agency, organization, or other partnerships. Other contributions to the NRRIG or sociology of natural resources and environment,
such as an outstanding legacy of outreach, graduate student mentorship, and/or instruction are also envisioned as important criteria for consideration.

Nominees are not required to be present or past members of the NRRIG. To nominate someone please submit 1) up to three letters of nomination that clearly explain the reasons for considering the nomination and the nominee’s contribution to the sociology of natural resources and environment, as well as 2) a current copy of the nominee’s CV. Additional supporting materials may be sent, but are not required. **Nomination materials must be submitted to the NRRIG chair** (Yetkin Borlu - yborlu@richmond.edu) by **May 4** of the year of application. **The winner will be selected by a committee of NRRIG members and notified by June 1** of the year of application.

**SAFRIG STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

The Sociology of Agriculture and Food Research Interest Group (SAFRIG) will present a Student Paper Award in Portland at the annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Requirements for this award include that the paper: 1) is authored by a student or group of students (no faculty co-authors), 2) focuses on an agrifood topic, and 3) uses the Rural Sociology journal guidelines for style, formatting, and references. Papers will be particularly competitive if they demonstrate effective use of innovative theories and/or methods. Submissions for the Student Paper Award competition can be under initial review at a peer-reviewed journal, but cannot be already accepted (in press) or published in a peer-reviewed journal. In order to compete, all authors must be members of the Rural Sociological Society. The winner(s) will receive a certificate and monetary award. The winner(s) must present the paper at the RSS Annual Meeting in July 2018. The award will be presented during the SAFRIG Business Meeting in Portland. Submissions for this competition should be sent as an e-mail attachment by **May 15, 2018** to Jessica Goldberger at jgoldberger@wsu.edu.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

**The Passing of Archibald Orben Haller, Jr.**

Shortly after sending out the notice of Bill Friedland’s death the Business Office received an e-mail from Gene F. Summers that Archibald Haller died January 24. He was 92 years old. Dr. Haller was President of RSS 1969-1970.
According to the Wisconsin State Journal,

Dr. (Arch) Haller was born in San Diego, California on January 15, 1926; he served in the Navy Reserve during World War II before pursuing a long and distinguished career in Sociology. He retired in 1994 as Professor Emeritus at University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Departments of Sociology and Rural Sociology. He was an avid reader and writer, he enjoyed music and loved to watch college football, he specially loved singing along to the fight songs as the marching band played.

I apologize for the delay in circulating this notice.

Cynthia

**RSS member Braden Leap has two recent publications**

“Seasonal Masculinities: The Seasonal Contingencies of Doing Gender.”
http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1097184X18756710
Abstract: Researchers continue to stress interactions between humans and nonhuman animals, plants, and materials inform how gender is done. A number of works also emphasize gender is done differently depending on the time of day or year. However, how nonhumans and temporality dovetail to inform gender has not been considered. The author utilizes data from twenty months of fieldwork in a rural Missouri community to illustrate how men did masculinities differently in the spring, summer, fall, and winter through interactions with a range of (non)human things, beings, and institutions. These findings suggest we can better understand how gender is done by simultaneously considering (non)human interactions and temporal seasons.

“Not a Zero-Sum Game: Inequalities and Resilience in Sumner, Missouri, the Gooseless Goose Capital of the World.”
Abstract: Recent works on socio-ecological resilience stress the need to integrate inequalities and power into considerations of how communities are reorganized in response to socio-ecological transformations such as climate change. These works have often approached inequalities and power as zero-sum games, with scholars framing individuals and groups within communities as either empowered or marginalized. Drawing from 20 months of fieldwork in a rural community in the central United States that was being rearranged in response to shifts in trans-national goose migration patterns, the author shows inequalities and power do not work in such dichotomous manners because different dimensions of inequality intersect and transform each other in reciprocal manners. Gender, class, and sexuality intersected to inform how individuals sustained their community, and particular men and women were simultaneously (dis)advantaged because of how their relationships with each other were rearranged in response to shifting goose migration patterns. These findings suggest scholars and policy makers working on issues related to socio-ecological resilience can better account for inequalities and power by utilizing the theoretical framework of intersectionality.

**Russel Sage Foundation is Accepting Visiting Scholar Applications for 2019–2020**
The Foundation invites visiting scholar applications for the 2019-2020 academic year. The visiting scholar program, established over thirty years ago, is a unique opportunity for social scientists to pursue research projects that investigate essential questions on social, economic, and political life.
in the United States while in residence at RSF. The program fosters the exchange of ideas in a vibrant interdisciplinary environment and promotes collaborations between researchers. Applications are reviewed by outside experts; final selections are made by Russell Sage Foundation trustees. Applications for the 2019-2020 academic year will be accepted until June 28, 2018. View further information on the program, including eligibility requirements and application here: https://www.russellsage.org/how-to-apply/visiting-scholars-program?utm_source=streamsend&utm_medium=email&utm_content=30428379&utm_campaign=TEST-%20-%20RSF%20Bulletin:%20Announcing%20the%202018-2019%20Visiting%20Scholars;%20Three%20New%20RSF%20Journal%20Issues

STUDENT INTEREST

PhD Course: "Rural Transformations in the 21st Century"
The objective of this interdisciplinary course is to critically analyze - empirically and conceptually - processes of transformation in rural areas as related to access to and governance of resources and how these are reshaping the lives of people living there. The application deadline is April 5, 2018. An early application is highly recommended due to space constraints. Time and place: Aug. 8, 2018 9:00 AM - Aug. 10, 2018, Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM), Sognsvæien 68 in Oslo, Norway. For more information, see http://www.sum.uio.no/english/research/doctoral-degree/doctoral-courses/2018/rural2018/index.html

CALLS FOR PAPERS

BSA Postgraduate Forum Pre-Conference Day - Personal and Practical Challenges: Becoming a Member of the Academic Community
This event will be on Monday, April 9, 2018, at Northumbria University, and is centered on the theme of personal and practical problems faced during postgraduate study and will draw from the core themes of the main BSA Annual Conference. We will be focusing on postgraduate community, solidarity, equality and intersectionality.

- Professor Peter Hopkins – Newcastle University Professor Peter Hopkins research draws attention to the ways in which various forms of discrimination and marginalisation shape people's lives. He has previously served as the Academic Director of the ESRC North Doctoral Training Centre and as the Postgraduate Director for the School for Geography, Politics and Sociology.

- Professor Yvette Taylor – University of Strathclyde Professor Yvette Taylor is the author of “Feeling Academic in the NeoLiberal University: Feminist Flights, Fights and Failures”
(2018). Her research explores the areas of inequality, class, religion, gender and sexuality.

- Dr. Kim Allen – University of Leeds Dr. Kim Allen's talk will tie together both the practical and personal challenges postgraduates face. She will focus on academic identity and community as well as discussing attending and speaking at conferences.

Postgraduate Panel Discussion - Our panelists will discuss a range of personal challenges they have faced during their PhDs, including disability, race and motherhood. Along with the panel, attendees are invited to reflect on their own personal journeys and for the panel to take questions from the audience.

Setting up a Student Sociology Journal: Challenges and Opportunities - The Sheffield Student Journal for Sociology will be hosting a workshop covering the very practical challenges postgraduates face in relation to writing and publishing and provide useful tips.

Registration: BSA Member Day Rate - £20. Non-Member Day Rate - £40.

For more information on the event, you can email PGForum@britsoc.org.uk or visit https://www.britsoc.co.uk/pgconf

Conference of Interest: The 2018 Arctic Science Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science
The 2018 Arctic Science Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held October 9th in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. The meeting is being held in tandem with the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation (CRRF)'s annual meeting, which runs from October 10-12. The conference theme is Health and Shared Prosperity in the North. The theme of the meeting reflects the idea that health, of both people and ecosystems, and prosperity, of both human and more-than-human arctic residents, are inexorably intertwined. This reality is at the core of Indigenous world views and lifeways, and increasingly, is being acknowledged by research and policy. Abstracts for contributed talks will be open on February 15, with an initial deadline of April 30, 2018. For further details, see http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=313:the-2018-arctic-science-conference-of-the-american-association-for-the-advancement-of-science&catid=26:meetings-of-interest&Itemid=142