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2019 Election Ballot

A link to the 2019 Election Ballot was sent out April 1st to all lifetime members and members who have paid their dues for 2019. If you did not receive the link please contact the Business Office. The ballot is only open for 30 days.

Cynthia B. Struthers, Executive Director RSS

Annual Meeting Information

We hope to open registration for the annual meeting soon. At the same

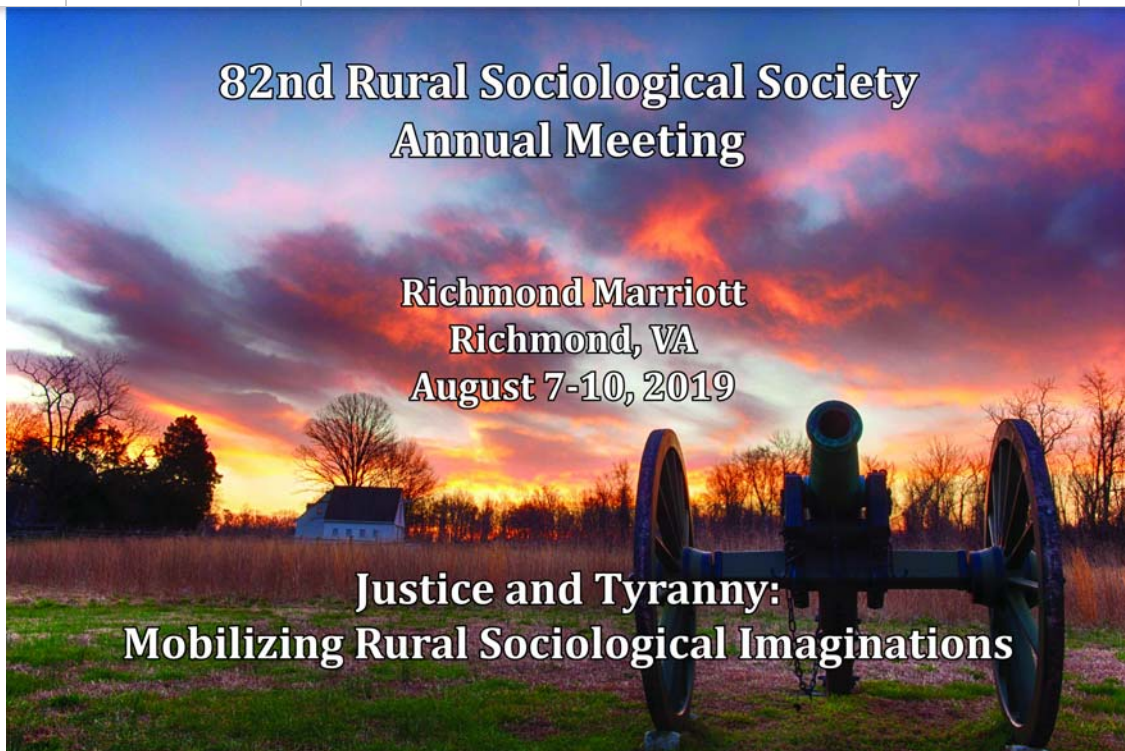
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time, the RSS hotel block will be available. Again, this year we are offering an early bird registration rate to all members who register by **June 7, 2019**.

Just announced SAFRIG and Race and Ethnicity RIG field trip!

Important Due Dates

- Community, Family, and Health Paper Competitions
 - Ronald Wimberley Student Paper Competition - **May 3, 2019**
 - Ralph B. Brown Scholar Paper Competition - **May 3, 2019**
- NRRIG Awards
 - William R. Freudenburg Award of Merit - **May 4, 2019**
 - Graduate Student Travel Scholarship - **May 4, 2019**
 - Graduate Student Paper Award - **May 4, 2019**
- Population RIG Graduate Student Paper Award - **May 4, 2019**
- SAFRIG Student Paper Award - **May 15, 2019**
- Rural Race and Ethnicity RIG Student Paper Competition - **May 15, 2019**

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SAFRIG AND RACE AND ETHNICITY RIG FIELD TRIP

Exploring Richmond's Racial Past and Moving Forward

During this field trip we will actively engage RSS members with this year's conference theme: 'Justice and Tyranny: Mobilizing Rural Sociological Imaginations'. First, through a guided walk of the Trail of Enslaved Africans in the morning, we will focus on Richmond's history of slavery. The Trail of Enslaved Africans is a detailed chronicle of historical events in the area and aims to engage participants in a rediscover, acknowledgement, reflection and healing in past-current conditions. After a lunch, trained facilitators from the Richmond-based organization Initiatives of Change will guide us into a debrief of the morning's walk. The goal of this debrief is to enable participants to process what can be an emotionally dense walk and to begin a discussion of the present conditions of race and racism and how to move forward.

This field trip is collaboratively organized by the Sociology of Agriculture and Food (SAFRIG) and Rural Race and Ethnicity (RRE) RIGs in partnership with Initiatives of Change. Through their initiative Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation (TRHT), Initiatives of Change focus on building

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bridges, through communication, empathy, awareness, and consciousness raising as methods of social transformation to address the historic and contemporary effects of racism.

Field trip schedule:

- 8:00 am: Meet in conference hotel lobby
- 8:30 am -12:00 pm: Walk of the Trail of Enslaved Africans in Richmond
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: Croaker’s Spot – Black owned restaurant
- 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm: Morning Debrief with trained facilitators
- 2:30 pm: Head back to conference hotel on bus

Cost:

Professional \$45.00

Student \$22.50

COMMUNITY, FAMILY, AND HEALTH RESEARCH RIG PAPER COMPETITIONS

Community, Family, and Health RIG Ronald Wimberley Student Paper Competition

Deadline: May 3, 2019

The Community, Family, and Health Research Interest Group (RIG) is proud to announce the sixth annual Ronald Wimberley student paper competition designed to encourage and support graduate 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 Student Paper Competition Guidelines:

Papers submitted for this 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

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references, and be written at a professional level.

Instructions for Submission:

To have a paper considered for review for this 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 Dr. Karl Jicha at kajicha@ncsu.edu by Friday, May 3rd, 2019. 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 graduate 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, 2019.

Deadline for submissions: Friday, May 3rd, 2019

Honoraria: Graduate Paper (\$250) to be used to defray part of the cost of registering for and attending the 2019 RSS Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA.

**Community, Family, and Health RIG
Ralph B. Brown Scholar Paper Competition**

Deadline: May 3, 2019

The Community, Family, and Health Research Interest Group (RIG) is proud to announce the fourth 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 non-academic researchers who have an advanced degree. Graduate students are not eligible but are encouraged to submit a paper

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to the Ronald Wimberley student paper competition. 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 Dr. Karl Jicha at kajicha@ncsu.edu by Friday, May 3rd, 2019. 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, 2019.

Deadline for submissions: Friday, May 3rd, 2019

Honoraria: Scholar Paper (\$400): to be used to defray part of the cost of registering for and attending the 2019 RSS Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA.

NRRIG AWARD

2019 Natural Resource Research and Interest Group (NRRIG) Awards

Deadline: May 4, 2019

Award Guidelines

The previous year's award winners are asked to serve, alongside our RIG's chairs, as reviewers for the following year's submissions. Award winners are expected to attend the annual meeting as well as the NRRIG business meeting. Paper award winners are also expected to present their winning paper at the annual meeting.

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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.

NRRIG GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

The NRRIG Graduate Student Travel Scholarship is intended to support graduate student participation at the RSS annual meetings.

NRRIG GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The Natural Resources Research Interest Group (NRRIG) of the Rural Sociological Society is soliciting submissions for a graduate student paper award in the area 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. For more information on each reward, [click here](#).

POPULATION RIG GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER AWARD

RSS Population Research Interest Group Graduate Student Paper Award

Deadline: May 4, 2019

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 a rural population characteristics factor prominently in the research.

Eligibility: Current graduate students and recent graduates (who receive their degrees no earlier than May 2019) 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

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possessing their terminal degree prior to May 2019 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 2019 RSS Annual Meeting in Richmond, VA (Aug. 7-10 2019). 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 15, 2019, 11:59 pm EST**). 2) Send an electronic copy of the full paper with contact information to the RIG co-chair Scott Sanders (scott_sanders@byu.edu) by **Friday, May 4, 2019, 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, 2019.

SAFRIG AWARD

2019 SAFRIG Student Paper Award

Deadline: May 15, 2019

The Sociology of Agriculture and Food Research Interest Group (SAFRIG) will present a Student Paper Award in Richmond 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
- 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, methods, and/or attention to unique geographic, cultural, and political contexts. Submissions for the Student Paper Award

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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 2019. The award will be presented during the SAFRIG Business Meeting at the 2019 conference. Submissions for this competition should be sent as an e-mail attachment by **May 15, 2019** to Dani Deemer at deemer.dani@gmail.com.

THE RURAL RACE AND ETHNICITY RIG STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The Rural Race and Ethnicity (RRE) RIG - Student Paper Competition

Deadline: May 15, 2019

The Rural Race and Ethnicity (RRE) RIG is pleased to announce the call for our graduate student paper competition. In order to be considered for this competition, papers must:

- 1) Be authored by a student or group of students (no faculty co-authors)
- 2) Be authored by current RSS members
- 3) Focus rural race and ethnicity as a central area of inquiry in rural contexts
- 4) Follow Rural Sociology journal guidelines for style, formatting, and references

Papers will be particularly competitive if they 1) demonstrate effective use of sociological theories of race and ethnicity intersecting with and shaping rural contexts and/or 2) position race and ethnicity as a central theme of the paper.

Submissions for the Student Paper 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.

Double submission (paper cannot be submitted in any other RIG paper competitions) will disqualify participation. The winner(s) will receive a certificate of recognition. Author/s must be able to present the paper at the

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RSS Annual Meeting in 2019.

The award will be presented during the Rural Race and Ethnicity Business Meeting at the 2019 conference.

Submissions for this competition must be sent as an email attachment by **May 15, 2019** to RRE

RIG co-chairs: [Araceli González](#) and [Kevin Alejandrez](#).

For other current announcements, additional call for papers, employment opportunities, and meetings of interest see the RSS website,

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