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### **Looking Ahead – 2019 Annual Meeting Book Exhibit**

We will have a Library of Social Science (LSS) book exhibit at the 2019 Annual Meeting at the Richmond Marriott in Richmond, Virginia. Do you have books or edited volumes you would like to recommend to LSS for inclusion in the book exhibit? Send your recommendations to the Business Office ([rssira@wiu.edu](mailto:rssira@wiu.edu)). We will forward your request to our representative at LSS.

### **New Book Reception Announcement**

Do you have a new or recently published book you would like displayed and available at the 2019 Annual Meeting? We specifically seek books published

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## RSS 2019 ANNUAL MEETING CALL FOR PAPERS, POSTERS, AND ORGANIZED SESSIONS

**Call for Papers, Posters, and Organized Sessions**

At the **2019 Annual Meeting** we will explore a myriad of theoretical perspectives, practices, and political actions concerning justice and tyranny. The plenary speakers are:

**Savonala "Savi" Horne** - Executive Director at Land Loss Prevention Project

This theme is timely because many social scientists are involved in various research, curricular, and outreach initiatives nationally and internationally to understand the justice and ethics of agriculture, the food system, natural resource extraction, healthcare, government, and criminal justice to name just a few. Community-based organizations are applying the sociological imagination to bridge chasms in community and disrupt the us-versus-them mentality at the heart of tyranny. Many colleges and universities have begun offering justice programs and courses (e.g., "Environmental Justice," "Food Justice"). Let us use the 2019 meeting as an intellectually engaging space to share our stories from the field, theoretical and methodological innovations to interpret the social world, and community action to address political and socioeconomic polarization.

**In addition to presentations on the meeting theme, we always invite presentations of research and engagement focused on rural people, places and themes from a wide range of disciplinary perspectives.**

**Abstracts:** Abstracts should be approximately 350-500 words and briefly outline the purpose and theoretical framing of the paper, poster, panel, or organized session. Where appropriate, include information about methods, data, and preliminary findings. The deadline for submitting papers, posters and sessions is Friday, **February 1, 2019, 11:59 pm (EST)**.

**To submit an abstract, use this link** <https://2019annualmeeting.exordo.com/>. See the Annual Meeting page of the RSS website [www.ruralsociology.org](http://www.ruralsociology.org) for more information. Contact Elizabeth Ransom, Program Chair at [RSSAnnualMeeting@gmail.com](mailto:RSSAnnualMeeting@gmail.com) or the RSS Business Office [rssiira@wiu.edu](mailto:rssiira@wiu.edu) with any questions and ideas for special events you have for the 2019 meeting.

The Rural Sociological Society is a professional social science association that promotes the generation, application, and dissemination of sociological knowledge. The Society seeks to enhance the quality of rural life, communities, and the environment.

We seek and support a diverse and international membership of academics and practitioners who share our interests in rural people and places.

## AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2019 Diversity Travel Award

The Rural Sociological Society (RSS) and the Committee on Diversity are pleased to announce that travel awards are available to support the attendance and participation of minority participants at the annual conference to be held in Richmond, Virginia. These awards will be awarded on a competitive basis and are meant to assist participants in defraying costs associated with attending the RSS meeting.

We anticipate granting awards at the minimum amount of \$500 per recipient or at a maximum amount of \$750; however, the amount of funds and the number of awards may fluctuate depending on the number of applications and the need described therein.

### Eligibility and Application Requirements

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...an active participant of the meeting by presenting a paper, participating on a panel, or presenting a poster on research. We encourage applications from both academics and nonacademics.

**In addition, for students:**

- A student pursuing a degree relevant to rural studies in an academic institution.
- A student member of the Rural Sociological Society at the time of receiving the award.

***To apply, an applicant must submit:***

- A completed Travel Award Application (see below)

Completed applications should be submitted via e-mail to Laura McKinney ([lauramc@tulane.edu](mailto:lauramc@tulane.edu)) not later than **Thursday, February 15, 2019, 11:59pm (EST)**.

The Diversity Committee will make selections and announce decisions by March 31, 2019. No part of the application may be submitted by fax and only applications from individuals on their own behalf will be accepted.

To download the application, [click here](#).

## **2019 Graduate Student and Needs-Based Travel Award**

The Rural Sociological Society (RSS) and the Membership Committee are pleased to announce that travel awards are available to support the attendance and participation of graduate students and rural scholars with limited travel funds at the annual conference to be held in Richmond, Virginia. These awards will be given on a competitive basis and are meant to assist students and others in defraying costs associated with attending the RSS meeting. Awardees will be reimbursed at the annual meeting in Richmond.

We anticipate granting awards at the minimum amount of \$100 per recipient or at a maximum amount of \$300; however, the amount of funds and the number of awards may fluctuate depending on the number of applications and the need described therein.

### **Eligibility and Application Requirements**

***To be eligible for the award, an applicant must be:***

- An active participant of the meeting by presenting a paper during a paper session presenting a poster on research.
- A student pursuing a degree relevant to rural studies in an academic institution OR able to demonstrate a lack of funds to attend the annual meeting.
- A member of the Rural Sociological Society at the time of receiving the award.

***To apply, an applicant must submit:***

- A completed Travel Award Application (see below)
- If student, a letter of support or recommendation from a faculty member or department chair. If nonstudent, a letter of support which also documents need from a current boss/department chair or former advisor (e.g., for those seeking employment). Please have these emailed directly to Dr. Cope by the letter writer.

Completed applications should be submitted to Michael R Cope via e-mail to [michaelrcope@byu.edu](mailto:michaelrcope@byu.edu) (please note the "r" in the email address) no later than **February 15th, 2019, 11:59 p.m. (EST)**.

## Call for Submissions: Rural Sociological Society Awards

*Deadline: February 15, 2019*

The RSS Awards Committee is seeking submissions for the following awards:

- Distinguished Service to Rural Life
- Distinguished Rural Sociologist
- Excellence in Research
- Excellence in Instruction
- Excellence in Extension and Public Outreach
- Certificate of Appreciation
- The Fred Buttel Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award 2019 (Article)
- The Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award

Detail description and criteria for all awards can be found at: <http://www.ruralsociology.org/>.

Nomination packets should include a cover letter from the principal nominator outlining the major contributions of the nominee, a biographic sketch of the candidate/organization, brief materials (e.g., brochure, report, etc.) describing the project or program if nominee is an organization or collective, and two to four letters of support. When nominating someone for any award, nominators should consider whether the candidate meets the standards outlined by the RSS Code of Ethics. RSS award winners are expected to meet these standards: <https://www.ruralsociology.org/rss-ethics>.

Nomination packets should be submitted by February 15, 2019 to Matthew Sanderson, Kansas State University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, 204 Waters Hall, 1603 Old Claflin Place, Manhattan, KS 66506-4003. Email submissions of compiled .pdf application packets encouraged: [matttrs@ksu.edu](mailto:matttrs@ksu.edu)

For more information, [click here](#).

## 2019 Rural Sociological Society MS, PhD, and Early Career Research Award Competition

*Deadline: February 15, 2019*

*Notification Date: May 2019*

*Award Date: August 2019 or by special arrangement*

This year the RSS Council has authorized the use of Endowment funds to support Master's theses, Ph.D. dissertations, and Early Career Research awards to support research activities conducted during the 2018-2019 fiscal/academic year. Proposals are invited to conduct research on all topics encompassed by the field of rural sociology. The awards are designed to stimulate research that will help develop the careers of future rural sociologists and support the broader mission of the Rural Sociological Society. Award winners are strongly encouraged to submit papers based on their research to future RSS Annual Meetings. The RSS Endowment Committee will oversee the awards process.

The RSS Master's Thesis and Dissertation Research Award Competition

Graduate student members of the Rural Sociological Society are eligible to apply for master's thesis and Ph.D. dissertation research awards. Dissertation awards can be made for up to \$5,000. Master's thesis awards can be made for up to \$2,500. Proposals approved for funding may receive budget allocations below the requested amounts, based on availability of funds and recommendations of the Endowment Committee.

Members of the Rural Sociological Society who received their Ph.D. on or after January 1, 2014 are eligible to apply for RSS Early Career Research awards. Because the size of these awards is modest, proposals will generally involve small-scale projects that will enhance opportunities for scholars to pursue expanded research efforts in the future. The Early Career Research awards have previously been made for up to \$5,000.

For more information, [click here](#).

## 2019 Natural Resource Research and Interest Group (NRRIG) Award

### 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.*

### 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 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 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.

For more information, [click here](#).

## 2019 SAFRIG Student Paper Award

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

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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 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](mailto:deemer.dani@gmail.com).

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A "RURAL CULTURE" RIG?

We are gauging RSS membership interest in a possible "Rural Culture" RIG. The RIG would represent those interested in studying the human dimensions of rural people. "Culture" would be broadly interpreted to include a variety of areas about rural people and their lived experiences. These may include rural popular culture, subculture, regional culture, social systems, religion, language / dialect, folk culture, cultural changes, individuals' lived experiences, narrative history, material culture, and such.

If you would be interested in joining a Rural Culture RIG in 2019, send a note to Cory Anderson at [cdranderson@amishstudies.org](mailto:cdranderson@amishstudies.org). If enough interest exists, a proposal will be forwarded to the RSS Council.

### Major funding opportunity on food hardships from UKCPR

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

*Understanding Food-Related Hardships among Older Americans*

The University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research (UKCPR), with underwriting from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) in the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will competitively award grants to qualified individuals and institutions to provide rigorous research that expands understanding of, and the attendant policy implications for, food-related hardships among older persons in the United States. For purposes of this RFP, older persons are defined as those ages 60 and older. We seek research proposals in one of three topical domains: (1) Describing households with food insecure seniors, including, but not limited to, factors such as functional status and ability to live independently, access to transportation, mental function, spousal health status, and social network and family connections; (2) Understanding factors underlying participation and recertification in food assistance and other safety net programs; and (3) Evaluating the causal impact of food and non-food assistance programs on health and nutrition outcomes, as well as related outcomes such as consumption tradeoffs. Total anticipated funding under this mechanism is \$1.2 million for one large grant at \$500,000, two large grants at \$250,000 each, and four small grants at \$50,000 each.

A requested letter of intent to submit a proposal is **due by December 12, 2018**. Full proposals are due January 23, 2019, with award dates on or about March 27, 2019.

The full RFP is available [here](#), or paste the address directly in your browser:

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Conformance to all application requirements is required. Please direct administrative questions to Mr. Jeff Spradling at [ukcpr@uky.edu](mailto:ukcpr@uky.edu), and reference RFP on Food Hardships in the subject line. Further information about UKCPR and its programs is available at <http://www.ukcpr.org>.

### 2019 CRRF and NAF Conference - Call for Proposals

The 2019 North Atlantic Forum and the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference will bring together practitioners, policy makers, community leaders, and researchers interested in rural sustainability issues. This conference is a unique opportunity to share your own successes, learn from other, and to hear the latest on issues that matter to communities and people who live and work in rural regions

The conference organizing committee will accept abstracts for oral presentations, panels, capacity building sessions, and posters for 2019 conference until **March 31, 2019**. The conference theme is Sustainable Communities, with a focus on:

- Labour Market and Labour Mobility, The Future of Rural Work
- Food Security (Agriculture, Fisheries, Aquaculture)
- Drinking Water in Rural and Remote Communities
- Cultural and Heritage Industries – Rural Identity, Tourism, Social Enterprise
- Rural Engagement

For more information, [click here](#).

## RSS MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

**RSS Member Elizabeth Seale recently published a co-edited book with Christine Mallinson on rural populations and language. The book is titled Rural Voices: Language, Identity, and Social Change across Place.**

Book Description: Sociolinguists and sociologists explore the intersections of language, culture, and identity for rural populations around the world. Challenging stereotypical views of rural backwardness and urban progress, the contributors reveal how language is a key mechanism for constructing the meaning of places and the people who identify with them. With research that spans numerous countries and several continents, the chapters in this volume add broadly to knowledge about status and prestige, authenticity and belonging, rural-urban relations, and innovation and change among rural peoples and in rural communities across the globe. ISBN: 978-1-4985-6071-9

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Department of Sociology Department Head - Mississippi State University**

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established research and extramural funding record, and a commitment to effective academic leadership and administration. Substantive area open. The successful candidate will join a large multidisciplinary department. Programs offered include B.A. in Sociology, B.A. in Criminology, B.S.W. in Social Work, and M.S. and Ph.D. in Sociology.

The administrative responsibilities of the Department Head include budget management, resource allocation, and all personnel matters. They must also have excellent interpersonal and administrative skills, provide effective leadership for the department, serve as liaison between faculty and administration, and sustain and enhance collaborative programs with other campus units. Documented experience in departmental or college leadership positions is required. Teaching expectation is ordinarily one course per semester and is negotiable.

The department consists of 20 faculty members, more than 390 undergraduate majors, and approximately 50 graduate students. The Department has strong ties to the African American Studies Program and the Gender Studies Program, as well as to several research centers, including the Social Science Research Center ([www.ssrc.msstate.edu](http://www.ssrc.msstate.edu)), the National Strategic Planning & Analysis Research Center ([www.nsparc.msstate.edu](http://www.nsparc.msstate.edu)), and the National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision ([www.blind.msstate.edu](http://www.blind.msstate.edu)). More information on the department and its programs can be seen at [www.sociology.msstate.edu](http://www.sociology.msstate.edu).

For more information, [click here](#).

### **Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion at NC State**

A new leadership position has been established in the College of Natural Resources at NC State University. We are actively searching for an Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion. This position is new to the College. Individuals with experience or demonstrated commitment to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion in teaching, research, and extension and engagement are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate will have qualifications to be tenured and hold the rank of associate or full professor in one of the College's three departments (Forest Biomaterials, Forestry and Environmental Resources, and Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management).

Information about the position can be accessed at: <https://ess.hr.ncsu.edu/current-searches/associate-dean-for-diversity-and-inclusion-college-of-natural-resources/>.

Potential applicants can also contact Myron Floyd ([mffloyd@ncsu.edu](mailto:mffloyd@ncsu.edu)), Search Chair, for additional information about this opportunity.

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### **Assistant Professor in Agricultural and/or Public Communications**

The University of Kentucky is seeking candidates for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Agricultural and/or Public Communications in the Department of Community and Leadership Development. This is a 12-month position with a distribution of effort of teaching (50%), research

The successful candidate will be expected to develop and maintain an active research program focusing on the agricultural and/or public communications in community and leadership development (e.g., community news organizations; community change and advocacy; nonprofit, voluntary, and/or political organizations; civic and community engagement; civic or citizen journalism; communication campaigns; health, science, environmental, and/or risk communications), with external funding support. The successful candidate will demonstrate the potential for, or have a proven record, in scholarly activity, including publication in peer-reviewed journals.

The successful candidate will teach a combination of four undergraduate/graduate courses a year in communication; recruit, advise, mentor, and evaluate undergraduate and graduate students; collaborate with stakeholder groups; and provide service to the department, college, university, and professional organizations.

For more information, [click here](#).

### Assistant Professor in Community-Engaged Research in Community Development

The University of Kentucky Department of Community & Leadership Development (UK-CLD) seeks candidates to fill a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Community-Engaged Research in Community Development. UK-CLD is a multidisciplinary social science unit within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment (CAFE), with a mission to strengthen the capacities of individuals, organizations and communities to act on their shared visions and challenges. The successful candidate will initially divide his/her efforts among research (55%), instruction (40%), and service (5%). Faculty assignments and division of efforts are subject to annual negotiation between the chair and faculty member.

The successful candidate is expected to develop and maintain an innovative and collaborative multidisciplinary/transdisciplinary research program, funded by competitive external grants, in community development. Research areas may include: challenges facing urban or rural contexts of the US and/or the Global South; issues concerning immigrants, and/or other underrepresented groups; and comparative analysis between US and Global South on these or related topics. The successful candidate is also expected to publish in peer-reviewed journals.

The successful candidate will also contribute to undergraduate and graduate instructional programs offered by the department by teaching up to three courses annually and advising undergraduate and graduate students. As a national leader in community-engaged learning, UK-CLD offers a variety of courses that incorporate service learning and community engagement. A list of courses is available at [http://www.uky.edu/registrar/sites/www.uky.edu/registrar/files/CLD\\_13.pdf](http://www.uky.edu/registrar/sites/www.uky.edu/registrar/files/CLD_13.pdf).

For more information, [click here](#).

### Assistant Professor of Family Studies, Child and Youth Development

**Starting Date:** August 15, 2019 or as negotiated.

**Responsibilities:** This is a nine-month, tenure-track Assistant Professor position with a 65% extension and 35% research responsibility. The successful candidate will be expected to develop a nationally and internationally recognized applied research program related to family studies, child, and youth development and related behaviors. The successful candidate will be expected to work in multi-disciplinary teams and secure external funding. The research activities are expected to support a strong focus on extension and outreach in the same area. The tenure home of the position is the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education; however, the

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(<https://extension.psu.edu/programs/betterkidcare>). The successful candidate is expected to collaborate with BKC staff, provide programmatic support based on his or her research expertise, evaluate outcomes of BKC programming, and conduct applied research in support of its mission. A Ph.D. in sociology, family studies, child/youth development, early childhood education, or related social science or human development field is required. The successful candidate must have completed all degree requirements by the appointment date. The ability to engage professionally with a diverse population of faculty, staff, and students across the University and community is required.

**Salary:** Competitive, commensurate with background and experience. An attractive benefits package is available. Candidates should upload a letter of application, names and addresses of three professional references, curriculum vitae, statement of research and teaching interests and official transcripts.

Questions can be directed to Dr. Ted Alter, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education, The Pennsylvania State University at [tra2@psu.edu](mailto:tra2@psu.edu). Review of candidates will begin on January 18, 2019 and remain open until a suitable candidate is identified.

Apply online by clicking [here](#).

### NSF-NRT Program at Kansas State University

Kansas State University are recruiting Sociology M.S. and Ph.D. students for a new interdisciplinary graduate program.

Briefly, the program is funded by a National Research Traineeship (NRT) Award from the National Science Foundation. The theme is "Rural Resource Resiliency." The program is designed to prepare future leaders in industry, academia, government, and policy settings to help shape more sustainable communities. The program focuses especially on the challenges associated with food, energy, and water systems.

Kansas State can offer a generous stipend (\$34,000 per year; 1-year at the Master's level, 2-years at the PhD level), and full tuition (up to 18 credit hours per year). Following this funding, students in the program will be very competitive for GTA and GRA opportunities to complete their studies. NSF does require US Citizenship, green card, or permanent residency to participate with NRT-funding. Also, Kansas State can waive the application fee to the KSU Graduate School.

For more information, [click here](#).

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