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### **RSS Election Coming in April**

I know it feels nothing like spring outside for many of us, but spring is coming. RSS's first true sign of spring is our election for leadership positions in the Society. A link to the ballot will be available beginning **April 1, 2019** and will remain open until **11:59 pm (central time) on April 30, 2019**.

Only those member who's dues are current will receive the link to the ballot. So please renew your membership by **March 15**, so you are included in our active member list.

My thanks to the Nominations Committee for their hard work identifying candidates and to all of you for your willingness to become part of the leadership of RSS.

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**Cynthia B. Struthers, Executive Director RSS**

### **Important Due Dates**

- RSS Annual Meeting Call for Papers - **February 15, 2019 (EXTENDED)**
- Diversity and Student Travel Awards - **February 15, 2019**
- Graduate Student and Needs-Based Travel Award - **February 15, 2019**
- RSS Awards - **February 15, 2019**
- RSS MS, PhD, and Early Career Research Award - **February 15, 2019**
- Community, Family, and Health Paper Competitions
  - Ronal 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**
- SAFRIG Student Paper Award - **May 15, 2019**

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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

**Saru Jayaraman** - President of Restaurant Opportunities Center United & Director of the Food and Labor Research Center

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

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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 has been **extended to February 15, 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.

## DIVERSITY TRAVEL & STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS

### 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

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

- An active participant of the meeting by presenting a paper, participating on a panel, or

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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.

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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)**.

The Membership Committee will make selections and announce decisions by March 29th , 2019.

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

## RSS & MS, PhD, EARLY CAREER AWARDS

### 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: [mattr@ksu.edu](mailto:mattr@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*

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*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.

The RSS Early Careers Research Awards Competition

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](#).

## **NRRIG & SAFRIG AWARDS**

### **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.*

#### **NRRIG WILLIAM R. FREUDENBURG AWARD OF MERIT**

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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](#).

#### **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

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 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).

## **COMMUNITY, FAMILY, AND HEALTH RESEARCH RIG PAPER COMPETITIONS**



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## 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 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](mailto: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

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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 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](mailto: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.

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

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