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Important Due Dates

- Last Day to receive a full refund of Annual Meeting Registration fees - **July 7, 2019**
- RSS Room Block at the Richmond Marriott expires - **July 15, 2019** (a limited number of rooms are available at this rate so reserve early!)

Annual Meeting Information

Seeking titles and publication information for new books by RSS Members

Have you recently written a book?
Was it published or will it be published between July 1, 2018, and December 31, 2019?

If so, we would like to hear from you. We will be highlighting recently published books by RSS members at the 2019 Annual Meeting in Richmond, Virginia. Please send the RSS Business Office information about your book rssiira@wiu.edu by July 15.

Seeking auction items for the 2019 Silent and Not so Silent Auction

There is still time to donate items to the Diversity Committee for auction at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Items that are easily transported are encouraged, as are those of unique value. If you have something you think might lend itself to the LIVE Auction, please indicate that. The LIVE Auction will take place during the Friday Night Reception at the Dominion Energy Center. Proceeds from the auction support the activities of the Diversity Committee.

Items need to be placed into the auction not later than 10:00 am, Thursday, August 8. The auction will close at 9:00 pm on Friday, August 9. Items can be picked up immediately following the live auction on Friday or Saturday morning until noon.

Questions and other inquires can be directed to Aimee Vieira at avieira@norwich.edu. Please contact Aimee if you have something you would like to donate.

Spatial Regression Models for Rural Studies Workshop

Dr. Guangqing Chi, Associate Professor of Rural Sociology and Demography and Public Health Sciences

Wednesday, August 7, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Room TBA

The spatial aspect of many rural phenomena has been increasingly recognized and studied using spatial analysis and spatial regression models. While the methods are many, there is a learning curve to learn and apply them to empirical analysis. This workshop aims to introduce the concepts of spatial regression modeling and provides a relatively comprehensive coverage of the spatial regression models that can be useful for rural studies. A data example of rural growth and development in Wisconsin will be used to illustrate the methods and address their strengths and weaknesses. The methods that will be covered include: (1) exploratory spatial data analysis, (2) models dealing with spatial dependence (spatial lag model, spatial error model, spatial error model with spatially lagged responses, spatial cross-regressive model), (3) models dealing with spatial heterogeneity (spatial regime models, geographically weighted regression), (4) models dealing with both spatial dependence and heterogeneity, and (5) advanced spatial regression models (spatio-temporal regression, spatial regression forecasting, multilevel regression).

The goal of this workshop is NOT to teach the participants how to fit the models; rather, it is to help them understand the spatial aspect of their research and how that can be best addressed by what spatial regression models. This workshop is based on a forthcoming textbook titled "Spatial Regression Models for the Social Sciences" (Guangqing Chi and Jun Zhu. 2019. SAGE. ISBN:9781544302072). More information about this book can be found at https://us.sagepub.com/hi/nam/spatial-regression-models-for-the-social-sciences/book258546.

The workshop will run for three hours. There is no cost for this event but registration is required. Because seating for the workshop is limited we ask that you register for the workshop when you register for the annual meeting.

Participants are encouraged to bring their laptop with GeoDa installed (open source,https://geodacenter.github.io/).

Annual Business Meeting

The Rural Sociological Society will be holding its annual Business Meeting on **Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 5:30 (EDT)** during the 2019 Annual Meeting being held at the Richmond Marriott, 500 E. Broad, Richmond, VA. All RSS members are invited to attend.

Change in the Application and Distribution Cycle for Masters, Dissertation, and Early Career Awards

Proposed Changes to the RSS Master's Thesis, Dissertation, and Early Career Awards Application and Grant Distribution Cycle

The RSS Awards and Endowment Committee has proposed to move up the application deadline for Master's, Dissertation, and Early Career Awards from Spring to Fall. This new deadline will allow recipients of these research-focused awards to receive award funding earlier in the year, in the spring semester, so they can begin their research work sooner. Applications for all other Society awards, such as the Distinguished Rural Sociologist, Distinguished Service to Rural Life, and Excellence In Awards, will continue to be due in the spring (mid-February) and awards will continue to be made at the annual meeting. The Awards and Endowment Committee anticipates this change will be adopted by Council at the August 6, 2019 meeting. The change to the new fall deadline would begin immediately. Please see the revised request for proposals.

For more information, click here.

Lawrence Busch Award

Applications for the Lawrence Busch Award for Graduate Student Research on Food and Agriculture opening soon!

The Awards and Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that the first ever Lawrence Busch Award for Graduate Student Research on Food and Agriculture will be made in 2019. The maximum award amount is $1,500.00 though the actual award may be less based on the availability of funds. A description of the award and request for proposals can be found here.

Call for Papers

Engineering Studies - Special Issue

Engineering Studies is an **interdisciplinary journal** devoted to the scholarly study of engineers and engineering. It advances analysis (historical, social, cultural, political, philosophical, and organizational) which enhances **critical understanding of engineering education, research, practice, policy, and representation.**

Engineering Studies involves critical investigation in the practices under study (work, design, formation, or service to society); it does not publish papers that seek only to improve the effectiveness of engineering. Prospective authors are invited to reflect on and anticipate how their work might prove helpful to the academy and beyond.

Engineering Studies warmly welcome prospective authors to submit their contributions to a special issue dedicated to **New engineering actors and practices in agriculture.** The study of engineers and engineering generally focuses on product design, infrastructure (transport, water, energy, telecommunication), and particular industries such as aerospace, energy, and computing – but rarely agriculture, except in field-specific journals. However, **engineers and engineering are deeply engaged with agriculture, food and rural communities.** This special issue seeks to shed some light on engineers involved in agriculture: who they are, what are their relations to other actors, and what are their practices.

For more information, click here.

Society for Applied Anthropology

The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) invites abstracts (sessions, papers and posters) for the Program of the 80th Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM, March 17-21, 2020. The theme of the Program is "Cultural Citizenship and Diversity in Complex Societies."

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, 2019**. For additional information on the theme, abstract size/format, and the meeting, please visit our web page (www.sfaa.net/annual-meeting/).

HJSR Special Issue 42: California Genocide and Healing

The Humboldt Journal of Social Relations (HJSR) invites paper submissions for the 2020 Special Issue 42: **California Genocide and Healing**. For this issue of HJSR, we are interested in exploring acts of genocide and mass atrocity, and the processes of healing that have been initiated in both native and non-native communities. We seek work that evaluates acts of genocide and mass atrocity in California, long-term ramifications, impacts on culture and society, acts of memorialization and reconciliation, and the relatively slow pace or reluctance of the State to acknowledge and respond to its history. The submission deadline is **October 31, 2019**, and manuscripts should be in 12-point font, double-spaced and generally not exceed 8500 words. Commentaries and creative writing should not exceed 3000 words.

Key themes include, but are not limited to:

- Acknowledgment and acts of reconciliation, healing, and restitution
- Memorialization and restitution
- Continuing logics and legacies
- Historical acts of genocide and mass atrocity
- Implications for Indigenous language, culture, and society
- Ethics, philosophy, and theories of decolonizing the study and teaching about the genocide of Indigenous Peoples in California

Submission Deadline Friday, October 31, 2019
Manuscripts should be in 12-point font, double-spaced and generally not exceed 8500 words.

Commentaries and creative writing should not exceed 3000 words.

For submission details: https://digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/hjsr/

Employment Opportunities

Indiana University Assistant or Associate Professor, Sustainable Food Systems

The O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University seeks applicants from public policy and affairs, governance, or other social sciences with a demonstrated expertise in food systems dynamics for an Assistant Professor or tenured Associate Professor. The applicant's research should address the coupled nature of food systems and sustainability. We are particularly interested in candidates studying food systems within a U.S. context. We are also interested in candidates who work across disciplines with a record of interdisciplinary collaboration. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an extramurally-supported research program. Candidates may be appointed at the rank of assistant or associate professor.

This position is partially funded by Indiana University Bloomington's Emerging Areas of Research initiative (http://ovpr.indiana.edu/ear1/ear1/), which underwrites the Sustainable Food Systems Science (SFSS) program. The SFSS team seeks to understand sustainable food system development by studying the leverage points used to build more resilient and sustainable food systems. The candidate will contribute to the O'Neill School's developing food systems research/curriculum and engage with the SFSS program scholars to bolster IU's capacity and contribution the field.

The successful applicant is expected to start August 1, 2020, and to have completed the Ph.D. by that date.

Review of applications will begin September 1, 2019.

you can visit http://indiana.peopleadmin.com/postings/7876 to learn more.

Assistant Professor Rural Sociology - Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Description: The successful candidate will be able to contribute and help shape the BS in Rural Community Development. The successful candidate will also have the opportunity to collaborate with the newly founded Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation (Georgia's Rural Center) by working with rural communities and/or mentoring students in internships/research.

Applicants must have a strong commitment to undergraduate education and an interest in ABAC's undergraduate research initiative. The successful candidate will be a strongly motivated and enthusiastic individual with a firm commitment to excellence in teaching, a well articulated pedagogy, and the ability to foster a collaborative atmosphere among students and faculty. Evidence of successful teaching at a primarily undergraduate institution and scholarly activity is desired.

This is a 10-month, tenure-track position. Typical faculty load is 12 hours per semester.

Position Summary: The newly formed Department of Rural Studies at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College seeks to hire an Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology, with appointment beginning on or after August 1, 2019. Teaching responsibilities will include courses in Rural Sociology and may include other upper level sociology courses and core courses, such as Introduction to Sociology.

For more information, click here.

Department Head of Rural Studies - Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Description: The successful candidate will teach upper division courses in their disciplinary subject area, provide leadership for faculty to develop new upper division courses that support the program, and recruit students into the Rural Community Development program.

Candidates will have demonstrated administrative experience in program development, working with interdisciplinary programs and faculties, communities, and fund raising to support the program. Evidence of successful teaching and scholarly activity is essential. Other responsibilities include seeking and designing opportunities for student internships and creating job placement opportunities. Other duties as assigned. Ph. D. required.

Finally, the successful candidate will have an opportunity to collaborate with Georgia's Rural Center (Center for Rural Prosperity and Innovation) which is housed on ABAC's campus.

Position Summary:

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) announces a nationwide search for a new Department Head and Associate/Professor for the School of Arts & Sciences: Department of Rural Studies. Anticipated start date is August 1st, 2019.

The newly formed Department of Rural Studies seeks to hire a Department Head with an open rank (Associate/Professor) and a specialty in Rural Sociology, Rural Psychology, or a related Behavioral Sciences expertise. Preference will be given to a faculty member who can teach in an area of need such as: Consumer Economics, Community Health, Community Development, Public Administration, or Rural Sociology. The successful candidate is expected to help build and guide the department that currently houses a BS in Rural Community Development, which has tracks in Social and Community Development and Community Health.

The Department includes faculty in the disciplines of Sociology, Psychology, and Criminal Justice, and has the potential to expand.

For more information, click here.

Conferences of Interest

8th Global Nitrogen Conference 2020

The 8th Global Nitrogen Conference will be hosted in **Berlin, Germany from May 3-7, 2020**. Since 1998, these international nitrogen conferences have been a unique platform to highlight nitrogen's role as an essential resource and a major environmental threat. They provide a forum and catalyst for interdisciplinary nitrogen research, bringing together scientists from a range of disciplines – from atmospheric science to economics, plant biology to policy analysis. They have also been an important opportunity to engage with other important stakeholders, including civil society, national governments, international organizations and fertilizer companies among others.

The overarching theme of INI-2020 is the Sustainable Development Goals – the 17 UN-sanctioned targets for social, environmental and economic outcomes to be achieved by 2030 – with nitrogen central to 16 of them. How humanity manages its relationship with nitrogen over the coming decade will be critical in determining whether we meet these goals. Some, like ending hunger and poverty, will require better access to nitrogen. Others, like protecting life on land and water and climate action, will require reducing nitrogen pollution. All will benefit from better nitrogen management and more effective policies.

SfAA Annual Meeting in Albuquerque 2020

The Society for Applied Anthropology is pleased to announce our 80th Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM, March 17-21, 2020.

The SfAA Annual Meeting provides an invaluable opportunity for scholars, practicing social scientists, and students from a variety of disciplines and organizations to discuss their work and brainstorm for the future. It is more than just a conference: it's a rich place to trade ideas, methods, and practical solutions, as well as enter the lifeworld of other professionals. SfAA members come from a variety of disciplines -- anthropology, sociology, economics, business, planning, medicine, nursing, law, and other related social/behavioral sciences.

For more information, click here.

IRSA 2020 World Congress of Rural Sociology

XV World Congress of Rural Sociology, 8-12 July 2020, Cairns, Australia

Whose versions of sustainability count in the urban century? How does spatial disadvantage intersect with injustices based on gender, ethnic, linguistic, religious and other dimensions of social difference? What opportunities do flows of people, capital, information and commodities between urban and rural spaces present for sustainable rural development? Delegates to the 2020 World Congress of Rural Sociology will consider these and many other questions relevant to contemporary rural society.

For more information, click here.

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