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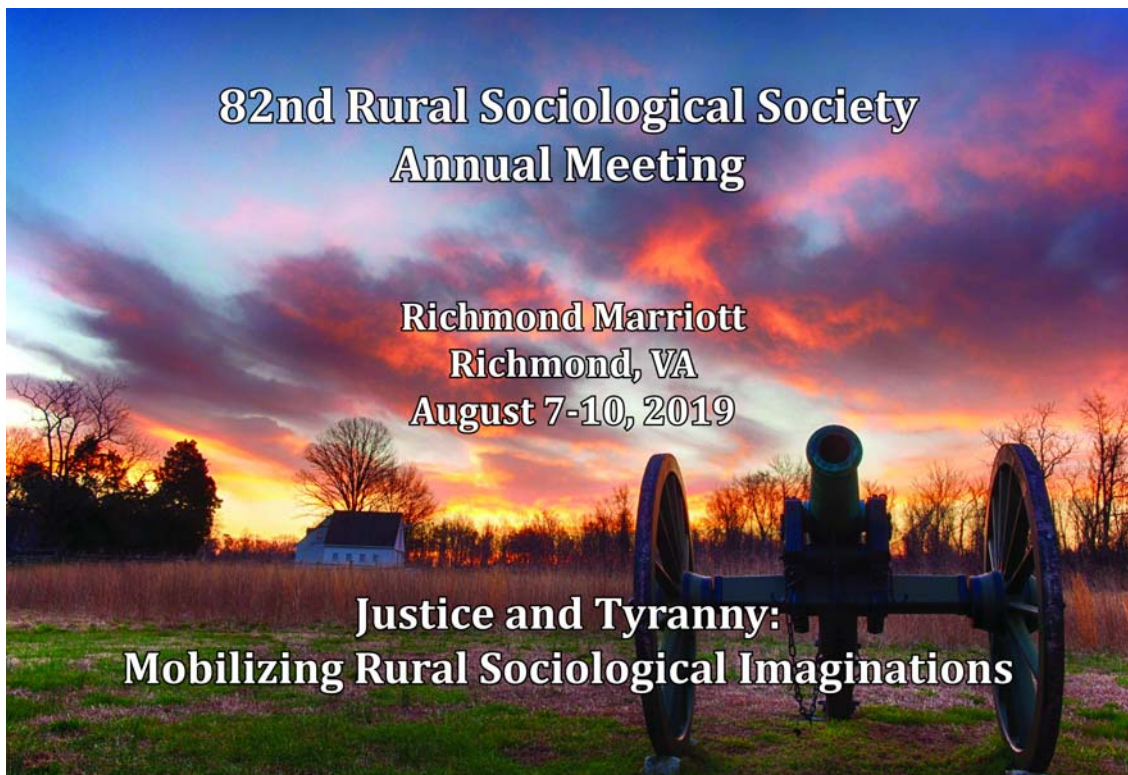
## Important Due Dates

- 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,**

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## 2019

- Annual Meeting Early Bird Registration rate expires - **June 7, 2019**
- 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!)



## Room Sharing?

Would you be interested in sharing a room with another attendee while at the annual meeting in Richmond? Please indicate this when registering for the meeting. **All requests must be made by June 1, 2019. RSS cannot guarantee room sharing will be available beyond that date.** Once we have some idea what the need for room sharing is we will follow up with

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you.

## Just Added to the RSS Annual Meeting Program

### **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

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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. You can register for the workshop as part of your RSS Annual Meeting registration.

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

## The Rural Sociological Society is pleased to announce the winners of the 2018-2019 Endowment Awards

### Thesis Award

Effie E. Smith

The Pennsylvania State University

*Livelihoods in the Balance: Haitians and Haitian-Dominicans and Precarious Work in Rural Dominican Republic*

### Dissertation Awards

Maria Vivanco Salazar

The Pennsylvania State University

*Neglected and Underutilized by Whom? Neo-colonialism in the Definition of Crops from the Andean Region*

Angela Serrano Zapata

University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Prospects of Oil Palm: Smallerholders' Livelihoods in Global Value Chains*

Adriana Szabo

North Carolina State University

*Contested Rural Development: The Case of Rosia Montana, Romania*

Julia M. Miller

University of Kentucky

*Let's Not Do Anything Drastic!: Processes of Reproducing Rural Marginalization in Education Policy Decision-making*

Stephen A. Lauer

Kansas State University

*Sustaining Agriculture through Adaptive Management to Preserve the Ogallala Aquifer under a Changing Climate Civic Engagement*

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### Early Career Award

Analena Bruce  
Indiana University  
*Farm Entry and Persistence*

Awards will be presented at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society on August 9, 2019 at the Richmond Marriott, Richmond, Virginia.

## The Rural Sociological Society is pleased to announce this year's RSS Award Honorees

### 2019-2020 RSS Awards Winners

#### CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Julie Zimmerman, University of Kentucky, [jzimm@uky.edu](mailto:jzimm@uky.edu)

#### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO RURAL LIFE

Sheryl Threadgill-Matthews, BAMA Kids, Inc., 334-682-5925

#### EXCELLENCE IN EXTENSION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

Johanna Reed Adams, University of Missouri, [AdamsJR@missouri.edu](mailto:AdamsJR@missouri.edu)

#### EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH (co-winners)

Rich Stedman, Cornell University, [rs6@cornell.edu](mailto:rs6@cornell.edu)  
Mildred Warner, Cornell University, [mwarner@cornell.edu](mailto:mwarner@cornell.edu)

#### DISTINGUISHED RURAL SOCIOLOGIST

Gene Theodori, Sam Houston State University, [glt002@shsu.edu](mailto:glt002@shsu.edu)

#### EXCELLENCE IN INSTRUCTION

Mary Hendrickson, University of Missouri, [HendricksonM@missouri.edu](mailto:HendricksonM@missouri.edu)

#### OLAF LARSON GRADUATE STUDENT PAPER (co-winners)

Tom Mueller and Matthew Brooks, The Pennsylvania State University,  
[TomMueller@psu.edu](mailto:TomMueller@psu.edu),  
[mfb5341@psu.edu](mailto:mfb5341@psu.edu)

Paige Kelly, The Ohio State University, [kelly.1193@osu.edu](mailto:kelly.1193@osu.edu)

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## FREDERICK H. BUTTEL OUTSTANDING SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD (paper)

Joseph Jakubek and Spencer D. Wood. 2018. Emancipatory Empiricism:  
The Rural Sociology of WEB Du Bois. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 4:1

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Richmond, Virginia.

## 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 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

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- 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

## 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 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).

## THE RURAL RACE AND ETHNICITY RIG STUDENT

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## 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 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](#).

New publication by RSS Member Guangqing Chi



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## Spatial Regression Models for the Social Sciences by Guangqing Chi

### **Lawrence Busch Award for Graduate Student Research on Food and Agriculture**

The **Lawrence Busch Award for Graduate Student Research on Food and Agriculture** was established by the RSS Executive Committee on March 22, 2019. The **Busch Award** will formally be announced at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society in Richmond,

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Virginia. Full details regarding the award, and the application process will be available in August.



The Rural Sociological Society would like to thank Professor Busch for this generous contribution to the society in support of graduate student research. Additional gifts to the **Lawrence Busch Award for Graduate Student Research on Food and Agriculture** can be accepted now. Make checks payable to the Rural Sociological Society, please write **Busch Award** on the memo line, and send to the RSS Business Office, PO Box 791061, New Orleans, LA 70179-1061.

## Employment Opportunities

### 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

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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

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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](#).

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

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