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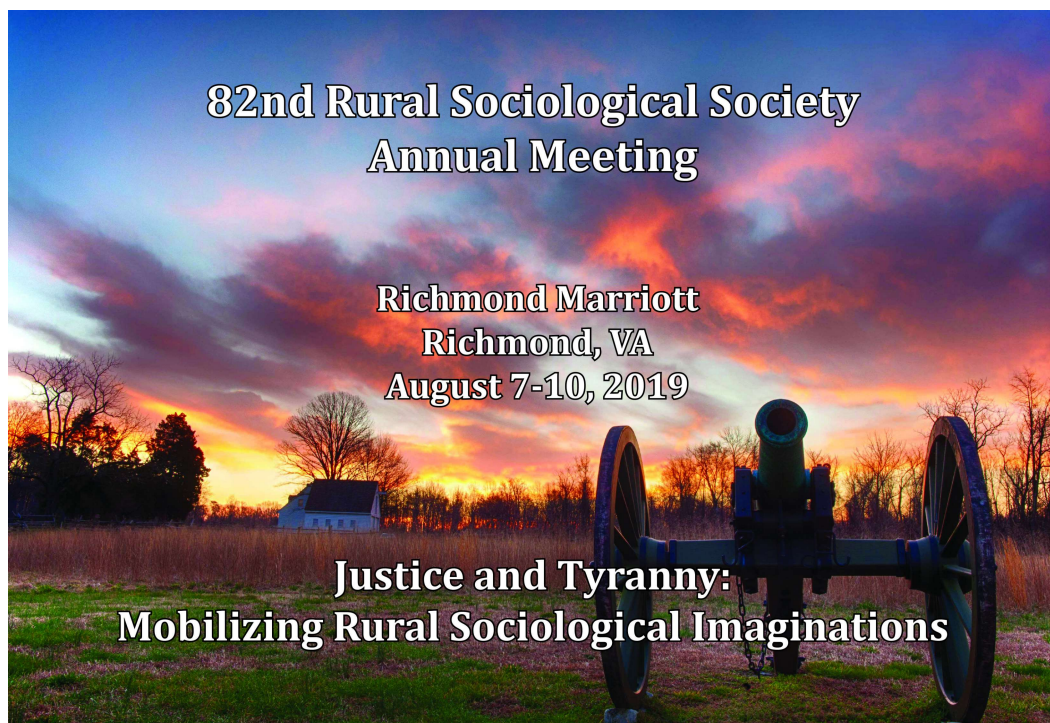
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SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 7-10, 2019



82nd Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society in Richmond, Virginia

Theme: Justice and Tyranny: Mobilizing Sociological Imaginations

[What's new in Richmond](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS, POSTERS, AND ORGANIZED

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 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 for more information. Contact Elizabeth Ransom, Program Chair at RSSAnnualMeeting@gmail.com or the RSS Business Office 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.

2019 DIVERSITY TRAVEL AWARD

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

...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) 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

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 michaelcope@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.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: RURAL SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY 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

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

2019 RURAL SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY MS, PHD, EARLY CAREER RESEARCH AWARD COMPETITION

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.

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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](#).

NATURAL RESOURCE RESEARCH AND INTEREST GROUP (NRRIG) AWARDS

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](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Annual Meeting

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting, August 9-11, 2019, New York City, NY. The program theme selected by President Nancy J. Mezey is [Illuminating the SOCIAL in Social Problems](#). SSSP is an interdisciplinary community of scholars, practitioners, advocates, and students interested in the application of critical, scientific, and humanistic perspectives to the study of vital social problems. Contact sssp@utk.edu or visit https://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/745/2019_Annual_Meeting/.

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

RSS MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

RSS Member Bryce Hannibal recently had a paper accepted in *Environmental Sociology*. The paper is titled, "The Effect of local water Scarcity and drought in water conservation behaviors."

Abstract: This study examines the influence of observed local water scarcity on individual water conservation behaviors. We examine three distinct sets dependent variables measuring water conservation behaviors that require differing levels of individual investment. These variables measure behaviors that require no financial investment (such as shorter showers), minimal financial investment (low-flow fixtures), and larger financial investment (new appliances). We use a multilevel statistical regression to determine if a relationship exists between local levels of drought and individual water conservation behavior. Our primary finding is that individuals who live in counties that experience drought have a higher tendency to make behavioral changes to conserve water and make small financial investments to conserve water. We find no relationship between local water scarcity and larger financial investments to conserve water. Overall, results suggest that individuals' environmental behaviors may be closely connected to their local environmental context as long as significant financial investment is not required.

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

RSS Member Laura Reynolds has recently published an article in *Third World Quarterly* titled "Fairtrade Certification, Labor Standards, and Labor Rights: Comparative Innovations and Persistent Challenges."

Abstract: Fairtrade International is the primary social certification in the agro-food sector, working to promote the wellbeing and empowerment of farmers and workers in the Global South. Although Fairtrade's farmer program is well studied, far less is known about its labor certification. Helping fill this gap, this article provides a systematic account of Fairtrade's labor certification system and standards and compares it to four other voluntary programs addressing labor conditions in global agro-export sectors. The study explains how Fairtrade International institutionalizes its equity and empowerment goals in its labor certification system and its recently revised labor standards. Drawing on critiques of compliance based labor standard programs and proposals regarding the central features of a beyond compliance approach, the inquiry focuses on Fairtrade's efforts in promoting (1) inclusive governance, (2) participatory oversight, and (3) enabling rights. I argue that Fairtrade makes important, but incomplete, advances in each domain, pursuing a worker enabling compliance model based on new audit report sharing,

challenges in implementing its standards and realizing its empowerment goals.

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant Professor - Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences, Washington State University

The Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences, Washington State University in Pullman, WA invites applications for a permanent full-time tenure-track 9-month academic appointment position. The rank will be at the Assistant Professor level and we invite both Ph.D. candidates and more advanced assistant professors to apply. The appointment will begin on August 16, 2019.

Job duties: Conduct independent research leading to publication, secure external grant funding, teach undergraduate and graduate courses in sociology, and mentor undergraduate and graduate students. In addition, the occupant of the position will be expected to contribute to University and Departmental governance through service on appropriate committees, and to serve the university, profession, state, and national communities in ways appropriate to training and rank.

Job requirements: Earned a doctoral degree in Sociology or closely related field by August 16, 2019, conduct research in environmental sociology or related area, have an excellent record of research or potential for research, have potential for generating extramural funding, evidence of teaching ability and capacity to mentor undergraduate and graduate students. Must possess a record of accomplishments that demonstrate the potential to become an outstanding scholar and educator.

Applications: Submit: 1) A cover letter describing research, teaching, and grant experience or plans, 2) Curriculum Vitae, 3) two examples of recent written work, and 4) evidence of teaching effectiveness, and 5) three letters of reference. The application materials must be submitted online at: www.wsujobs.com. Review of applications will begin November 9, 2018, and will continue until the position is filled. Questions regarding the position should be directed to Professor Erik Johnson, Chair of the Search Committee, 509-335-4595 or Johnsone@wsu.edu.

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Assistant Professor of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, specializing in Natural Resource Tourism

Position: Assistant Professor of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, specializing in Natural Resource Tourism

Location: Department of Human Dimensions of Natural Resources (HDNR), Warner College of Natural Resources (WCNR), Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, 80523-1480, (970) 491-6591

Appointment: Tenure-track 9-month appointment

The Department of HDNR seeks a dynamic and innovative individual with an expertise in tourism planning, tourism impacts, tourism as a conservation development tool or related topics. The successful applicant will conduct research in areas such as park and protected area visitor management, livelihoods and sustainable tourism development, international and cross-cultural tourism studies, tourism behavior analysis, or other areas related to this position. This person will contribute to teaching in the natural resource-based tourism programs. These include the Department's undergraduate Natural Resource Tourism program as well as the innovative Master of Tourism Management program, Ski-Area Management graduate certificate, and Adventure Tourism graduate certificate. These programs provide undergraduate and graduate instruction for on-campus and distance learners throughout the world.

Minimum Qualifications: Required: 1) Completed PhD in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources or related field by anticipated start date of August 16, 2019, and 2) At least one advanced degree in an area related to travel and tourism, business management, and social science applications to conservation.

Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology - Auburn University

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at Auburn University (www.auburn.edu) is seeking applications for a nine-month, tenure track position of Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology. The successful candidate will have a 60% research and 40% instruction appointment. The projected start date is August 16, 2019.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate is expected to develop a nationally recognized and externally funded research program in applied social sciences that is relevant to the state and region. The successful candidate is also expected to deliver excellent teaching with an innovative curriculum that meets the needs of the Rural Sociology program and the department. In addition, the candidate is expected to contribute to the university's outreach mission and to provide service to the discipline as well as to Auburn University, the College of Agriculture and the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology.

Qualifications: Minimum qualifications include an earned Ph.D. from an accredited institution in Rural Sociology, Sociology, or a closely related discipline at the time employment begins, along with documented experience in research and teaching. The candidate must have experience conducting research on one of the department's core focal areas which are: natural resources and the environment; rural and community development; and agrifood systems. Research interests in other related applied social science topics such as demography and international development also are welcome as they relate to the three core focal areas. The candidate must possess the organizational and interpersonal skills necessary to communicate and interact effectively with diverse audiences. The candidate must meet eligibility requirements for work in the United States at the time appointment is scheduled to begin, and continue working legally for the proposed term of employment. Strong quantitative skills are desired, along with an interest in teaching research methods and statistics and the qualifications to do so. Other qualifications of interest include an ability to collaborate in a multidisciplinary setting; previous teaching experience in rural sociology or closely related fields; demonstrated record of securing extramural funding for research or educational programs; and government or industry experience in sectors involving the department's three core focal areas.

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

Editor of the Community Development (CD)

The Community Development (CD) Practice is an online-only, peer-reviewed publication of the Community Development Society. It presents innovative approaches, tools, and techniques that can be readily applied by community engaged researchers, community development practitioners, applied researchers and *pracademics*. The purpose of Community Development Practice is to describe and promote appropriate and useful tools, resources and practice(s) for all aspects of community development. Readers of Community Development Practice papers should be able to take lessons from, adapt, and/or use the tools, resources and practice(s) described. All presented tools, resources and practice(s) must be grounded in community development (or other related fields) theories, frameworks and/or methods that have a demonstrated record of positive impact in/for communities. We especially welcome submissions focused on innovations in practice.

Community Development Practice focuses much more on the "how" of strategy and implementation, including key ingredients for success and pitfalls to avoid. Community Development Practice submissions should be aligned with the Community Development Society's Principles of Good Practice (provided) and should clearly document methodology, data-driven results, success stories, resources and/or lessons learned. Citations of research and resources are expected in every manuscript. Successful submissions and published manuscripts should also reference the Community Development Society Principles of Good Practice.

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

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