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**Portland, Oregon**

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**Call for papers – COMING SOON!**

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## FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH JANUARY 19, 2018**

The Rural Sociological Society (RSS) is currently seeking nominations for leadership positions that will begin in 2018. Positions are open to all RSS members. Self-nominations are encouraged.

The Nominations Committee seeks nominations that represent the diverse interests and background of RSS membership, including, but not limited to: race and ethnicity, geography, gender and sexuality, institutional affiliations (e.g. non-land grant and non-academic), age, physical abilities, education, and nationality as well as representation of the spectrum of research, teaching, extension, public service, and administrative interests of the membership.

Nominations are sought for the positions below. Responsibilities associated with the position will begin at the 2018 annual meeting.

1. **President-elect**: serves for three years as President-elect, President and Past President (voting member of Council each year)
2. **Vice President**: serves for one year (voting member of Council for that year)
3. **Council Member (3 positions)**: serves for two years (voting member of Council each year, appointed as chair-elect of one RSS standing committee in the first year, serves as chair in the second year). Council members represent land-grant institutions of higher education, non-land grant institutions of higher education, and non-academic institutions.
4. **Student Representative to Council**: serves for two years (voting member of Council each year)
5. **Chair-elect of the Nominations Committee**: serves for two years, as Chair-elect and then chair (not a voting member of Council)
6. **Nominations Committee Member**: serves for one year (not a voting member of Council).
7. **Ethics Committee Member**: serves for three years (not a voting member of Council).

Nominations may be submitted through the RSS Nominations Form:

[https://syracuseuniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8CY1ijEWdSpi8Nn](https://syracuseuniversity.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8CY1ijEWdSpi8Nn)

For questions or further information, please contact Shannon Monnat, Nominations Committee Chair, directly at [smonnat@maxwell.syr.edu](mailto:smonnat@maxwell.syr.edu).

## 2018 RURAL SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY AWARDS NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

*Deadline: February 16, 2018*

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

- Distinguished Service to Rural Life

- Excellence in Instruction
- Excellence in Extension and Public Outreach
- Certificate of Appreciation
- The Fred Buttel Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award 2018 (Book)
- 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.

Nomination packets should be submitted by February 16, 2018 to Jennifer Sherman, Department of Sociology, PO Box 644020, Pullman, WA 99164-4020. Email submissions of compiled .pdf application packets are encouraged:

[jennifer\\_sherman@wsu.edu](mailto:jennifer_sherman@wsu.edu)

## 2018 MASTER'S, PhD, AND EARLY CAREER RESEARCH AWARD COMPETITION

### Master's, PhD and Early Career Research Award Competition

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 2017-2018 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, 2013 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.

### Submission Guidelines for Awards Competitions

The deadline for submission of proposals and required supporting materials is February 16, 2018. Proposals received after that

date will not be reviewed or considered for funding. All proposals must be submitted electronically compiled into a single Adobe Acrobat .pdf format to Jennifer Sherman ([jennifer\\_sherman@wsu.edu](mailto:jennifer_sherman@wsu.edu)), chair of the Awards and Endowment Committee. Nominees who are unable to meet these submission requirements and/or who cannot save their files in .pdf format should contact Jennifer at (509)335-4163 or at the email listed above at least two weeks in advance of the due date so that alternative arrangements for submission can be made.

**Submission Deadline: February 16, 2018**

**Notification Date: May 2018**

**Award Date: August 2018 or by special arrangement**

## 2018 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 Portland, Oregon. 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 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 Loka Ashwood ([l1a0008@auburn.edu](mailto:l1a0008@auburn.edu)) not later than **Thursday, February 15, 2018, 11:59 pm (EST)**.

The Diversity Committee will make selections and announce decisions by March 31, 2018. No part of the application may be submitted by fax and only applications from individuals on their own behalf will be accepted.

### NIFA Announces \$3.1 Million Available to Support Food and Agricultural National Needs Fellowship Grants Program

On September 1, 2017, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) announced \$3.1 million in available funding to train the next generation of policymakers, researchers, and educators in the food and agricultural sciences. There is a significant shortfall between the number of jobs being created and availability of graduates with bachelor's or higher degrees in the food, agriculture, renewable natural resources, or environmental specialties.

Eligible applicants include land-grant institutions (1862, 1890 and 1994 institutions); colleges and universities having significant minority enrollments and a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food and agricultural sciences; and other colleges and universities having a demonstrable capacity to carry out the teaching of food, and agricultural sciences.

The deadline for applications is **October 31, 2017**. Read the full announcement on the NIFA website here:

<https://nifa.usda.gov/announcement/usda-invests-126-million-train-more-100-future-agricultural-science-professionals>

### Graduate Research Assistantship in Sustainable Development and Rural Sociology - University of Missouri-Columbia

A graduate research assistantship in rural sociology and sustainable development (at either M.S. or Ph.D. level) will be available beginning in Spring 2018 within the Department of Rural Sociology at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The student will be working with Dr. Hua Qin and contribute to an NSF-funded project on the dynamic human dimensions of forest insect disturbance in north-central Colorado, as well as other related research in population (migration) and the environment, vulnerability and adaptation to environmental/climate change, and applied social science methods and data practices.

The successful applicant will receive an annual assistantship stipend (\$1,821 and \$2,003 per month at the master's and doctoral levels, respectively), a full tuition waiver, and paid health insurance. Prospective students should contact Dr. Qin ([qinh@missouri.edu](mailto:qinh@missouri.edu)) for more details. Please include a statement of research interests and a current resume with the inquiry.

For more information, please click the following:

[https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/JobPostings/graduate%20assistantship%20in%20sustainable%20development%20and%20rural%20sociology\\_mizzou%202017.pdf](https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/JobPostings/graduate%20assistantship%20in%20sustainable%20development%20and%20rural%20sociology_mizzou%202017.pdf)

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Call for Special Issue Proposals - International Association for Society and Natural Resources

*Society and Natural Resources* (SNR) is currently accepting proposals for special issues. Previous special issues have focused on issues such as sustainable agriculture politics and policy, water conflicts, and the relationships between the fields of environmental sociology and natural resource sociology. We invite interested applicants to submit proposals by **October 15, 2017**, to the Editors-in-Chief: Tasos Hovardas ([hovardas@ucy.ac.cy](mailto:hovardas@ucy.ac.cy)) and Linda Prokopy ([lprokopy@purdue.edu](mailto:lprokopy@purdue.edu)). Guidelines for submission are below. Proposals should consist of a theme, a list of authors and titles of manuscripts, and tentative manuscript abstracts.

### Call for Papers for the Humboldt Journal of Social Relations special issue: The American West after the Timber Wars.

Academics, students, and practitioners are encouraged to submit papers for a special issue of the Humboldt Journal of Social Relations focused on post-timber war dynamics in the American West. We welcome original research papers as well as commentaries, creative writing, and photo essays. We seek a wide range of perspectives on communities of the American West after the timber wars. SUBMISSIONS: Deadline **October 30, 2017**. Manuscripts should be in 12 point font, doubled spaced and generally not exceed 8500 words. Commentaries and creative writing should not exceed 3,000 words. For more information, see <http://digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/hjsr/> and <https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/CallforPapers/hjsr%20-%20cfp%202018%20-%20please%20distribute.pdf>.

### 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association

Southern Rural Sociological Association would like to cordially invite you and your students to attend and participate in the 49<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. The meeting will be held concurrently with the annual meetings of the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists in Jacksonville, Florida from February 2-6, 2018. Our website, with more information on the conference, and our journal can be found at: <http://journalofruralsocialsciences.org/>.

The theme of the annual meeting is "*Pursuing the New Sustainable South: Rural Sociology in a Changing Era.*" You and your students are welcome to share thoughts on this topic. However, papers on any subject or topic related to the South are welcome. Please feel free to pass this on to other interested parties, including non-sociologists.

Please note that the deadline for abstract submissions is Friday, **November 3, 2017**.

For more information, click here

<https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/CallforPapers/srsa%20call%20for%20papers%202018.pdf>

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Assistant Professor Sustainable Urban Systems – The State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) in Syracuse, NY, invites applications for an academic year tenure-track position as Assistant Professor in Environmental Studies with an emphasis on Sustainable Urban Systems.**

We seek a new faculty colleague with robust analytical skills (e.g. in systems analysis, spatial analysis/ geographical information systems, and/or quantitative modeling) and strong academic training and experience in a field of study related to Sustainable Urban Systems. Topical research areas are open, but we are especially interested in candidates with a research focus on one or more emerging areas of importance in the domain of sustainable urban systems, such as: sustainable transitions, sustainable urban infrastructure, sustainable community development, public engagement/ participatory planning, urban ecology, sustainable urban food systems, coastal urban communities, among others. The faculty member hired for this position will be expected to contribute to ESF's Minor in Urban Environmental Science, and the college's Center for the Urban Environment. For a full description, please see [http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=248:assistant-professor---sustainable-urban-systems&catid=25:employment-opportunities&Itemid=137](http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=248:assistant-professor---sustainable-urban-systems&catid=25:employment-opportunities&Itemid=137).

Application materials are required to be submitted on-line at <http://www.esf.edu/hr/>. Although applications will be accepted until the position is filled, candidates should submit their application by **October 31, 2017**, to assure optimal consideration.

#### **Assistant Professor in Environmental Communication – The State University of New York College**

The State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF) in Syracuse, NY, invites applications for an academic year tenure-track position as Assistant Professor in Environmental Studies with an emphasis on Environmental Communication. The position will be filled by a candidate with expertise in one or more of the following areas: science communication, risk communication, public understanding of science, citizen science, public participation, conflict resolution, communication of national and international environmental policies, environmental campaigns, media studies, and social marketing, among others. For more details, click [http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=247:assistant-professor---environmental-communication&catid=25:employment-opportunities&Itemid=137](http://www.ruralsociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=247:assistant-professor---environmental-communication&catid=25:employment-opportunities&Itemid=137).

Application materials are required to be submitted on-line at <http://www.esf.edu/hr/>. Although applications will be accepted until the position is filled, candidates should submit their application by **October 31, 2017**, to assure optimal consideration.

#### **Assistant Professor Sociology Undergraduate Program in the Department of Cultural and Social Studies - Creighton University**

Creighton University's Department of Cultural and Social Studies invites applications for a full-time tenure-track Assistant Professor position within its Sociology Program, to begin the Fall 2018 semester. We seek applicants with a PhD in sociology or related field, with expertise in quantitative methods and a strong desire to teach undergraduate courses in Statistics and Geographic Information Systems. The position carries a 3-3 teaching load with class sizes averaging 25-35 students. Review of applications will begin **October 31, 2017**. For complete details, see <https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/JobPostings/job%20description%20-%20circulation.docx>

#### **Assistant Professor in Environmental Policy - Michigan Technological University**

The Department of Social Sciences at Michigan Technological University invites applications for an Assistant Professor in Environmental Policy to join an interdisciplinary social sciences faculty. Possible research interests include climate policy, energy policy, environmental policy, environmental health policy, or natural resource policy. Candidates with strengths in international policy and spatial approaches, including GIS, are especially encouraged to apply. Applications will be reviewed starting **November 1, 2017**. Full consideration will be given to applications received by that date. For more information, visit <https://www.jobs.mtu.edu/postings/5796>.

#### **Assistant Professor of Sociology - University of Wisconsin-La Crosse**

The Department of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse invites applications for the position of Assistant Professor of Sociology. The area of specialization is open, but we are seeking applicants who will bring new courses and new areas of expertise to our department. Successful applicants will be expected to teach a course in research methods and a general education course in race and ethnicity. Preference will be given to applicants who can teach courses within the areas of medical sociology/sociology of health and illness, applied sociology, family sociology, sociology of human sexuality, or political sociology. Questions regarding the position should be directed toward Dr. Laurie Cooper Stoll ([lcstoll@uwlax.edu](mailto:lcstoll@uwlax.edu)). Relevant information about the position can be found here: <https://employment.uwlax.edu/postings/8715>

**For information on posting in future RSS eBulletins or on our website, please contact the RSS Business Office at [rssira@wiu.edu](mailto:rssira@wiu.edu).**

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