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**HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING:
FRED BUTTEL OUTSTANDING SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



The members in the picture are (from left to right): Matthew Sanderson, Ann R Tickamy, Jennifer Sherman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leadership Online for Today

University of Missouri Extension has developed an innovative online program with the focus on building better leaders beginning January 21, 2019 and ending April 8, 2019. Registration deadline is Monday, January 7, 2019.

Leadership Online For Today is an interactive program that allows participants to improve communication skills, build relationships and networks, and develop a collaborative project to benefit a community or organization.

Leadership Online For Today includes 11 sessions. Each session will have a specific focus. All sessions will be accessed online.

“Participants have the ability to work at their convenience within the week’s timeframe,” Johanna Reed Adams Ph.D. MU Extension State Community Development Specialist said. “Leadership coaches and members of the program will use VoiceThread or VoiceThread-Mobile. VoiceThread is a cloud-based, asynchronous media platform that allows for sharing videos, audio recordings, text, photographs or images. Electronic communications will complement the curriculum.”

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

Rural Families and Communities - Penn State's 26th Annual Symposium on Family Issues

October 22-23, 2018. The landscape of family life is ever changing. The strategies needed to maintain family economic stability, health and general well-being vary across space and place. Although the rural-urban divide is often portrayed as the most important geographic distinction, there is tremendous diversity across rural communities. Contrary to some depictions, families in rural areas come from diverse backgrounds. Further, some rural areas are resource constrained while others host opportunities that can support healthy families and child well-being. The 2018 National Symposium on Family Issues will focus on the challenges facing families in rural areas and the unique strategies invoked by families in rural areas today. For more information and to register visit [2018 Family Symposium](#).

Census Bureau Soliciting Feedback

specific decennial census products such as Summary File 1, Summary File 2, and the Demographic Profile. The last day to provide comment on the notice is **September 17, 2018**.

The Federal Register notice includes a [link](#) to an optional spreadsheet that will help users provide detailed feedback.

To assist users with how to use this spreadsheet and how to respond to the notice, a [live informational webinar](#) will be held on Tuesday July 31, 2018 at 2pm EST. The webinar will also be recorded and made available several days later on the Census Bureau website. Please note that the webinar is intended only to answer questions about the feedback process; all comments must be submitted through either electronic mail, postal mail, or the Federal e-Rulemaking portal as outlined in the notice itself.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

The 30th Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation Conference - Health & Shared Prosperity

Have you checked out the full draft conference program yet? Have you seen the diversity of keynote speakers, concurrent sessions, capacity building sessions, and field trips? The Health and Shared Prosperity conference is going to be a great event and we do not want you to miss it!

The draft program for the entire conference is now available on the [conference website](#). The conference will explore a wide diversity of themes, ranging from the future of rural Canada, reconciliation and rural development, rural mental health, and rural water governance. Other highlights for the upcoming conference include:

- Join the discussions in one of the 24 concurrent sessions with community and indigenous leaders, policy makers, and researchers from across Canada and internationally.
- Participate in one of the six field trips focused on themes such as water, economic development, indigenous development, and culture/heritage.
- Learn new skills during one of the capacity building sessions taking place throughout the conference.
- Participate in the New Researcher Forum
- Join the Arctic Division meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science the day before the CRRF Conference.
- Network with leading rural development practitioners, policy makers, and researchers.
- Help celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation



[To register for the conference click here](#). Do not forget that being a member of CRRF gets you a discount on the conference registration. If your CRRF membership needs to be renewed [click here](#). If you cannot be in Saskatoon watch for updates through the conference website and social media (#crrf2018). Conference participants will be encouraged to share lessons learned, resources, and other learnings from the conference.

The conference will be held on October 10-13, 2018 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. More details about the conference can be found at www.saskatoon2018.crrf.ca.

Invitation to Missouri Sociological Association Conference October 2018

We have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the 2018 Missouri Sociological Association Conference, October 19th and 20th. MSA is an organization that strives to highlight the professional and scholarly work of Sociologists in Missouri. My name is Sharon Squires and in October 2017 I became the president-elect for the organization. I am a University of Missouri Columbia alumni and I spent many an hour in the basement of the sociology building discussing Foucault. I left the state for several years and recently returned to teach Sociology at Lincoln University in Jefferson City. I was surprised to see that sociology seems to be in a state of decline in Missouri. Many universities have closed programs and others have kept sociology classes just to fill general education requirements.

This current state of affairs is the impetus behind the 2018 MSA conference theme "[Sociology to the Future: Where do we go from here?](#)" This conference explores where sociology is going as a discipline and how we can revitalize our neglected content area. At the 2018 conference I invite you to join us in discussing the future of Sociology and how we can make ourselves relevant in the social

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leading a workshop on teaching sociology. We will examine using humor, social media, green screen technology and online resources to energize contemporary classrooms.

We welcome and invite paper submissions from related social science fields doing research on Missouri as well. Part of planning for our future is rebuilding social science relationships. Specifically, anthropologist, social workers, political scientist and historians doing work on Missouri are also encouraged to submit proposals to the conference. If you are doing interesting sociological projects come out and share your information with your colleagues.

For more information follow this link: <https://www.ruralsociology.org/Invitation-to-Missouri-Sociological-Association-Conference-October-2018>

RSS MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

RSS member, Julie Keller, has announced her book, *Milking in the Shadows: Migrants and Mobility in America's Dairyland*, will be available through Rutgers University Press in January 2019.

A description of the book and order information can be found here:

[*Milking in the Shadows: Migrants and Mobility in America's Dairyland*](#)

Available January 2019, Rutgers University Press

"Keller does an excellent job of telling the stories of migrant workers from Veracruz working in the dairy industry in Wisconsin. Her writing is refreshing in its clarity and the author does a beautiful job of telling the stories of those she interviewed in a very vivid way."

--Joanna Dreby, author of *Everyday Illegal: When Policies Undermine Immigrant Families*

"With fresh sociological insights, Keller shines much needed light on the lives of immigrant dairy workers. This book informs contemporary debates about migration with a 360 degree view of the lives and challenges of those who work in the shadows."

--Max J. Pfeffer, Cornell University

"In this deeply contextualized, engaging, insightful ethnography of the dairy industry, Keller reveals the multiple paradoxes of mobility in the lives of the Mexican immigrant workers at the heart of this industry. Milking cows in the Upper Midwest is intimately connected to larger political and economic transformations, the reorganization of dairy production, and the intimate cross-border lives of these immigrants. This perceptive, beautifully written ethnography makes a terrific contribution to our knowledge of immigrant workers' lives, the laws and economic forces that govern their lives, and their hopes and dreams."

--Cecilia Menjivar, UCLA

RSS Member Gerardo Otero is publishing a new book that will be available soon.

Book description:

Why are people getting fatter in the United States and beyond? Mainstream explanations argue that people simply eat too much "energy-dense" food while exercising too little. By swapping the chips and sodas for fruits and vegetables and exercising more, the problem would be solved. By contrast, *The Neoliberal Diet* argues that increased obesity does not result merely from individual food and lifestyle choices. Since the 1980s, the neoliberal turn in policy and practice has promoted trade liberalization and retrenchment of the welfare regime, along with continued agricultural subsidies in rich countries. Neoliberal regulation has enabled agribusiness multinationals to thrive by selling highly processed foods loaded with refined flour and sugars—a diet that originated in the United States—as well as meat. Drawing on extensive empirical data, Gerardo Otero identifies the socioeconomic and political forces that created this diet, which has been exported around the globe, often at the expense of people's health.

Otero shows how state-level actions, particularly subsidies for big farms and agribusiness, have ensured the dominance of processed foods and made healthful fresh foods inaccessible to many. Comparing agrifood performance across several nations, including the NAFTA region, and correlating food access to class inequality, he convincingly demonstrates the structural character of food production and the effect of inequality on individual food choices. Resolving the global obesity crisis, Otero concludes, lies not in blaming individuals but in creating state-level programs to reduce inequality and make healthier food accessible to all.

[Subscribe](#)[Past Issues](#)[Translate ▼](#)[RSS](#)**RSS Member Jan Vavra has recently published a manuscript on food self-provisioning.**

The paper, based on the international research of food self-provisioning in 5 European regions, has just been published in June issue of Rural Sociology. According to my best knowledge, it is one of relatively few international comparisons of socio-demographic aspects of food self-provisioners in countries of Global North. I believe that this might be interesting also for the growing group of researchers dealing with food and rural sociology in US.

Online: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ruso.12180/abstract>

RSS Member Loka Ashwood has recently published a new book.

A fascinating sociological assessment of the damaging effects of the for-profit partnership between government and corporation on rural Americans

Why is government distrust rampant, especially in the rural United States? This book offers a simple explanation: corporations and the government together dispossess rural people of their prosperity, and even their property. Based on four years of fieldwork, this eye-opening assessment by sociologist Loka Ashwood plays out in a mixed-race Georgia community that hosted the first nuclear power reactors sanctioned by the government in three decades. This work serves as an explanatory mirror of prominent trends in current American politics. Churches become havens for redemption, poaching a means of retribution, guns a tool of self-defense, and nuclear power a faltering solution to global warming as governance strays from democratic principles. In the absence of hope or trust in rulers, rural racial tensions fester and divide. The book tells of the rebellion that unfolds as the rights of corporations supersede the rights of humans.

Learn more here: <https://yalebooks.yale.edu/book/9780300215359/profit-democracy>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS Tenure Track or Tenured Faculty Position

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS INDIANA UNIVERSITY-BLOOMINGTON CAMPUS

The School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University invites applications for an Assistant Professor or tenured Associate Professor with a specialization in sustainable food systems. We seek candidates from the social sciences with a focused line of research on food system development and evolution. Applicant's background should bridge the nexus of food, community development, and sustainability, and ideally would have an analytical background in social-ecological systems. We are particularly interested in candidates studying food systems within a U.S. context that possess mixed-methods research skills or systems modeling ability. 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. Appointment at the full professor level may be possible for a candidate with an exceptional research record in the specified areas of expertise.

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 join a growing, interdisciplinary community of colleagues across the University, with opportunities for joining research projects in the United States (Indiana, New York, New Mexico), Brazil, Italy, Madagascar, Norway, and Zambia. The candidate will contribute to SPEA's developing food systems research and curriculum.

Minimum educational qualifications include a Ph.D. in a related field (e.g., sociology, economics, community development, public policy and affairs, geography, anthropology) and evidence of a developed research program. **The successful applicant is expected to start August 1, 2019**, and to have completed the Ph.D. by that date.

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Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Norwich University

The School of Justice Studies & Sociology at Norwich University seeks to fill two permanent full time academic tenure stream positions at the level of Assistant Professor. These positions will begin on 1 July 2019. We seek applicants with a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, Criminology, Sociology, Security Studies or a related field by the time of appointment. A J.D. is not sufficient qualification for this position, although advanced Ph.D. candidates who are ABD may be considered if the requirements for the degree will be completed prior to the position start date. Successful candidates will be committed to delivering a high quality undergraduate education and will pursue an active research agenda, as well as advise students majoring in the School.

Candidates should have relevant expertise and teaching experience in one or more of the following areas: Policing, Comparative Criminal Justice, Juvenile Justice, Restorative Justice, International Security, Cyber Dimensions of Criminal Justice, Research Methods (to include mapping/GIS applications), Data Analytics, and/or Law & Society. A record of effective prior teaching and the potential for scholarly/creative accomplishments that support appointment at the level of assistant professor are expected. An ideal candidate will be familiar with sponsored research and successful grant procurement, have full time teaching experience and be willing to teach an array of courses to support the needs of our cohesive academic community.

The residential program of the School of Justice Studies & Sociology at Norwich University emphasizes the importance of evidence-based knowledge in understanding crime policy, programs and practice. It also strives to cultivate commitment to the principles of justice, ethics, public service and the development of leadership skills in its students. With nearly 500 students enrolled in our residential undergraduate B.A. program, criminal justice is the most popular major at Norwich. The School seeks dynamic teacher/scholar specialists whose work is on the leading edge of the field.

For more information, [see full position announcement](#).

Assistant of Associate Professor, Rural Sociology

Starting Date: August 15, 2019 or as negotiated.

Responsibilities: This is a nine-month, tenure-track Assistant or Associate with tenure Professor position in rural sociology with a 75% research and 25% teaching responsibility and with the expectation of an affiliation with the Population Research Institute. The successful candidate will be expected to develop a nationally and internationally recognized research program related to the sociology and demography of rural population health and health disparities, such as demographic and/or spatial variation in health outcomes; health behaviors; health care access and utilization; community health; health and environment; and health-related policies. The successful candidate will be expected to work in multi-disciplinary teams and secure external funding. Teaching expectations will be two courses per year pre-tenure, and three courses per year once tenure is achieved. The successful candidate will be expected to teach courses that contribute to the Rural Sociology graduate program and its dual-degree program in Demography, and to the Department's undergraduate program in Community, Environment, and Development. The candidate will have the opportunity to advise graduate students in Rural Sociology. This position is part of a cluster hire by Penn State's Social Science Research Institute (SSRI; <http://www.ssri.psu.edu>) of up to eight new faculty members, across the social and behavioral sciences, whose research focuses on reducing social disparities. A Ph.D. in rural sociology, sociology, demography, or related social science or public health field is required. The successful candidate must have completed all degree requirements by the appointment date. The ability to engage professionally with a diverse population of faculty, staff, and students across the University and community is required. Salary: Competitive, commensurate with background and experience. An attractive benefits package is available. Candidates should upload a letter of application, names and addresses of three professional references, curriculum vitae, statement of research and teaching interests and official transcripts. Questions can be directed to: Professor Leif Jensen, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education, The Pennsylvania State University at <mailto:lj1@psu.edu>. Review of candidates will begin on October 15, 2018, and remain open until a suitable candidate is identified. Employment with the University will require successful completion of background checks in accordance with University Policy. Apply online at <http://apptrkr.com/1274868>

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Right to Be Rural: Citizenship Outside the City

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policies, economic globalization, restructuring and deindustrialization, population ageing and outmigration, food security and sovereignty, and a host of other issues are dramatically changing small town and rural life, and in some cases threatening their very survival. Moreover, such challenges are already altering the relationship between rural citizens and their states. The citizenship rights, freedoms and obligations typically enshrined in national constitutions—regarding personal security, education, health, income, and association—may only be weakly maintained in rural places with small populations, where external actors deem it too costly or inefficient to deliver a universal standard of services and amenities.

The editors of this new collection, tentatively titled *The Right to be Rural*, wish to assemble an international group of authors to reflect on **the question of rural citizenship, and to connect their empirical investigations of rural and small town life to sociological theories of citizenship and rights**. The University of Alberta Press has formally expressed interest in the title, and will be the main target of the full proposal.

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

Rural Sociology Graduate Association (RSGA)

The Rural Sociology Graduate Association (RSGA) at Penn State will be hosting their **6th Annual Rural Studies Student Conference** this fall!

This year's conference, "Insurgent Sociology: Public Social Science Research in the 21st Century," will take place in University Park, Pennsylvania, on **November 2, 2018, with a pre-conference speaker on the afternoon of November 1**.

We look forward to welcoming this year's keynote speakers:

[Dr. Alfonso Morales](#) (Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, UW- Madison)

[Dr. Lisa Pruitt](#) (Professor of Law, UC Davis)

Friday, September 28th, is the abstract submission deadline for this year's Rural Studies Student Conference. Students interested in presenting are asked to **submit a 250-300 word abstract** of their work to psururalstudiesconference@gmail.com by September 28th.

We invite students from all disciplines and at all levels to present their work! Abstracts may reflect thesis and dissertation work, as well as term papers or other research projects. Works from all stages of the research process are welcomed and encouraged for submission. This is a great opportunity to receive feedback on research (at any stage of development and from any discipline or department) from your student peers.

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

Agricultural Transformation in Latin America's Changing Climate at University of New Mexico

The Latin American and Iberian Institute (LAI) at the University of New Mexico invites papers for a workshop on "Agricultural Transformation in Latin America's Changing Climate", scheduled for November 14-16, 2018.

This conference will bring together leading researchers in the field alongside exceptional junior scholars to advance theoretical understandings of smallholder agriculture within the context of ecological, political, and economic transformation in Latin America. Agricultural transformation is happening in Latin American societies in which inequality is extremely high, climate change is increasingly disruptive, economic liberalization is rapid and radical, and globalization is overwhelming local cultures. Despite these challenges, smallholder agriculture keeps contributing to the rural economy and to society at large, because farmers assert agency and shape their emerging environments. The conference will host invited speakers and workshop papers around three themes (agroecology, water governance, & alcohol and narco production) to develop a theoretical framework for and document cases of changing smallholder agriculture in Latin America.

Please [click this link to download the](#) CFP for more information about the conference and how to submit initial abstracts. The deadline for submission is September 15, 2018.

The 50th Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA, February 3-4, 2019) will be held concurrently with the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists (SAAS, January 31-February 6, 2019) in Birmingham, Alabama

The theme of the SRSA meeting is:

"Pathways for Equity in Development: Exploring the Past and Informing the Future through the Rural Social Sciences"

Rural social scientists have long been engaged in applied development research, evaluation, and policy, focusing attention on a wide range of issues. These include but are not limited to education, workforce development, health, food, agricultural, forestry,

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Sociological Association will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary Meeting in Birmingham, AL in 2019, an appropriate place for this historic meeting given the city's role in the Civil Rights Movement. In addition to open general submissions, interested rural social scientists are invited to submit abstracts for posters, paper presentations, and panel sessions to explore the various equity-related challenges, opportunities, and lessons learned from historic and contemporary development efforts in the southern United States and beyond. Scholars working on projects concerning other regions and countries are welcome, especially those that concern the Global South or that are comparative in nature.

Persons wishing to participate in the 2019 meeting are invited to submit a title, a list of authors and affiliations, and an abstract of 150 words by October 10, 2018. Paper, poster, and panel submissions are welcome. Submissions can be made online by following this link to a Qualtrics form (http://uofmississippi.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5nE2zr5mY06HRwp).

For more information follow this link (<https://rss.memberclicks.net/assets/docs/CallforPapers/SRSA%20Call%20for%20Abstracts%20-%202019.pdf>)

Humboldt Journal of Social Relations special issue: Geospatial Technologies in Social Science

Academics, students, and practitioners are encouraged to submit papers for a special issue of the Humboldt Journal of Social Relations focused on geospatial technologies and social science. We welcome original research papers as well as commentaries, creative writing, and photo essays.

TOPIC of the SPECIAL ISSUE:

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) engages with a variety of important policy issues through linking social science data with spatial analysis and by demonstrating the importance of applied GIS in both the public and private sector. GIS, though commonly used in the realms of city planning and natural resource analysis, have a far broader range of applications ranging from analysis of ancient community interactions to modern social media data.

For this issue of HJSR, we are interested in exploring the spectrum of geospatial technologies in social science, particularly the ways in which our understanding of ancient community interactions, contemporary human rights, or notions of citizenship are challenged by data flows. We seek work exploring how geospatial technologies shape the way we interpret and understand concepts of social organization, identity, and privacy across various geographic and temporal scales and how these renegotiations take specific cultural, aesthetic, material, or digital forms.

Key themes include, but are not limited to:

- Authority, democracy and data
- Geospatial technology and everyday life
- Prehistoric/Historic spatial settlement data
- LiDAR and looting of sites
- Spatial representations and mapping
- Geocoded subjectivities and hybrid materialities
- Geospatial infrastructures and architectures
- Ethics, philosophy, and theories of surveillance or privacy
- Regulation, politics and governance of geospatial technologies
- Algorithmic analysis and big data

SUBMISSIONS: Deadline Oct. 30, 2017

Manuscripts should be in 12-point font, double-spaced and generally not exceed 8500 words.

Commentaries and creative writing should not exceed 3000 words.

See digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/hjsr/ for other manuscript submission details.

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