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RSS ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION

Dear Members and Friends of RSS:

The annual meeting registration links are now up and running on the website. Hotel reservations can be made as well. For more information visit the [website](#) or click on the links below.

[Registration](#)

[Hotel reservation](#)

If you have questions please contact the business office at [309.298.3518](tel:309.298.3518).

2017 RSS ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

FIELD TRIPS FOR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

1) Amish Country. Tour Holmes County, OH the largest Amish Settlement in North America. Visit Pioneer Equipment (horse-scale ag. equipment manufacturer), visit an Amish farm, have lunch, travel to Behalt, and visit the Beachy homestead.

Tour duration (approx.) 7:00am – 6:00pm.

COST: Non-students = \$55.00, Students \$35.00

Organized by: Cory Anderson and Joe Donnermeyer

2) Appalachian Center for Economic Networks (ACEnet), Athens, OH. ACEnet is a community-based economic development organization serving the 32 counties of Appalachia Ohio. Their mission is to grow the regional economy by supporting entrepreneurs and strengthening economic sectors. Field trip includes lunch and a tour of Shagbark Mill.

Tour duration (approx.) 9:00am – 3:30pm.

COST: Non-students = \$40.00, Students = \$20.00

Organized by: SAFRIG

3) Olentangy River Restoration Canoe Tour, Columbus, OH. Canoe the Olentangy River and see this river rehabilitation project up close. Trip includes canoeing, lifting, and portaging. The trip will be 3-4 hours in duration and will include lunch.

Tour duration (approx.): 8:00am – 3:00pm.

COST: \$20.00

Organized by: Natural Resources RIG

4) Dominican Sisters of Peace, Columbus, OH. Visit the Dominican Sisters of Peace's projects and meet with Latino immigrants involved with the projects and activities. We will learn about a healthy community program serving Latino families focusing on women and children, a Mariposas program to empower young women, a learning center offering ESL, GED, and citizenship preparation and (if time permits) a care of the earth/environment program on the edge of Franklin county in Blacklick (Reynoldsburg).

COST: Non-students = \$25.00, Students: \$15

Organized by: The Rural Ethnic and Racial Minorities RIG

All field trips are scheduled to take place Thursday, July 27, 2017

MEMBER NEWS

INTRODUCING THE NEW "RSS STUDENT TRAVEL AND SUPPORT FUND"

Given the ever increasing costs of higher education and decreasing or no support for student attendance at professional meetings, the RSS Council unanimously adopted a proposal from the Membership Committee to establish the **RSS Student Travel and Support Fund**. The criteria for the awarding of student travel funds is similar to that being used by the Diversity Committee when dispersing Diversity Travel Funds (formerly Minority Travel Funds). Awards will be based on need, other available support, and a statement of how attendance at the annual meeting could benefit the applicant's career.

The **RSS Student and Travel Support Fund** will be sustained by donations from RSS members and friends. Whatever funds are collected during the year will be disbursed for travel at the next year's Annual Meeting just as Diversity Travel Funds are collected and dispersed. We anticipate full-implementation of the fund in time for the 2018 Annual Meeting in Portland, OR.

We hope that you will consider supporting our RSS Graduate Students and future graduate students' attendance at RSS Annual Meetings. **We need them and they need us.** Donations can be made at any time via the website. You can also make a donation when you register for the 2017 Annual Meeting in Columbus or when you renew your membership to RSS.

With thanks,
Cynthia B. Struthers, Executive Director RSS
RSS Council, 2016-2017

RSS ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT



Electronic ballots for RSS Leadership and Council positions were sent out April 1, 2017 and the ballot will remain open until **May 1, 2017**. Emeritus, Professional, and Student members must have joined or renewed their membership and paid dues for 2017 in order to receive a ballot. Lifetime members do not need to do anything ballots will automatically be sent to you. If you need a paper ballot please contact the Business Office at rssira@wiu.edu we will send one to you.

The Nominations Committee has worked hard to identify individuals willing to serve RSS in 2017-2018. One important way to show your appreciation to these folks is by voting.

Everyone's vote is important to us. We aren't RSS without you.

Cynthia B. Struthers
Executive Director RSS

2017 SAFRIG STUDENT PAPER AWARD

The Sociology of Agriculture and Food Research Interest Group (SAFRIG) will present a Student Paper Award in Columbus 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, and 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 and/or methods. In order to compete, all authors must be members of the Rural Sociological Society. The winner or winners will receive a certificate and monetary award. The winner(s) must present the paper at the RSS Annual Meeting, and the award will be presented during the SAFRIG Business Meeting. Submissions for this competition should be sent as an e-mail attachment by **May 15, 2017** to Dara Bloom at jdbloom@ncsu.edu.

TEACHING AND CURRICULUM RIG PAPER COMPETITION

Rural Sociological Teaching and Curriculum RIG Paper Competition. The Teaching and Curriculum Research Interest Group (RIG) is proud to announce the first annual paper competition designed to encourage and support research on teaching and curriculum in the rural social sciences. The call for papers is open to a wide range of topics related to teaching styles, pedagogy, assessment, classroom engagement, and can range from experimental studies of teaching and learning to essays on pedagogically important issues. Submission deadline is **Friday May 5th, 2017**. For more information follow this [2017 Paper Competition Call for Papers](#)

COMMUNITY, HEALTH, AND FAMILY RIG PAPER COMPETITIONS

Second Annual Ralph B. Brown Scholar Paper Competition: Designed to encourage and support research in rural communities. To have a paper considered for review, first, submit an abstract to present the paper at the annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Second, submit your manuscript as an attached Word (.doc or .docx) file to Dr. Jessica Crowe at jessica.crowe@siu.edu by **May 5th, 2017**. Please do not submit your paper in pdf format (we will need to edit them to make judging anonymous). In the subject line of the email enter "submission for Ralph Brown scholar paper competition." When the submissions are received, they will be sent to a panel of judges who will not be made aware of the author's identity. The winner of the paper competition will be honored at the RIG reception during the RSS annual meeting, where they will receive a certificate and their award honoraria (see below). Winners will be notified via email by July 1, 2017. For more information please [read](#).

Deadline for submissions: Friday, May 5th, 2017.

Honoraria: Scholar Paper (\$400): to be used to defray part of the cost of registering for and attending the 2017 RSS Annual Meeting.

Fourth Annual Ronald Wimberley Paper Competition: Designed to encourage and support graduate and undergraduate student research on rural communities

Graduate Paper Competition: Papers submitted for the graduate student paper competition will be held to a high standard with respect to the level of scholarship.

Undergraduate Paper Competition: Papers submitted for the undergraduate student paper competition will be similarly held to a high standard appropriate to the level of undergraduate scholarship.

To have a paper considered for review for either award, first, submit an abstract to present the paper at the annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Second, submit your manuscript as an attached Word (.doc or .docx) file to Dr. Jessica Crowe at jessica.crowe@siu.edu by **May 5th, 2017**. For more information, please [read](#).

Deadline for submissions: Friday, May 5th, 2017

Honoraria: Graduate Paper (\$250); Undergraduate Paper (\$200): to be used to defray part of the cost of registering for and attending the 2017 RSS Annual Meeting.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST

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