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80th Annual Meeting Rural Sociological Society

Rural Peoples in a Volatile World: Disruptive Agents and Adaptive Strategies

July 27-30, 2017
Columbus, OH

Do you have news (a new book, published manuscript, national or local interview, or conference presentation) to share with members and friends of RSS? Send it to the Business Office rssiira@wiu.edu.

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EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION ENDS MAY 31, 2017. REGISTER NOW

TRAVEL AND HOTEL INFORMATION

Hyatt Regency Columbus
350 North High St.
Columbus Ohio, United States

To make your reservation, click here.
To view anticipated costs of attendance, click here.
To view information on express bus service from the airport to the hotel, click here.

RSS room block expires July 7, 2017. Do not wait until the last minute to make your hotel reservation.

2017 GRADUATE STUDENT 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 at the annual conference to be held in Columbus, Ohio. These awards will be given on a competitive basis and are meant to assist students in defraying costs associated with attending the RSS meeting. Awardees will be reimbursed at the annual meeting in Columbus.

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 or roundtable, or presenting a poster on research.
• 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)
• A letter of support or recommendation from a faculty member or department chair (please have this emailed directly to Dr. Schad by the letter writer).

Completed applications should be submitted via e-mail to Jessica Ulrich-Schad (jessica.schad@sdstate.edu) no later than Friday, May 19th, 2017, 11:59 p.m. (EST). Click on the link to apply: http://www.ruralsociology.org/student-travel-awards

The Membership Committee will make selections and announce decisions by May 31, 2017.

2017 RSS ANNUAL MEETING FIELD TRIPS

SIGN UP NOW!
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
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

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**2017 RSS ELECTION RESULTS**
**MAY 2, 2017**

President (elect): Keiko Tanaka (University of Kentucky)

Vice President: Lisa R. Pruitt (University of California-Davis)

Council Member A: Matthew Sanderson (Kansas State University)

Council Member B: Laura McKinney (Tulane University)

Council Member C: Stephanie Teixeira-Poit (RTI International)

Student Representative to Council: Paige Kelly (The Ohio State University)

Chair-elect of the Nominations Committee: Gregory Fulkerson (SUNY-Oneonta)

Nominations Committee Members:
Aysha Bodenhamer (North Carolina State University)
Anne Cafer (University of Mississippi)

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**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.

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**OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST**

**GROWING CONVERGENCE RESEARCH AT NSF**
Growing Convergence Research at the National Science Foundation (NSF) is one of 10 Big Ideas for Future NSF Investments. NSF seeks to highlight the value of convergence as a process for...
CALL FOR PAPERS

Race/Gender/Class/Media 4.0: Considering Diversity Across Audiences, Content, and Producers (Rebecca Ann Lind, Editor):
Proposals are sought from scholars across all disciplines for the fourth edition of Race/Gender/Class/Media: Considering Diversity Across Audiences, Content, and Producers (Routledge, 2019). Edited by Rebecca Ann Lind, University of Illinois at Chicago (rebecca@uic.edu), the book will examine the consequences, implications, or opportunities associated with issues of diversity (socially constructed differences such as race, ethnicity, gender, class, etc.) in media. The fourth edition should be at least as wide-ranging in scope as prior editions. Most accepted pieces will present original scholarship. Click here for more details, or email rebecca@uic.edu. Proposals may be submitted online at http://go.uic.edu/hqom. Please submit proposals by June 1st, 2017.

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 Oct. 30th, 2017. Manuscripts should be in 12 point font, double-spaced and generally not exceed 8500 words. Commentaries and creative writing should not exceed 3,000 words. See digitalcommons.humboldt.edu/hjsr/ for other manuscript submission details. For more information, please read.

Religion and Poverty Special Issue
In partnership with the 2017 Salzburg Conv