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## UPDATE RSS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

In recent years, a number of RSS members have expressed concerns about observing or experiencing instances of unethical and unprofessional behavior during our annual meetings or in their interactions with other RSS colleagues. The RSS Council takes these concerns very seriously and recognizes that our society currently has no specific guidelines that outline our expectations for ethical behavior by our members, and no process by which to receive and address complaints by members.

At the 2016 annual business meeting, the society membership passed a motion in support of developing and adopting a Code of Ethics, such as the one followed by the American Sociological Association (ASA). During that discussion, there was also a suggestion that we explore options for whether and how the society might adopt a Policies and Procedures for implementing and enforcing any ethics code.

The RSS Council has appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to move the issue forward. The committee consists of 8 members: Douglas Jackson-Smith, Kathy Brasier, Jennifer Sherman, Jamiko Deleveaux, Raeven Chandler, Tom Rudel, Leif Jensen and Cynthia Struthers.

The Ad Hoc Committee has met once to discuss rough drafts of a Code of Ethics and Policies and Procedures document for the society. Our working drafts draw on language from both ASA and International Association for Society and Natural Resources (IASNR) codes. We plan to finalize a draft proposal for discussion by the RSS Council at their fall meeting in November. After Council reviews our work, we plan to circulate the draft to the full RSS membership for feedback in December and January, with a goal of incorporating their feedback and having the Council vote on a revised version formally at their mid-year meeting (in February). Since we believe it is critical that the society members be engaged in the discussion and to embrace our proposal, we plan to bring this issue to the full membership for a final vote at our 2017 Annual Meeting in Columbus.

To ensure that our work is addressing the concerns of members, the committee invites all RSS members to share examples of ethical issues that are a concern to them, and ideas about how RSS can best address these concerns through policies and procedures.

## 2016 ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### 2016 RSS AWARD RECIPIENTS

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**Distinguished Rural Sociologist:** Linda M. Lobao, The Ohio State University

**Excellence in Instruction:** Jere L. Gilles, University of Missouri-Columbia

**Excellence in research:** Domenico "Mimmo" Parisi, Mississippi State University

**Certificate of Appreciation:** E. Helen "Eddy" Berry, Utah State University and Elizabeth Ransom, University of Richmond

**Rural Sociology Best Paper:** Leland L. Glenna, Pennsylvania State University and co-authors John Tooker, Pennsylvania State University, J. Rick Welsh, Syracuse University, and David Ervin, Portland State University

**Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper:** Pierce Greenberg, Washington State University

**Fred Buttel Outstanding Scholarly Achievement:** Philip H. Howard, Michigan State University

**Distinguished Service to Rural Life:** Highlander Research and Education Center, New Market, TN



Elizabeth Ransom receiving a Certificate of Appreciation

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Mimmo Parisi thanking RSS for the Excellence in Research Award



Pierce Greenberg receiving the Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper

## CONFERENCE OF INTEREST: THE XXVII EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR RURAL SOCIOLOGY CONGRESS

**Theme:** Uneven Processes of Rural Change on Diversity, Knowledge and Justice

**Date:** 24 - 27 July, 2017.

**Location:** Krakow, Poland.

Please visit [www.esrs2017.confer.uj.edu.pl](http://www.esrs2017.confer.uj.edu.pl)

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## MEMBER NEWS

Dear Colleagues,

Kate MacTavish and I are delighted to announce the release of "[The Rural as a Dimension of Environmental Injustice](#)," a Special Issue in The Journal of Rural Studies. (Please forgive any cross posting).

The SI brings together a range of disciplinary vantages, including geography, law, epidemiology, anthropology and sociology, to bring explicit attention to the analytical power provided by the rural to understand the dependencies, cycles, laws, discourses, and economies behind environmental injustices. The Special Issue is global in reach, with studies located in Australia, Canada, Ecuador, Japan, South Africa, and the United States.

The scholars and articles featured are the following:

Introduction: Loka Ashwood and Kate MacTavish: "[Tyranny of the Marjory and Rural Environmental Injustice](#)."

Stephanie A. Malin and Kathryn Teigen DeMaster: "[A Devil's Bargain: Rural Environmental Injustices and Hydraulic Fracturing](#)."

Lazlo J. Kulscar, Theresa Selfa, and Carmen M. Bail. "[Privileged Access and Rural Vulnerabilities: Examining Social and Environmental Exploitation in Bioenergy Development in the American Midwest](#)."

Kei Otsuki. "[Procedural Equity and Corporeality: Imagining a Just Recovery in Fukushima](#)."

Estair Van Wagner. "[Law's Rurality: Land Use Law and the Shaping of People-Place Relations in Rural Ontario](#)."

Lisa R. Pruitt and Linda T. Sobczynski. "[Protecting People, Protecting Places: What Environmental Litigation Conceals and Reveals About Rurality](#)."

Tristan Partridge. "[Rural Intersections: Resource Marginalisation And The 'Non-Indian Problem' In Highland Ecuador](#)."

Kaitlin Kelly-Reif and Steve Wing. "[Urban-Rural Exploitation: An Underappreciated Dimension of Environmental Injustice](#)."

Helen Masterman-Smith, John Rafferty, Jillian Dunphy, Shelby Gull Laird. "[The Emerging Field of Rural Environmental Justice Studies in Australia: Reflections From An Environmental Community Engagement Program](#)."

Valerie Stull, Michael M. Bell, and Mpumelelo Ncwadi. "[Environmental Apartheid: Eco-Health and Rural Marginalization in South Africa](#)."

Commentary: David N. Pellow. "[Environmental Justice and Rural Studies: A Critical Conversation and Invitation to Collaborate](#)."

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### JESS GILBERT'S 2016 THEODORE SALOUTOS AWARD

Jess Gilbert's recent book, *Planning Democracy: Agrarian Intellectuals and the Intended New Deal* (Yale University Press) has won the 2016 Theodore Saloutos Award from the Agricultural History Society for the best book on U.S. agricultural history. Congratulations Jess!

### RSS MEMBER LISA PRUITT'S NEWS ARTICLE

Lisa Pruitt, University of California-Davis mentioned in US News and World Report article "Penthouse Populist: Why the rural poor love Donald Trump" Read the entire article at <http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2016-09-22/penthouse-populist-why-the-rural-poor-love-donald-trump>

### THIRD BRIEF OF THE POPULATION TRENDS IN POST RECESSION RURAL AMERICA SERIES

Colleagues,

We are very pleased to announce the third brief of the [Population Trends in Post-Recession Rural America series](#)! The brief series provides information about current trends confronting rural people and their communities in the United States. The briefs present cutting edge research in a way that is useful for and accessible to policy makers, community development practitioners, local governments, community groups and organizations, and other decision-makers.

The third brief in the series, [How Migration Impacts Rural America by Miranda N. Smith, Richelle L. Winkler and Kenneth M. Johnson](#), discusses how trends in age-specific migration have impacted rural areas and develops a typology of migration patterns which have differential implications for rural communities.

Subsequent briefs will be released on a rolling basis and can be found on the series website [Population Trends in Post-Recession Rural America series](#). Upcoming briefs will focus on how aging and loss of services are becoming an issue in rural communities, rural housing trends, and birth outcomes in rural counties. All briefs will be available via the website. We will announce new contributions to the series when they are released and we also invite you to check the site often!

Current contributors are members of the [W3001 project funded by WAAESD](#). We invite contributions from researchers examining population trends in contemporary rural America. Inquiries regarding submissions and any other questions about the series can be sent to the editorial committee at [W3001@dces.wisc.edu](mailto:W3001@dces.wisc.edu)

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Katherine Curtis, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Daniel Veroff, University of Wisconsin-Extension

## COMMUNITY, HEALTH, AND FAMILY RIG STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

**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](mailto:jessica.crowe@siu.edu) by **May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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



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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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:jessica.crowe@siu.edu) by **May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. For more information, please [read](#).

**Deadline for submissions:** Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 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

## CALL FOR PAPERS

**The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Grant:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) today announced the availability of \$17.7 million in grant funding to help train and educate the next generation of agricultural producers through the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP).—WASHINGTON, October 3, 2016. For details about this opportunity, follow these links: <https://www.nifa.usda.gov/press-release/nifa-announces-availability-177-million-train-educate-next-generation-farmers-and> <https://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp>

**Population Association of America Annual Meeting:** The Population Association of America Annual Meeting holds in Chicago, April 27-29, 2017. Submission of abstracts is hereby requested by the organizer of a session titled "Data Science and Applied Demography: New Frontiers in Data and Methods. Details about the annual meeting can be seen through the following link <http://www.populationassociation.org/sidebar/annual-meeting/>. If you are working in the areas of "Data Science" as it relates to "Applied Demography" then be encouraged to submit an abstract for a presentation on this topic. Feel free to email Warren A. Brown (ph.D) at [wab4@cornell.edu](mailto:wab4@cornell.edu) with a brief description of what you're thinking of doing. He is more than willing to be of help.

**Population Research and Policy Review: Call for proposal special issue 2018.** Population Research and Policy Review (PRPR) welcomes proposals for its Special Issue 2018. PRPR intends to publish one Special Issue (SI) each year. This SI will include around five empirical papers together with an introductory editorial that provides a more overarching (theoretical) synthesis of the individual contributions. Deadline is **December 16, 2016**. The proposal for the SI should be made by the expected guest editor(s) and submitted to the editors-in-chief of PRPR (Lynne Cossman: [Lynne.Cossman@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:Lynne.Cossman@mail.wvu.edu) and Jennifer Glick: [jeg115@psu.edu](mailto:jeg115@psu.edu)). For more information, read [here](#)

**Call for Paper by the Federal Reserve System Community Development Research Conference.** The Community Affairs Officers of the Federal Reserve System invite paper submissions for the tenth biennial Federal Reserve System Community Development Research Conference, a unique event that aims to bridge the gaps between research, policy, and practice on key issues facing the country. High-quality and emerging research is presented in a dialogue with policymakers and community practitioners who can utilize the lessons gleaned from the research. The 2017 conference seeks to inform a robust public conversation on the theme of Strong Foundations: The Economic Futures of Kids and Communities. Here is a link to the Call for Papers: <https://minneapolisfed.org/community/community-development/tenth-biennial-federal-reserve-system-community-development-research-conference>

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Assistant Professor:** The Department of Social Sciences at Michigan Technological University invites applications for an Assistant Professor to join an interdisciplinary social sciences faculty. A scholar specializing in environmental and/or energy justice is needed. Candidates with strengths in policy analysis and/or spatial methodologies are especially encouraged to apply. Follow this link for more information about this position [Assistant Professor Search 2016 at Michigan Technological University](#). Applications will be reviewed starting **November 15, 2016**.

**Tenure-Track Faculty position:** The Department of Geography at The Pennsylvania State University invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the assistant or associate professor rank. A Ph.D. in Geography or a related field is expected at the time of appointment. Applicants should upload the following materials to the web link listed below: 1) a letter describing how they would contribute to the Department's research and teaching program; 2) a complete curriculum vitae; 3) a maximum of five reprints; and 4) the names and addresses (including e-mail) of three references. All materials must be submitted electronically. Review of applications will begin **October 14, 2016**, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Applications from women and under-represented groups are encouraged. Questions about the position should be directed to the search committee chair, Dr. Brian King, Department of Geography, The Pennsylvania State University, 302 Walker Building, University Park, PA 16802; Phone: (814) 865-2612; E-mail: [king@psu.edu](mailto:king@psu.edu). Apply online at <http://aptrkr.com/878312>

**Postdoctoral Research Associate:** A Postdoctoral Research Associate (Social Scientist) position is available at Washington State University (Pullman, WA). The postdoc will work with faculty and students associated with a large, multi-institutional, multi-disciplinary project funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Specialty Crop Research Initiative (SCRI) (see <http://biodegradablemulch.org>). The position is a temporary, 12-month, full-time position with the ability to renew annually, pending funding and successful review and progress. Screening of applications will begin on **October 3, 2016**. A full position description, list of required and preferred qualifications, and application instructions are contained in this file Or click on this link for details about the position: <https://www.wsujobs.com/postings/26882>. All questions about the position should be directed to Dr. Jessica Goldberger at [jgoldberger@wsu.edu](mailto:jgoldberger@wsu.edu) or 509-335-8540.

**Tenure Track Assistant Professor:** The Department of Sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences at The Ohio State University invites applications for a tenure track position in the area of inequality with a focus on the determinants and/or consequences of food inequality/insecurity, at the assistant professor to associate professor levels, to commence autumn semester 2017. Review of applications will begin October 1, 2016 and the application deadline is **December 1, 2016**. Complete applications include a signed cover letter, curriculum vitae, selected written work, and three signed letters of recommendation (on official letterhead). Please apply online through Academic Jobs Online at: <http://academicjobsonline.org/7826>. Inquiries may be directed to [foodinequality@sociology.osu.edu](mailto:foodinequality@sociology.osu.edu). View full details of the job opportunity [here](#).

**4-Year Phd Fellowship Award:** The Utah State University Graduate Program in Sociology is seeking applicants for a four-year graduate fellowship award (the USU Presidential Doctoral Research Fellowship), to begin Fall semester, 2017. Deadline is **February 1, 2017**; Early applications are strongly discouraged. For more information or to request application materials, check out our website (<http://sociology.usu.edu>) or contact: Dr. Richard Krannich, Director of Graduate Studies in Sociology 0730 Old Main Hill, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-0730 (435) 797-1241 or [richard.krannich@usu.edu](mailto:richard.krannich@usu.edu). View more details [here](#)

**Tenure-Track Assistant Professor:** Mississippi State University invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Sociology beginning August 16, 2017. All applicants must apply online at [www.msujobs.msstate.edu](http://www.msujobs.msstate.edu) (PARF # 492843) and attach a curriculum vitae and cover letter. Materials can also be sent to: Chair, Search Committee, Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology, P.O. Box C, Mississippi State, MS 39762. Three letters of recommendation should be sent directly to the Chair of the Search Committee. Review of applications begins **October 15, 2016**, though applications will be accepted and reviewed until the position is filled. Read more information [here](#).

**Postdoctoral Research Associate in Sustainable Agriculture Education:** A Postdoctoral Associate position is available. The Postdoctoral Associate will coordinate a USDA-funded project to develop a statewide network of sustainable agriculture education programs including certificate, associate and baccalaureate degrees at 5 partner institutions. Applicants should submit a cover letter, c.v., and the names, addresses, phone and email addresses for 3 references by email to Casey W. Hoy, via this email address [hoy.1@osu.edu](mailto:hoy.1@osu.edu). For more information, please [read](#).

**Director of Inclusive and Resilient Food Systems:** Oxfam seeks a Director of Inclusive and Resilient Food Systems. Curriculum Vitae and a supporting letter in Microsoft Word format along with relevant documentations can be sent to [jstrickler@sri-executive.com](mailto:jstrickler@sri-executive.com). Further enquiries can be directed to [jstrickler@sri-executive.com](mailto:jstrickler@sri-executive.com). Read more information [here](#).

**Open Rank Faculty Position at Bucknell University:** To apply, please submit a cover letter



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addressing research interests and teaching philosophy, a Curriculum Vitae, a sample of scholarly writing, sample syllabi, course evaluations, and the names and contact information for three references. All materials must be submitted online at <http://apply.interfolio.com/35905>. Review of applications will begin on **October 15, 2016** and continue until the position is filled. Read more information [here](#).

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