

From the Chair's Desk

Dear NRRIG folks,

It is a privilege for me to be the new chair of our RIG. I would like to thank Wes for the dynamism he brought as the chair in 2016-17. We had a very successful meeting in 2017 and we are looking forward to another great one in Portland, OR in 2018.



Including myself, we have a completely new leadership this year. Amanda Buday is our new co-chair, and she has taken the charge of preparing this wonderful newsletter. Cat is our new graduate student representative and her role is critical in managing our RIG communication and organization.

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newsletter, we want to you of what we did last We also want to inform about what we are planning to do for the meeting. Your feedback important for us to prioritize our activities. you will find information about member

announcements, and various opportunities for employment and graduate students.

The pictures here were taken by Wes during the business meeting in Columbus, OH. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

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I want to briefly list the goodies we have prepared for you in this newsletter.

New Leadership: Amanda, Cat, and I want to do our best to provide a platform for fruitful discussion amongst the members throughout the year and a productive meeting in 2018. You will find our short bios and contact information below. We encourage you to reach out with new announcements and ideas for the next annual meeting.

Recap of 2017: We sponsored a total of nine sessions in Columbus. We also co-sponsored one session with the Sociology of Agriculture and Food RIG, and another one with the Population RIG. These sessions included 44 paper presentations, with topics varying from natural extraction to climate change and migration.



Our business meeting at the Three Legged Mare was well attended, thanks to our members! It was great to see the exchange of ideas for future activities, and to have an opportunity to socialize at an off-site location.

At this meeting Dr. Lois Wright Morton received the Award of Merit, Amanda McMillan Lequieu received the Student Paper Award, and Elly Engle and Colleen Unroe received the Student Travel Awards. Please take a moment read the accomplishments of our awardees.

And I think this is a good time to thank Dr. Weston Eaton for the chair position he held and Aby Sène-Harper for her work as the co-chair in 2016-17. And, Grace Wildermuth was the first graduate student representative of the NRRIG and she did an excellent job in maintaining the online presence of our group. During the business meeting we had our transition of leadership, and we had the opportunity to introduce ourselves.

Award Guidelines for the 2018 Meeting: We are offering the Freudenburg Merit Award, the Student Paper Award, and two Student Travel Awards. These awards have been crucial for our community to recognize the scholarly excellence pursued by our members. We are excited about the submissions we are going to receive for the 2018 meeting. And we are delighted about the help offered by the previous year's award winners in reviewing the submissions.

RSS 2018 in Portland, OR

- Portland Sessions: We want to have your feedback on the themes we can sponsor for paper sessions in Portland. Please help us by participating in the survey we created for you for the session themes you want to see. And, consider organizing sessions we can co-sponsor with other RIGs.
- Fieldtrip Ideas: Share your ideas about the fieldtrips we can organize in Portland. Since our meeting will be in Portland, OR the possibilities are multiple. Wine tours, visit of a wildlife preserve, hikes, visit of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office... Or even a combination of any two! Let us know what your preferences are, and let us know if you can contribute to the organization of the fieldtrip.

Finally you will see members' recent publications, announcements that include calls for papers, employment opportunities, and opportunities for graduate students.

Stay in touch folks!

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Meet Your NRRIG Leadership!

Chair: Yetkin Borlu



I am a visiting assistant professor of sociology at the University of Richmond. I received my Ph.D. in Rural Sociology at Penn State. My current research engages contemporary debates in international and domestic rural development and policy, with a focus on how global economic restructuring in agriculture affects the environment and farmers' livelihoods. My publications in [Rural Sociology](#) and [Current Perspective in Social Theory](#) examine the relationships among financialization, state regulation, and industrial agriculture. I also have published papers in [Rural Sociology](#) and [Society and Natural Resources](#) about community impacts of fracking in Pennsylvania. My current work studies the relationship between resource scarcity and farmers' perception of environmental problems in the U.S. I am also leading a project on the impacts of financialization on commodity systems in Turkey, which was supported by the RSS Early Career Award in 2016. I am looking forward to working with Amanda and Cat as the NR-Team.

Co-Chair: Amanda Buday



I am an assistant professor of sociology at Fort Hays State University, (it's in Kansas!). My research examines community responses to energy development, with an emphasis on strategies community leaders are using to assert greater local control over development. My work on mobilization processes in grassroots anti-fracking activist groups appears in [Social Currents](#) and [Sociological Perspectives](#). In current work, supported by an RSS Early Career Award, I am examining dynamics of resource mobilization facilitated by mineral and royalty owner associations in the Great Plains region. The goal of this project is to use the lessons rural residents have learned over decades of interactions with oil and gas companies to inform planning and policies related to wind energy development. I look forward to this opportunity to help coordinate NRRIG communications and activities.

Graduate Student Representative: Cat Edgeley



I am a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Idaho, based in the Department of Natural Resources and Society. My research focuses on community diversity and wildfire, looking specifically at how different populations across the West approach evacuation and recovery after fire events. Through this, I am working closely with several rural communities to explore how wildfire management and policy can be tailored to better address local needs. I am originally from the UK, where I studied for a BSc in Geography and an MSc in Risk and Environmental Hazards at Durham University. It was great to be welcomed into the RSS family at my first annual meeting in Columbus earlier this summer. I am excited to be involved with the NRRIG over the next year as your grad student rep!

NRRIG 2017 Award Winners!

We are pleased to be able to acknowledge the outstanding work of our NRRIG colleagues.

NRRIG William R. Freudenburg Award of Merit

For her inspiring scholarship, industrious productivity, and dedicated mentoring, **Dr. Lois Wright Morton**, of the Iowa State University Department of Sociology, received the William R. Freudenburg Award of Merit. Congratulations Dr. Morton!

We received several letters asserting that Dr. Morton's contributions to the discipline are consistent with the ideals of the award, which honors scholars *who have substantively affected the trajectory of thinking within natural resources and environmental sociology.*

In the words of Dr. Morton's colleagues and students:

"Dr. Morton's unique ability for effectively bridging federal and state agencies, cooperative extension service, NGOs, and private citizens to address questions associated with water quality, soil productivity, and rural livelihoods is unprecedented; her work will surely provide a blueprint for future interdisciplinary social-ecological research."
-Adam K. Wilke, PhD., USGS

"She has an exceedingly rare combination of dedication, energy, efficiency, and human warmth that both allows her to accomplish prodigious amounts of research, extension and mentoring and bring out the best in the many faculty, staff, and stakeholders who have worked for and with her over the years. Her commitment to both conducting high-quality research and mentoring of other scholars, especially grad students and early-career faculty and staff, helping them to develop their human dimensions research skills, reminds me very much of how Bill Freudenburg approached the research enterprise. I believe that Bill would find Lois to be a perfect candidate for this award."
-J. Gordon Arbuckle Jr., Associate Professor and Extension Sociologist, Iowa State University

"Her impressive academic achievements include 66 journal articles, 5 books, 27 book chapters, 37 extension bulletins, technical reports and other assorted products. Her career mirrors many of the environmental and ecological concerns and approaches of Dr. Freudenburg. Her most recent book, *Managing Mississippi and Ohio River Landscapes*, published in July 2016 by the Soil and Water Conservation Society is in keeping with Freudenburg's big picture view of the nexus between landscapes and human behavior."
-Paul Lasley, Interim Chair, ISA, Dept. of Sociology



Please join us in congratulating Dr. Morton on joining this impressive list of scholars that we are proud to have as members of our RIG!

Past recipients:

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| 1983 Walter I. Firey | 1999 Frederick H. Buttel |
| 1984 William R. Burch, Jr. | 2000 A. E. Luloff |
| 1985 William R. Catton, Jr. & Riley E. Dunlap | 2001 Thomas A. Heberlein |
| 1986 Denton E. Morrison | 2002 Conner Bailey |
| 1987 Donald R. Field | 2003 Louise Fortman |
| 1988 Rabel J. Burdge | 2004 Peter J. Nowak |
| 1989 Ted L. Napier | 2005 Bob Gramling |
| 1990 Paul Myers | 2007 Matthew S. Carroll |
| 1992 William R. Freudenburg | 2008 Steve Brechin |
| 1993 Wade H. Andrews | 2009 Tom Rudel |
| 1994 Richard S. Krannich | 2010 Shirley Laska |
| 1995 Nancy Lee Peluso | 2013 Douglas Jackson-Smith |
| 1996 Bonnie McKay | 2014 Richard Clark Stedman |
| 1997 Peter R. Sinclair | 2016 Courtney Flint |
| 1998 Roy E. Rickson | 2017 Lois Wright Morton |

NRRIG Graduate Student Paper Award

For her timely and compelling paper, “We Made the Choice to Stick it Out: Negotiating a Stable Home in the Rural, American Rust Belt,” **Amanda McMillan Lequieu**, PhD Candidate in Sociology at University of Wisconsin- Madison, received the NRRIG Graduate Student Paper Award. Congratulations Ms. Lequieu!

In this paper, Lequieu suggests residents of Iron County, WI, where a large iron-mining project was proposed, both drew on and reconstructed their community’s resource extractive past when making sense of the proposed project. Drawing from 60 interviews, Lequieu found that residents expressed a shared sense of home, and cast the project not in simplistic terms of ‘economic development,’ but as a means to reaffirm the permanency of their place, their home. As Lequieu explains, “jobs, via a new mine, might stem the withering and enable residents to maintain, revitalize, and deepen their commitment to their home” (p. 25).

Congratulations to you on your superb analysis!



NRRIG Graduate Student Travel Award

We were also pleased to present **Elly Engle** and **Colleen Unroe**, of the Pennsylvania State University, with Graduate Student Travel Awards. Congrats to you both!

Engle presented an engaging paper entitled, “A rural food-energy-water nexus: environmental justice implications of community-based programs in Central Appalachia.” Engle’s paper discusses the ways in which the socio-economic context of energy resource dependency and its short- and long-term consequences for environmental and human health have impacted the processes and outcomes of household and community-based gardening programs across Central Appalachian communities.



Unroe had a productive conference, presenting three papers: “Conditions and Constraints Related to Collaborative Management of Natural Resources in Pennsylvania,” from her master’s thesis on collaborative governance and stakeholder diversity; “The Effects of Intersectional Feminist Praxis on Environmental Justice Organizing in Central Appalachia,” from her work on environmental justice campaigns surrounding mountaintop removal coal mining and valley fills; and “The Road Will Turn: People’s Stories of Job Loss Transition in Rural SW PA,” from her work on adaptive strategies used by workers to navigate the disruptive impacts of economic decline in the coal and steel industry.

We are proud to support the participation of these emerging scholars in our annual meeting.

Please note that the previous year’s award winner are asked to serve, alongside our RIG’s chairs, as reviewers for the following year’s submissions.

Award Guidelines

Deadlines for paper and travel award submissions and nominations for the William R. Freudenburg Award have changed. The previous year’s award winners are asked to serve, alongside our RIG’s chairs, as reviewers for the following year’s submissions. Award winners are expected to attend the annual meeting as well as the NRRIG business meeting. Paper award winners are also expected to present their winning paper at the annual meeting.

NRRIG William R. Freudenburg Award of Merit

The William R. Freudenburg Award of Merit is presented to recognize exceptional contributions to the sociology of natural resources and the environment. The award is given to recognize an outstanding legacy / collective body of work that has demonstrably impacted natural resources and environmental sociology.

Recipients will have the following qualifications: outstanding research and scholarship as evidenced not solely by numbers of publications, but their impact: simply put, we are looking for recipients who *have substantively affected the trajectory of thinking within*

natural resources and environmental sociology. Such impact may also be evidenced via application of work beyond the academy, such as work with a natural resources agency, organization, or other partnerships. Other contributions to the NRRIG or sociology of natural resources and environment, such as an outstanding legacy of outreach, graduate student mentorship, and/or instruction are also envisioned as important criteria for consideration. Nominees are not required to be present or past members of the NRRIG.

To nominate someone please submit 1) up to three letters of nomination that clearly explain the reasons for considering the nomination and the nominee's contribution to the sociology of natural resources and environment, as well as 2) a current copy of the nominee's CV. Additional supporting materials may be sent, but are not required. Nomination materials must be submitted to the NRRIG chair by **May 4** of the year of application. The winner will be selected by a committee of NRRIG members and notified by **July 1** of the year of application.

NRRIG Graduate Student Travel Scholarship

The NRRIG Graduate Student Travel Scholarship is intended to support graduate student participation at the RSS annual meetings.

The recipient will be reimbursed for the student (member) registration cost for the RSS annual meeting (\$125).

There is a two-step process for submission: 1) Submit an abstract to present an oral presentation in the area of environmental or natural resources sociology at the annual meeting; 2) submit a cover letter to the NRRIG chair by **May 4** of the year of application. Cover letters will be reviewed based on need (i.e., does the student have alternative funding sources via his/her department or advisor), and importance of the meeting to the student's career trajectory. Abstracts will be evaluated based on relevance, innovation, and/or potential contribution to the NRRIG. The winner will be selected by a committee of NRRIG members and notified by **July 1** of the year of application.

NRRIG Graduate Student Paper Award

The Natural Resources Research Interest Group (NRRIG) of the Rural Sociological Society is soliciting submissions for a graduate student paper award in the area environmental or natural resources sociology. The paper should be related to the broad interests of the NRRIG. Current graduate students and recent graduates (who receive their degrees no earlier than May of the year of award) may apply.

Coauthored papers are acceptable, including those co-authored with faculty. If co-authored, the applicant (a) must be the lead author of the manuscript, and (b) provide a statement detailing the relative contributions of each co-author.

The recipient will receive a monetary prize of at least \$100 (final amount TBD based on NRRIG budget) to defray the cost of attending the Annual Meetings of RSS. The recipient will also be recognized at the NRRIG business meeting.

There is a two-step process for submission: 1) Submit an abstract to present the paper at the 2016 meeting; 2) Send an electronic copy of the full paper with contact information to

the NRRIG chair by **May 4** of the year of application; and (3) if co-authored, provide a statement detailing the relative contributions of each co-author.

The paper submission should not exceed 35 double-spaced pages (including all tables, graphs, and references) in a standard font (12 point). The winner will be selected by a committee of NRRIG members and notified by **July 1** of the year of application.

Papers will be evaluated using the following criteria:

1. Advancement of knowledge in the area environmental or natural resources sociology.
2. Significance of the topic for the NRRG of the Rural Sociological Society.
3. Quality and implementation of the research, theory, and argument.
4. Analysis and interpretation of the findings.
5. Clarity and organization of the writing.

Path to Portland



Give Us Your Input on RSS 2018 NRRIG Sessions

Help us build a productive meeting by contributing your input to the

[NRRIG RSS 2018 Sessions Survey](#).

Member Announcements

We have a number of professional announcements that members have shared with us that we would like to share with the RIG. If you have announcements you would like to share with the group (e.g., promotions, awards, etc.) please email Yetkin (yborlu@richmond.edu) or Amanda (atbuday@fhsu.edu).

Check out the Natural Resource RIG Facebook Page!

Are you on Facebook? Search “RSS Natural Resource RIG” and “Like” our page or visit <https://www.facebook.com/NRRIG/> to stay up to date on RIG news and share relevant information with other members. Facebook provides a fast, easy, and accessible resource for information-sharing between NRRIG members, quick dissemination of updates from the RIG leadership, and for reaching new audiences interested in joining our RIG. Feel free to post on the page with relevant job openings, new publications by RIG members, or other relevant information. If you have feedback or ideas on our social media adventure, please feel free to email our grad student rep at: cedgeley@uidaho.edu.

Upcoming Meetings

Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference

February 22 – 24, 2018

University of Kentucky | Lexington, Kentucky, USA

The University of Kentucky Political Ecology Working Group invites you to participate in the Eighth Annual Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference (DOPE), to be held February 22-24, 2018 in Lexington, Kentucky, USA. DOPE has become a key international forum for students and faculty at all stages of their careers, as well as activists and grassroots community organizations, fostering critical interdisciplinary discussion of urgent topics including: rural social movements; food systems; complexity in ecological and social systems; decolonization, knowledge, and difference; science and technology studies; neoliberal natures and climate justice; and feminist political ecologies, among many others. Over 300 scholars, activists, and environmental professionals attended DOPE 2017, representing dozens of disciplines and more than 90 academic institutions spread across four continents.

We encourage you to contribute to the intellectual vitality and continued success of the conference by organizing a session for DOPE 2018. The conference is open to any topical, theoretical, or methodological framework that brings together scholarship on the ecological dimensions of political, social, and economic research, as well as the social aspects of natural sciences.

This year’s featured speakers include:

Keynote Speaker: **Dr. Farhana Sultana** (Syracuse University, Department of Geography and Program for the Advancement of Research on Conflict and Collaboration).

Welcome Address: **Dr. Carolyn Finney** (University of Kentucky, Department of Geography).

Plenary Panel: **Dr. Allison Harnish** (Albion College, Department of Anthropology and Sociology), **Dr. Flora Lu** (University of California-Santa Cruz, Department of Environmental Studies), **Dr. Sharlene Mollett** (University of Toronto-Scarborough),

Department of Human Geography and Centre for Critical Development Studies), **Dr. Ingrid Nelson** (University of Vermont, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies Program).

Call for Organized Sessions

The DOPE Organizers ***strongly encourage participants to organize their own sessions, or to join sessions organized by other participants***, rather than submit individual 'orphan' papers. To organize your own session, please:

1. Draft a Call for Papers (CFP). For an idea of the themes and structure of past DOPE Conference sessions, we suggest consulting the [program from last year's conference](#).
2. Email your CFP to the DOPE Organizers at ukpewg@gmail.com. We will post it to our social media and website. You should also distribute it among your colleagues and to relevant listservs.
3. Conference registration will open on October 1, 2017. All participants in your session must have registered and paid by the final registration deadline (**December 1, 2017**). As such, we suggest that you establish a session deadline of **November 17** or earlier.
4. After you have submitted your call, we will send you a Google Form that you will have to complete. This will confirm the final composition of your panel, including participants' names, institutions, abstracts (300 word limit), titles, keywords, discussants, organizers, chairs, and other relevant information. We will ask that you be as detailed as possible and send this information by the final registration deadline (**December 1, 2017**).

Guidelines and Suggestions for Session Organizers

- When planning, remember that each session is 100 minutes long, and we strictly limit organizers to two session slots.
- While we welcome conventional paper sessions, we also encourage organizers to consider workshops, panel discussions, lightning talks, or other session styles.
- Each DOPE participant may present in one session and also serve as a discussant or panelist in ONE additional session. We ask that participants limit themselves to two conference activities.
- Undergraduate students are asked to submit their papers to our Annual Undergraduate Symposium.

Individual Abstracts

We strongly encourage participants to submit abstracts in response to CFPs being circulated (follow listservs and check our [website](#) for new CFPs); however, we will accept individual abstracts. Abstracts submitted to the conference individually rather than in response to specific CFPs will be sorted thematically, and **cannot be guaranteed placement** in the conference schedule.

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words in length and include a title and three to five keywords. Abstracts should be submitted within the registration form. The abstract submission deadline is **December 1, 2017**.

Registration

Registration will be linked from our [website](#) starting **October 1, 2017, and ending December 1, 2017**. The conference registration fee is \$45 for graduate students and \$90

for faculty and non-academics. There is no fee for undergraduate participants. All University of Kentucky students register for free.

Follow us on Twitter at [@DOPEUKY](#) or on Facebook as the [University of Kentucky Political Ecology Working Group](#). We also encourage you to visit our website: www.politicaecology.org. Please send any questions you may have to the DOPE Organizers at ukpewg@gmail.com.

Michigan Sociological Association 2017 Annual Meeting: Environmental Sociology in the 21st Century: Where Do We Go From Here? Oct. 27-28, 2017

The annual Michigan Sociological Association conference, sponsored by Grand Valley State University, will take place in Grand Rapids, Michigan on October 27th & 28th, 2017. We are seeking sessions and papers that align with our broad theme of Environmental Justice. As a general sociology conference, MSA also welcome papers that come from a range of areas of sociological inquiry. MSA encourages work that examines life in Michigan and welcome work that is interdisciplinary and that will connect with the community.

Dr. Paul Mohai is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment and Faculty Associate for the Social Environment and Health Program Survey Research Center Institute for Social Research University of Michigan. He will deliver a luncheon keynote address entitled "Environmental Justice". Dr. Paul Roof, a former Associate Professor at Charleston Southern University will deliver a Friday evening keynote entitled "Microbrewing: the CASE of sustainability".

If you are interested in submitting a paper, please see the list of sessions available on our website: <http://www.michigansociology.org/index.html>. We are also open to new session proposals. Please send session proposals and paper abstracts to macalusm@gvsu.edu. The deadline for title submission is September 30, 2017. Include in the email all author names and affiliations, an email and mailing address, and telephone number.

Additionally there will be undergraduate student paper and poster sessions and an undergraduate paper competition. Please encourage your students to submit their work. Further details are posted on the <http://www.michigansociology.org/index.html> website.

The conference will be held at the L.V. Eberhard Center of Grand Valley State University in downtown Grand Rapids. Hotel accommodations will be available at the Holiday Inn of Grand Rapids, which is across a parking lot from the conference location. The Eberhard Center is also within easy walking distance of other hotels, breweries, museums, and restaurants. For additional information about the downtown area please visit the Experience Grand Rapids website: <https://www.experiencegr.com/>.

**Universities Council on Water Resources (UCOWR) and National Institutes of Water Resources (NIWR) 2018 Annual Water Resources Conference
June 26-28, 2018 in Pittsburg, PA**

Bring your sociological insights about agricultural water use, drinking water, or other water issues to the University Council on Water Resources meeting in Pittsburgh, June 26-28, 2018. This multidisciplinary conference is an opportunity to meet potential collaborators and to share your research. As a member of the organizing committee, I hope to have research on rural areas well represented.

Individual presentation proposals can be submitted up until January.

<http://www.ucowr.org/>

Call for Papers

Special Issue of *Sustainability*: “Community, Natural Resources, and Sustainability: An Interdisciplinary and International Dialogue.”

Natural resource-based communities (communities with intimate ties to natural resources) are uniquely situated in the intersection of human society and the environment. Community related theories and approaches have been increasingly employed by researchers from a range of disciplines to study natural resource use and management in both developing and developed country settings. Due to the diverse perspectives and interests involved in the study of community and natural resources, there are considerable variations in the conception of the core concept community, research methods, and empirical findings, while synthesis across disciplinary lineages and development contexts is largely limited. As a concrete dimension of sustainability and sustainable development, community sustainability provides an overarching framework to bridging and integrating research on the multifaceted community-resources nexus. This Special Issue seeks to engage an interdisciplinary and international dialogue on the interrelationships of society, natural resources, and sustainability at the community level. We invite theoretical, empirical, and methodological research articles as well as practice-based papers that address a variety of relevant topics including but not limited to: (1) the relationships between natural resource dependency and community sustainability (or more specific aspects such as community vulnerability/adaptation, community capitals, and community resilience); (2) community approaches to common-pool or public natural resource management (e.g., community-based natural resource management or community involvement in resource management); (3) the impacts of demographic change (e.g., labor out-migration and amenity migration) on community and natural resources; (4) community responses to natural resource-related shocks/stressors (e.g., floods, wildfires, and forest insect disturbances) or resource-based growth (e.g., energy or tourism development); and (5) community contextual effects on individual natural resource-related attitudes and behavior. Studies using an interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary approach, collaborative and comparative field-based research, and creative systematic reviews and meta-analyses are particularly encouraged.

Manuscripts should be submitted online at <http://www.mdpi.com/> by [registering](#) and [logging in](#) to this website. Once you are registered, [click here to go to the submission form](#). Manuscripts can be submitted until the deadline. All papers will be peer-reviewed. Accepted papers will be published continuously in the journal (as soon as accepted) and will be listed together on the special issue website. Research articles, review articles as well as short communications are invited. For planned papers, a title and short abstract (about 100 words) can be sent to the Editorial Office for announcement on this website.

Submitted manuscripts should not have been published previously, nor be under consideration for publication elsewhere (except conference proceedings papers). All manuscripts are thoroughly refereed through a single-blind peer-review process. A guide for authors and other relevant information for submission of manuscripts is available on the [Instructions for Authors](#) page. [Sustainability](#) is an international peer-reviewed open access monthly journal published by MDPI.

Members' Recent Publications

Journal articles

- Burnham, Morey, Weston M. Eaton, Theresa Selfa, Clare Hinrichs, & Andrea Feldpausch-Parker. 2017. [The politics of imaginaries and bioenergy sub-niches in the emerging Northeast U.S. bioenergy economy](#). *Geoforum* 82:66-76.
- Edgeley, C.M., and Paveglio, T.B. (2017). [Community recovery and assistance following large wildfires: The case of the Carlton Complex Fire](#). *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, in press.
- Fan, Y., McCann, L., and Qin, H. (2017). [Households' adoption of drought tolerant plants: An adaptation to climate change?](#) *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* 42(2): 236–254.
- Floress, K, Garcia de Jalon, S., Church, S.P., Babin, N., Ulrich-Schad, J.D., and Prokopy, L.S. (2017). [Toward a Theory of Farmer Conservation Attitudes: Dual Interests and Willingness to Take Actions to Protect Water Quality](#). *Environmental Psychology* 53: 73-80.
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- Kaup, Brent Z. and Paul K. Gellert. (2017). [Cycles of Resource Nationalism: Hegemonic Struggle and the Incorporation of Bolivia and Indonesia](#). *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 58(4): 275-303.
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- Matarrita-Cascante, D., Zunino, H. & Sagner-Tapia, J. (2017). [Amenity/Lifestyle Migration in the Chilean Andes: Understanding the Views of “The Other” and its Effects on Integrated Community Development](#). *Sustainability* 9(9): 1619.
- Omkar, J., Becerra, T. A., Engle, D. M., Fuhlendorf, S. D., and Elmore, R. D. (2017). [Factors Affecting Public Preferences for Grassland Landscape Heterogeneity in the Great Plains](#). *Environmental Management*, (online 22 August 2017, pp 1-9)
- Paveglio, T.B. & Edgeley, C.M. (2017). [Community diversity and hazard events: understanding the evolution of local approaches to wildfire](#). *Natural Hazards*, 87(2), 1083-1108.
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- Wright, Wynne & Weston M. Eaton. 2018. [Representing rurality: Cider mills and agritourism in Michigan](#). Chapter in “Beers, ciders & spirits: Craft beverages and tourism in the U.S.” Volume 2: Environmental, Societal, and Marketing Implications. Edited by Carol Kline, Susan L. Slocum, and Christina T. Cavaliere. Palgrave Macmillan.

Employment Opportunities

Assistant Professor in Environmental Policy, Tenure-Track Department of Social Sciences 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.

The teaching load is normally two courses per academic semester. Successful candidates should be prepared to teach a graduate-level environmental policy analysis course (e.g., cost-benefit analysis, environmental risk assessment), a large general education undergraduate course (e.g., Global Issues), and courses in their own specialty. Applicants should also demonstrate how their research and teaching interests strengthen our graduate programs (MS and PhD) in Environmental & Energy Policy and aligns with the focus of one or more of Michigan Tech's research centers or institutes. Possible contributions to the graduate programs in Industrial Heritage and Archaeology would also be welcomed.

A Ph.D. in Public Affairs, Public Management, Public Policy, or a related interdisciplinary field is required by August 15, 2018. The successful candidate will demonstrate a strong research record and agenda, as well as high potential for securing external funding. Teaching experience is strongly preferred. Professional experience in the public sector is considered an asset.

More information at <http://www.jobs.mtu.edu/postings/5791>

UCSB Research Specialist – Land Systems Science/Economics

The Environmental Studies Program at the University of California, Santa Barbara invites applications for an Assistant or Associate-level Specialist position to join Professor Robert Heilmayr's lab. Specialists are academic appointees who engage in specialized research, professional activity, and University and/or public service, and who do not have any teaching responsibilities.

The successful candidate will support a new research initiative exploring the impacts of corporate commitments to end deforestation. The research project will combine remote sensing and econometrics to both advance science as well as improve social and environmental outcomes on the ground. Assistant Specialists enable research as part of a team and may provide some independent input into the planning and execution of the research, have a record of academic accomplishments, including contributions to published research in the field, and a demonstrated record of University and/or public service.

Key responsibilities for this position will be data collection, organization, and analysis of commodity supply chains and their spatial footprints in tropical landscapes. The specialist will have a geographic focus on oil palm production in Southeast Asia, however, they will have the opportunity to support additional research in South America. The successful applicant will have strong data analysis and management skills along with experience in conducting academic research. For more information, click [here](#).

Opportunities for Grad Students

Graduate Research Assistant (PhD) for a Project at the Intersection of Social Inequality and Payments for Ecosystem Services.

The Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University is seeking a doctoral research assistant (RA) interested in the intersection of social inequalities and payments for ecosystem services to join our program as soon as spring semester (January) 2018, or as late as fall semester (July) 2018. The RA position is for three years and is part of an NSF-funded research project by Purdue University, Utah State University, and Brandeis University. A second graduate RA position for this project is available at Utah State University, with Dr. Claudia Radel (claudia.radel@usu.edu).

Specific RA responsibilities include (but are not limited to): (1) managing day-to-day communication and relationship between research team and field partner in Bolivia, (2) collecting quantitative data in the field in rural Bolivia (as soon as summer 2018) as part of a randomized control trial (RCT); (3) analyzing this quantitative data; and (4) assisting

investigators with other research-related project activities. While the RA will assist the project, he/she will also be encouraged to develop his/her own dissertation research questions to pursue within the context of the broader project.

While Spring 2018 application deadline is September 15, 2017 and Fall 2018 application deadline is January 15, 2018, earlier applications are encouraged. Interested applicants should send a brief letter of interest and a copy of their CV (including GPA and GRE scores) via email to Dr. Zhao Ma prior to formally applying to the Purdue Graduate School.

Women and underrepresented minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Purdue University is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer. For more information, contact Dr. Zhao Ma (zhaoma@purdue.edu; 765-494-1790) or visit <http://web.ics.purdue.edu/~zhaoma/Ma/wordpress/>.

Graduate Research Assistantship in Sustainable Development and Rural Sociology

Department of Rural Sociology, Division of Applied Social Sciences, 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.

All interested candidates with relevant environmental social science background will be considered. Preferred qualifications of applicants are: an excellent academic record, experience applying typical social science research methods (e.g., surveys, interviews, and focus groups) and statistical techniques, and strong communication skills (both oral and written). Applicants must complete their application to the Rural Sociology graduate program as part of their application for this position.

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) for more details. Please include a statement of research interests and a current resume with the inquiry.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

Cornell University Presidential Postdoctoral Fellows are high-profile postdoctoral research positions with significant independence and resources to attract some of the world's best young scholars to interact deeply with faculty and students on Cornell's Ithaca-based campuses. Candidates from all areas of research and inquiry, who will be no more than two years past the award date of their doctoral degree at the time of the appointment, are eligible for this program. Successful candidates will have access to the full range of talent

and considerable resources available at Cornell, and will be encouraged to interact broadly with the Cornell intellectual community, in addition to their postdoctoral research with a tenured faculty member (sponsor) and their research group. Cornell Presidential Postdoctoral Fellows will also receive lifetime membership in the Society of Cornell Fellows along with the participants in other named prestigious and competitively awarded Cornell postdoctoral fellowships. Six Presidential Fellowships will be awarded each year beginning in the 2017-2018 academic year. Appointments will be for up to three years, dependent on positive annual evaluations and may include a teaching component where appropriate of no more than 25% averaged over the length of the appointment. The stipend for appointments in the 2017-2018 academic year will be \$68,000 plus full Cornell University employee fringe benefits. Each Fellow also will be provided \$5,000 annually for discretionary research expenses including travel. Interested individuals can contact any tenured Cornell faculty member(s), i.e. associate or full professor, who, if agreeable to serve as the lead sponsor(s), will endorse and submit the candidate's application. A tenure track assistant professor may serve as a secondary sponsor. Applications will be judged on the qualifications of the candidate, and the quality and originality of the proposed research and its potential impact.

For full information about the application process, see here:

<http://postdocs.cornell.edu/cornell-postdoctoral-fellowship-programs>

Deadline for all materials: **October 1, 2017**