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REPORT FROM THE RSS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

At the 2016 Annual Meeting, the RSS Council recommended (and the membership supported at the RSS Business Meeting) that an ad hoc committee on ethics be established to develop a draft proposal for a “Code of Ethics” for the society, and to circulate that proposal to the broader RSS membership for feedback. This ad hoc committee met several times over the last few months and presented a draft Code of Ethics and Policies and Procedures document to the RSS Council for feedback at their November 14, 2016 meeting. At that time, the RSS Council made a few edits and voted to distribute this draft to membership for feedback. Read full report [here](#).

This is to ask members to read over the proposed documents and to provide input no later than February 1, 2017 to members of the ad hoc committee (listed below) and/or members of the RSS Council (see http://www.ruralsociology.org/?page_id=2841).

Please review the following draft document dated 11/22/2016 [here](#)

RSS NOMINATIONS ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rural Sociological Society (RSS) is currently seeking nominations for leadership positions. Positions are open to all RSS members and self-nominations are encouraged.

The Nominations Committee seeks nominations that represent the diverse interests and background of RSS membership, including, but not limited to: race and ethnicity, geography, gender and sexuality, institutional affiliations (e.g. non-land grant and non-academic), age, physical abilities, education, and nationality as well as representation of the spectrum of research, teaching, extension, public service, and administrative interests of the membership.

Nominations are sought for the following positions:

1. **President-elect:** serves for three years as President-elect, President and Past President (voting member of Council each year)
2. **Vice President:** serves for one year (voting member of Council for that year)
3. **Council Member (3 positions):** serves for two years (voting member of Council each year, appointed as chair-elect of one RSS standing committee in the first year, serves as chair in the second year). Council members represent land-grant institutions of higher education, non-land

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grant institutions of higher education, and non-academic institutions.

4. **Student Representative to Council**: serves for two years (voting member of Council each year)

5. **Chair-elect of the Nominations Committee**: serves for two years, as Chair-elect and then chair (not a voting member of Council)

6. **Nominations Committee Member (2 positions)**: serves for one year (not a voting member of Council).

Nominations may be submitted through the following link: [RSS Nominations Form](#)

For questions or further information, please contact Mary Hendrickson, Nominations Committee Chair, directly at hendricksonm@missouri.edu

NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH JANUARY 17, 2017

2017 RSS AWARDS

The RSS Awards Committee is seeking submissions for the following awards:

- Distinguished Service to Rural Life
- Distinguished Rural Sociologist
- Excellence in Research
- Excellence in Instruction
- Excellence in Extension and Public Outreach
- Certificate of Appreciation
- The Fred Buttel Outstanding Scholarly Achievement Award 2017 (Article)
- The Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award

Detailed descriptions and criteria for all awards can be found at: <http://www.ruralsociology.org/>.

Nomination packets should include a cover letter from the principal nominator outlining the major contributions of the nominee, a biographic sketch of the candidate/organization, brief materials (e.g., brochure, report, etc.) describing the project or program if nominee is an organization or collective, and two to four letters of support. Nomination packets should be submitted by February 17, 2017 to Chelsea Schelly, Department of Social Sciences, Michigan Technological University, 1400 Townsend Drive, Houghton, MI 49931. Email submissions of compiled. Pdf application packets encouraged: cschelly@mtu.edu

NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2017

2017 MS, PhD, AND EARLY CAREER RESEARCH AWARD COMPETITION

MS, PhD and Early Career Research Award Competition

This year the RSS Council has authorized the use of Endowment funds to support Master's theses, Ph.D. dissertations, and Early Career Research awards to support research activities conducted during the 2016-2017 fiscal/academic year. Proposals are invited to conduct research on all topics encompassed by the field of rural sociology. The awards are designed to stimulate research that will help develop the careers of future rural sociologists and support the broader mission of the Rural Sociological Society. The RSS Endowment Committee will oversee the awards process.

The RSS Master's Thesis and Dissertation Research Award Competition

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Graduate student members of the Rural Sociological Society are eligible to apply for master's thesis and Ph.D. dissertation research awards. Dissertation awards can be made for up to \$5,000. Master's thesis awards can be made for up to \$2,500. Proposals approved for funding may receive budget allocations below the requested amounts, based on availability of funds and recommendations of the Endowment Committee.

The RSS Early Careers Research Awards Competition

Members of the Rural Sociological Society who received their Ph.D. on or after January 1, 2012 are eligible to apply for RSS Early Career Research awards. Because the size of these awards is modest, proposals will generally involve small-scale projects that will enhance opportunities for scholars to pursue expanded research efforts in the future. The Early Career Research awards have previously been made for up to \$5,000.

Submission Guidelines for Awards Competitions

The deadline for submission of proposals and required supporting materials is **February 17, 2017**. Proposals received after that date will not be reviewed or considered for funding. All proposals must be submitted electronically compiled into a single Adobe Acrobat .pdf format to Chelsea Schelly (cschelly@mtu.edu), chair of the Awards and Endowment Committee. Nominees who are unable to meet these submission requirements and/or who cannot save their files in .pdf format should contact Chelsea at (906) 487-1759 or at the email listed above at least two weeks in advance of the due date so that alternative arrangements for submission can be made. For more information about proposal packet requirements follow this link <http://www.ruralsociology.org/?p=7622>.

Submission Deadline: February 17, 2017

Notification Date: May 2017

Award Date: August 2017 or by special arrangement

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

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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 ITEMS OF INTEREST

BOOK REVIEW EDITOR, SOCIETY & NATURAL RESOURCES

The editors of Society & Natural Resources (SNR) are soliciting expressions of interest by an individual (or team of individuals) to serve as Book Review Editor for SNR, official, monthly journal of the International Association of Society and Natural Resources (IASNR). This is a volunteer, part-time, term appointment. Under the direction of the Editors-in-Chief, the Book Review Editor receives prospective books for review from publishers; solicits and receives reviews of books, films, and other media for the journal; manages the review, revision, and acceptance process for such reviews; and serves as a member of the journal's Editorial Board. The appointment is through the end of Volume 30 (2017), with possibility of renewal. Ph.D. in Sociology, Human Geography, Environmental Studies, Public Policy, or related field required. To apply, submit a formal statement of interest, current CV, and the names and contact information for three references to [<snr@colostate.edu>](mailto:snr@colostate.edu). All formal statements of interest with accompanying material received by **November 30, 2016**, will be given full consideration; expressions of interest will be accepted on a continuing basis until the position is filled. For further information, please contact Editors-in-Chief, David A. Sonnenfeld, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (DA Sonnenfeld@gmail.com), or Peter Leigh Taylor, Colorado State University (Pete.Taylor@colostate.edu).

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

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The Population Association of America Annual Meeting, 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". 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 with a brief description of what you're thinking of doing. He is more than willing to be of help. For more information, please [read](#).

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). 2017 applications are due **Dec. 8, 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-andhttps://nifa.usda.gov/funding-opportunity/beginning-farmer-and-rancher-development-program-bfrdp>

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 and Jennifer Glick: 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>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Postdoctoral Research Position at NC State University: The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management at North Carolina State University invites applications for postdoctoral research position focused on partnerships and philanthropic stewardship related to US national parks. This position provides an excellent career development opportunity and an opportunity to work with a dynamic group of highly productive and well-funded investigators in an interdisciplinary environment. Proposed hire date is **January 1, 2017**. Accepting applications until position is filled. For more information, please [read](#).

Assistant Professor in Environmental Social Science: The School of Earth Sciences and Environmental Sustainability (SESES) invites applications for the position of Assistant Professor in Environmental Social Science. This is a full-time, benefit eligible, tenure-track appointment at Northern Arizona University. Minimum qualifications include a PhD in a social science, or in an interdisciplinary environmental program with a social science emphasis conferred by Aug 14, 2017. Review of applications will begin on **November 30, 2016**. See details at nau.edu/Human-Resources/Careers/Faculty-and-Administrator-Openings under Job ID 602887. For more information, please [read](#).

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 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. View more details [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. For more information, please [read](#).

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