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## RURAL SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY 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](mailto:cschelly@mtu.edu)

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2017**

## 2017 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

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

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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](mailto: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 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 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.

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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

## UPDATE RSS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

After a period of review and revision the RSS Ad Hoc Committee on Ethics met via teleconference on October 24<sup>th</sup>. At the meeting the committee was broken into subcommittees with one group tasked with further refining the Code of Ethics and the other the enforcement policy. The Ad Hoc Committee's first draft of a policy will be reviewed by the RSS Council on November 14<sup>th</sup> at their November meeting.

## CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS 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](mailto:DA Sonnenfeld@gmail.com)), or Peter Leigh Taylor, Colorado State University ([Pete.Taylor@colostate.edu](mailto:Pete.Taylor@colostate.edu)).

## 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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## CALL FOR PAPERS

**Call for Presentation and Poster Abstracts:** The community Development Society (CDS) and the National Association of Community Development Extension Professional (NACDEP) are requesting proposals for refereed presentations and posters relating to community development. Submissions relating to the joint conference theme, "Big Skies: Bold partnerships- Moving Mountains Together" are encouraged, but all submissions will be given full consideration. The conference will hold June 11 – 14, 2017 at Big Sky, Montana. Deadline for abstracts proposal submissions is **November 18, 2016**. [For more information click here.](#)

**Community Food Projects (CFP) Competitive Grants Program.** In FY 2017 NIFA's CFP intends to solicit applications and fund two types of grants. The types are entitled (1) Community Food Projects (CFP) and (2) Planning Projects (PP). Closing Date: **Wednesday, November 30, 2016** For more information about the primary goals of the CFP, eligibility, grant application and how to apply follow this link: <http://www.ruralsociology.org/?p=7534>

**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](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>

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Assistant Associate Professor of Community Development & Food Systems:** The School of Environment and Natural Resources (SENR) is looking to fill a tenure track position, at the rank of assistant or associate professor. The position will be located at the Ohio State University Wooster campus. Initial consideration will be given to applications received by **November 28, 2016**. Review of applications will continue until the position has been filled. See the full position description at <https://www.jobsatosu.com/postings/74155> (job ID: 422861). View this link for more [CD and Food System positions.](#)

**Position of Assistant Cooperative Extension Specialist at UC, Davis:** The Department of Human Ecology is seeking applications for a Specialist in Cooperative Extension (CE) to join the faculty at the Assistant rank in the field of evaluation. This is a full time, career-track position. The position will remain open until filled. To ensure consideration, applications should be received by **November 30th, 2016**. [Click here to view details](#)

**Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor Position:** Social Dimensions of Agriculture and Environment/Natural Resources at Iowa State University. Qualifications: Ph.D. in sociology or rural sociology with focus on agriculture and environment/natural resources. Applications will be

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accepted only by electronic submission and will continue until the position is filled. Application review will begin **November 6, 2016**. Please direct questions to Dr. J. Arbuckle ([arbuckle@iastate.edu](mailto:arbuckle@iastate.edu)) Chair, Rural Sociology Search Committee. View complete details and application instructions at [https://www.iastatejobs.com Posting # 600191](https://www.iastatejobs.com/Posting/600191).

**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. Applications will be reviewed starting **November 15, 2016**. Follow this link for more information about this position [Assistant Professor Search 2016 at Michigan Technological University](#).

**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. Review of applications will begin **October 14, 2016**, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Questions about the position should be directed to 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://apptrkr.com/878312>

**Postdoctoral Research Associate:** A Postdoctoral Research Associate (Social Scientist) position is available at Washington State University (Pullman, WA). Screening of applications will begin on **October 3, 2016**. 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**. 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 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](#).

**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](#).

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