Dear 2016 Annual Meeting Attendees:

Did you take some pictures during the annual meeting that you would like to share on the RSS website or RIG webpages? We are especially looking for pictures from the plenaries, the Presidential Address, and the Hockey Hall of Fame. If everyone sends us just a couple we will have plenty to post over the next few months. Please remit to <rssiira@wiu.edu>.

RSS COUNCIL AND MEMBERSHIP AFFIRMS THE NEED FOR A CODE OF
At the meeting of the outgoing RSS Council on 7 August, 2016 and again at the RSS Business Meeting on 9 August, 2016 voice votes indicated strong support for the adoption of a code of ethics for the Society. In so doing the RSS has affirmed its collective aspiration to adhere to ethical principles as set forth, for example, in the Code of Ethics of the American Sociological Association (ASA). The ASA identifies five general principles: Professional Competence; Integrity: Professional and Scientific Responsibility; Respect for People's Rights, Dignity and Diversity; and Social Responsibility.

Please see the ASA Code of Ethics at http://www.asanet.org/membership/code-ethics. Here you can see a narrative description of each of these five principles, a detailed list of ethical standards, and a mechanism through which alleged violations of the code can be submitted, evaluated and adjudicated.

At the 10 August meeting of the incoming RSS Council, Council charged RSS President-Elect Doug Jackson-Smith and an ad hoc subset of the RSS Council with the task of drafting a code of ethics for the RSS, using the ASA's code as a point of departure, but using the codes followed by other kindred associations as appropriate. While there will be a formal period during which RSS members will be invited to provide input, comments on this matter can be submitted at any time to Doug Jackson-Smith at jackson-smith.1@osu.edu. Of course, should any adoption of an RSS code of ethics require a change to the RSS Bylaws or Constitution, proper membership voting procedures will be followed.

AN OPEN LETTER FROM RSS EMERITUS MEMBER DENTON MORRISON

August 14, 2016

To The Editor:
Donald Trump has not said much about his policies for agriculture. Maybe this is because Trump and his advisors don’t really know much--or care much--about agriculture. But he has said a couple of things that should make all Americans, and especially people in states with large agricultural sectors, very skeptical about what a Trump Presidency would bring.

Trump would tear-up the existing trade agreements through which American agriculture plays a major role in feeding the world. He takes an isolationist position in which agricultural exports would be a major loser.

All Americans benefit from the productivity and efficiency of our agriculture. Trump’s policy on immigration would deprive California and other western states of the workers which harvest the crops which help make the produce sections of our supermarkets a glorious garden of variety and nutrition. Say what you will about
workers from Mexico and Central America, but these are the people who harvest the crops that make fresh vegetables and fruits available and affordable year-round. Such workers are also crucial for dairy production—and for the affordable milk, ice cream and cheese we all enjoy.

A path to citizenship must be the central feature of our immigration policy. A wall is not the answer.

Denton E. Morrison

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

2016 RSS AWARD RECIPIENTS

**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
POSTER AWARD WINNERS

FIRST PLACE:
Bio-energy Experts and their Imagined Publics: Implications for Public Participation and Dialogue
Weston M. Eaton, Pennsylvania State University
Morey Burnham, State University of New York Environmental Science and Forestry
Clare Hinrichs, Pennsylvania State University

SECOND PLACE:
Facebook as a Place without Propinquity: Preserving Community Attachment after Deindustrialization’s Diaspora
Rachel M. Brown-Weinstock, Syracuse University

THIRD PLACE:
A Plate Waste Evaluation of the Farm to School Program in Alachua County Public Schools (Acps), Florida
Jaclyn D. Kropp, University of Florida
Saul J. Abarca-Orozco, University of Florida
Halil I. Sari, University of Florida
Glenn D. Israel, University of Florida

NEW POPULATION TRENDS IN POST RECESSION RURAL AMERICA BRIEF
Brief by RSS Member Shannon M. Monnat
Brief No. 02-16
Hispanic Health Insurance Rates Differ between Established and New Hispanic
FOURTH BOOK RURAL STUDIES SERIES IN THE NEWS
August 21, 2016
From the Charleston Gazette-Mail
WV Book Team: Series explores neoliberal agri-food in Japan
By Abby Freeland

West Virginia University Press publishes the “Rural Studies Series,” which promotes the scholarly analysis of rural social issues. The series plays a vital role in publishing high-quality scholarship aimed at improving the lives of rural people…Sponsored by the Rural Sociological Society, the Rural Studies Series features books on a wide range of topics related to rural social issue. To read the complete article http://www.wvgazettemail.com/ae-books/20160821/wv-book-team-series-explores-neoliberal-agri-food-in-japan.

The fourth book in the series is “The Contradictions of Neoliberal Agri-food: Corporations, Resistance, and Disasters in Japan” is authored by Kae Sekine and Alessandro Bonanno. For more information about the series http://www.wvupressonline.com/series/rural_studies.

STUDENTS

DATES AND REGISTRATION FOR THE 4TH RURAL STUDIES STUDENT CONFERENCE
The Rural Sociology Graduate Association at Penn State is excited to announce the dates and open registration for the 4th Annual Rural Studies Student Conference, taking place October 28 & 29, 2016, at Penn State’s University Park campus. The theme this year is (broadly): “Reconceptualizing Rural Contexts.”

Conference flyer can be viewed here. To see the details on the Call for Abstract can be viewed here. Graduates students, undergraduate students as well as members of the broader community are welcome to submit abstracts.

*NEW this year* the conference will feature special workshop sessions to provide an opportunity to discuss ongoing work. This year registration is free, but required. Registration/submission deadline is September 30th, 2016. You do not need to submit an abstract in order to attend.

Register/submit abstracts here: https://4th-annual-rural-studies-student-conference.eventbrite.com
This is a great opportunity to get feedback on research (at any stage of development) from your student peers. We hope you will consider participating!

CALL FOR PAPERS
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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

Assistant Professor (Practice) for Social Demography: The Extension Family and Community Health (FCH) Program, and the Division of Outreach & Engagement (O&E) at Oregon State University, invite applications for a full-time (1.0 FTE), 12-month, fixed-term (non-tenure-track) Extension Assistant Professor (Practice) position in social demography. For full consideration, apply by September 15, 2016. For more information about the position contact Teresa Crowley: Teresa.crowley@oregonstate.edu. Read more information here.

Postdoctoral Research Associate (Social Scientist) Department of Crop and Soil Sciences Washington State University: Screening of application materials will begin on October 3, 2016, and continue until a suitable candidate is identified. For more information about this position, please contact Dr. Jessica Goldberger, Associate Professor of Rural Sociology, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, at (509) 335-8540 or jgoldberger@wsu.edu. Read more information here.

Tulane University Tenure Track Assistant Professors: Review of applications will begin October 3, 2016, and continue until the positions are filled. All application materials must be submitted online at http://apply.interfolio.com/36579. For additional information, applicants can contact Michele Adams, Chair of Sociology (madams2@tulane.edu). Read more information here.

Assistant Professor Sociology and Social Studies: The Department of Sociology and Social Studies invites applications for a two and a half year term position at the Assistant Professor level effective 1 January 2017, ending 30 June 2019. Applications close on 30 September, 2016. Review of applications will begin on 1 October 2016. Academic inquiries may be addressed to: Dr. J.F. Conway, Head, Department of Sociology and Social Studies; phone 3065854052; email: john.conway@uregina.ca. Read more information here.

Assistant Professor of Urban and Metropolitan Development UC-Davis: Interested candidates should submit all materials via the web-based online submission system at https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/. To insure consideration, applications must be received by September 16, 2016. The search will remain open until the position is filled. For more information please contact William Lacy, Search Committee Chair at wblacy@ucdavis.edu. Read more information here.

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

For information on posting in future RSS eBulletins or on our website, please contact the RSS Business Office at rssiira@wiu.edu.

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