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**86th
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July 24-28





Reconceptualizing Rurality

TOWARD A MORE DIVERSE
AND INCLUSIVE UNDERSTANDING

Rurality is a rapidly changing and contested concept. Although we are long past more simplistic conceptions of rural as synonymous with a specific race, space, or industry, there is still much room for expanding and improving understandings of the many varied facets of the rural experience. In 2024 our aim is to recognize the diverse perspectives and epistemologies that can help broaden the umbrella of people, places, issues, methodologies, and disciplines that are represented by the Rural Sociological Society. As rural communities change and evolve, so too must the society and its membership. The 2024 annual meeting thus invites scholars and practitioners from multiple interrelated disciplines to share research, education, and outreach that represents a wide array of rural standpoints and communities in terms of race, class, gender, sexuality, age, and ability. We aim to showcase the range and spectrum of rural experiences, practices, needs, opportunities, successes, and challenges; and to both investigate and celebrate the people, places, economies, and ecosystems that constitute rurality.





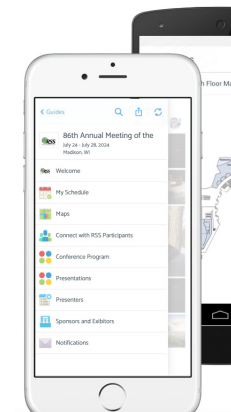
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Welcome from President Jenn Sherman



Welcome to the 86th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociology Society (RSS) in Madison, Wisconsin! I am so humbled and honored to preside over this meeting, and thankful to all of you for joining us here. As an alum of UW-Madison myself, this location inspired me to ponder the history of the RSS and its future trajectory in the post-pandemic context. This year's theme focuses on the importance of inclusivity to the society's long-term sustainability. It stresses working actively to bring diverse individuals into the RSS fold – particularly given the changing landscape of the rural U.S., the discipline, and academia more generally. As a society we are smaller now than we have been at some points in our history, but the work we do is no less important. Rather, the changing nature of our field, and of rural places themselves both in the U.S. and abroad, requires that we adapt and actively work to ensure that we are recognizing and speaking to a broad group of scholars, practitioners, and stakeholders. It is my goal for this conference and the wide array of presenters, topics, approaches, and disciplines represented here to inspire us to envision both rurality and the RSS as increasingly complex and diverse, and inclusive of a plethora of populations, challenges, ideas, and experiences.

I hope that you will find the conference and the society to be invigorating, generative, and welcoming. I look forward to working together to build and strengthen the RSS community. Thank you so much for joining us in the spirit of mutual respect and learning. I am grateful for your contributions and appreciate the work that you do.

Jennifer Sherman

President, 2023-2024, Rural Sociological Society



Indigenous Engagement and Resources

We gather for this annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society in Madison, Wisconsin, which is situated on land that has been stewarded by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. Indigenous people, particularly the Hoocąk (Ho-Chunk) people, have a historical and enduring relationship to this place, which they call Teejop (day-JOPE, or Four Lakes). Colonialism is a current and ongoing process that has harmed Indigenous peoples, and we aim to raise awareness of the Indigenous people whose territory we gather on, and to provide suggestions for ways we can learn more, show gratitude, and connect.

Calls to Action

We believe that the RSS has the responsibility to engage with Indigenous peoples. At the individual level this can include learning more about and supporting Hoocąk culture and history, and the 12 First Nations of Wisconsin. Some tools you can use to do this include:

- The Tribal Relations office at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which aims to foster ties between the 12 First Nations of Wisconsin and the University.
- Wisconsin Indian Education Association
- Wisconsin Tribal Relations Initiative
- PBS Wisconsin, University Place
- HOOCĄK WAAZIIJA HACI LANGUAGE DIVISION
- Hoocąk Nation [website](#)
- Native Land Map, Hoocąk Territories



Opportunities to Engage at the Meeting

The Annual Meeting this year is hosting opportunities to learn more about how to work with and support Indigenous peoples and communities in our scholarship.

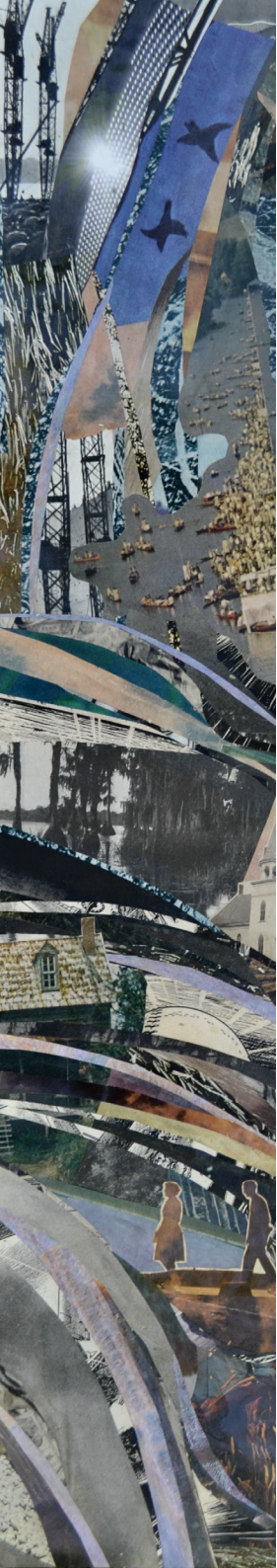
Of particular note are the following, which we encourage you to attend:

- Wednesday July 24, 8 am: Field Trip, Lovely Leopold, Fabulous Farms, Indigenous Food and Great Tunes
- Thursday July 25, 10:45 am: Plenary, Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Sustainability. Location: Madison Ballroom.
- Friday, July 26, 10:45 a.m.: Plenary, Financing Food Justice with FSA Administrator, Zach Ducheneaux
- Saturday, July 27, 11:15am: Panel, Participatory Research and Indigenous Ways of Knowing. Location: Conference Room 4.
- Saturday July 27, 2pm: Panel, Exploring Mechanisms to Create and Strengthen Collaboration with and Support Indigenous Populations. Location: University A.



Support the Diversity Committee

by participating in the silent auction. The collage featured throughout the program, by artist, PhD Student and RSS member Margaux Crider, is one such item you can bid on to support the Diversity Committee's crucial work.



Program Highlights

Wednesday, July 24

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Lovely Leopold, Fabulous Farms, Indigenous Food and Great Tunes
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	RSS Council Meeting, Conference Room 1
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Registration, Second Floor Foyer
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Jenn Sherman's Presidential Address, Capitol Ballroom
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Presidential Reception, Capitol Ballroom
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Free Concert on the Square, Featuring Regeneration by Michael M. Bell
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Ticketed Event: Dinner on the Capitol Square

Thursday, July 25

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Student and New Member Breakfast, Capitol Ballroom
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Committee Meetings, see detailed program for locations
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Registration, Second Foyer Floor
9:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Diversity Silent Auction, University B, C and D
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Plenary: Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Sustainability, Madison Ballroom
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Authors Available at Posters, University B, C and D
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Honoring Tom Heberlein & Glenn Fugitt: A Celebration of the Rich History of Rural Sociology at UW Madison. Agricultural Hall, UW-Madison Campus (RSVP Requested by Monday, July 22 ; Email: rhandler4@wisc.edu)
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Rural Policy RIG Social, Hotel Bar
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Rural Poverty RIG Happy Hour, Great Dane Brewery
8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Gender and Sexualities RIG Happy Hour, Genna's Cocktail Lounge



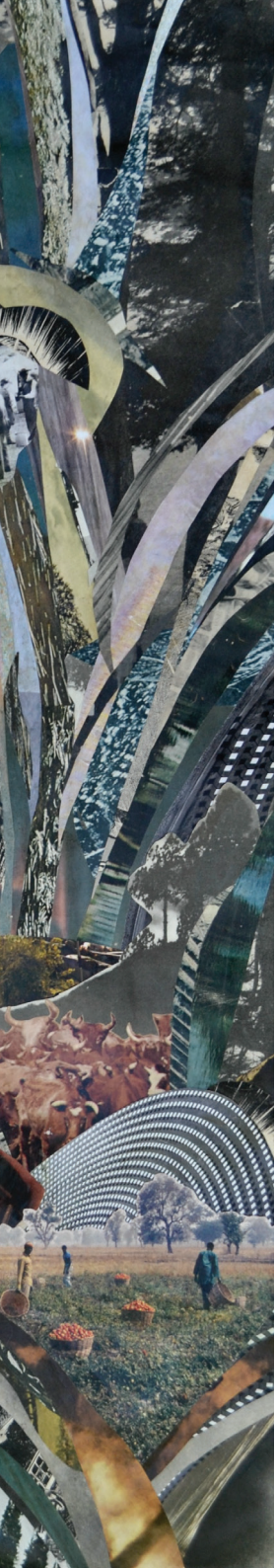
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Friday, July 26

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	RIG Meetings, see detailed program for locations
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Registration, Second Foyer Floor
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Author Meets Critics: The Rural Voter (2024), University A
9:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Diversity Silent Auction, University B, C and D. Final bids due Friday night.
10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Plenary: Financing Food Justice with FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux , Madison Ballroom
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Awards Luncheon, Capitol Ballroom
1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Plenary: Greggor Mattson , The Queer Cosmopolitanism of Rural Gay Bars, Madison Ballroom
3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Authors Meet Critics: Leontina Hormel's Trailor Park America (2023) and Ryanne Pilgeram's Pushed Out (2021), University A
3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Authors Meet Critic: Agrifood Transitions in the Anthropocene: Challenges, Contested Knowledge and the Need for Change (2024), Capitol Ballroom
4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Authors' Panel: The Research Handbook of Rural Sociology (forthcoming), University A
5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	Happy Hour with the Elders and Students, Hotel Bar
6:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	All Invited: Department Night Conference Banquet, Pyle Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus

Saturday, July 27

6:15 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Grab a free RSS themed tote and head to the Dane County Farmers' Market on the Square
9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Author Meets Critics: Ann Eisenberg's Reviving Rural America (2024), University A



Program Highlights

Saturday, July 27 Continued

- 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Diversity Auction Winners Pick Up Items, University B, C and D
- 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Author Meets Critics: Amanda McMillan Lequieu's Who We Are is Where We Are: Making Home in the American Rustbelt (2024), Madison Ballroom
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. RSS Publications Committee Meeting, Conference Room 3
- 2:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Rural Law and Justice RIG Meeting, Great Dane Brewery
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. All Invited: RSS Business Meeting, Madison Ballroom
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Population RIG Happy Hour Sponsored by the UW-Madison Center for Demography and Ecology and Center for Demography of Health and Aging, the Terrace at Memorial Union
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Rural Race and Ethnicity RIG Social, Young Blood Brew Co.

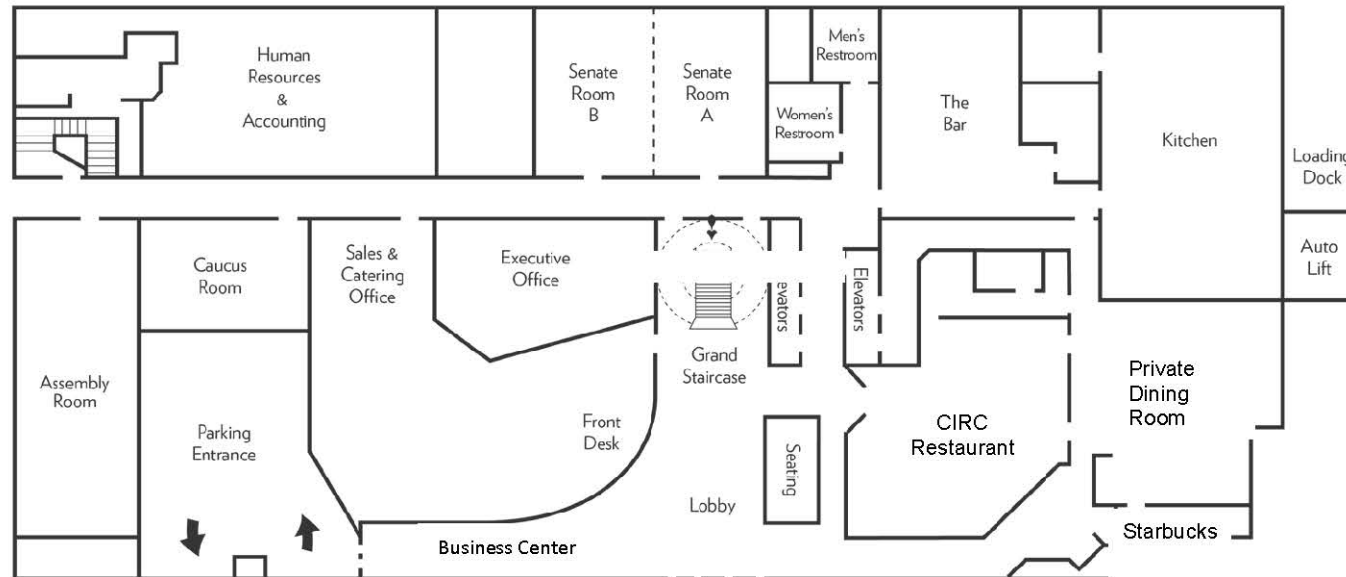
Sunday, July 28

- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. RSS Council Meeting, Conference Room 1



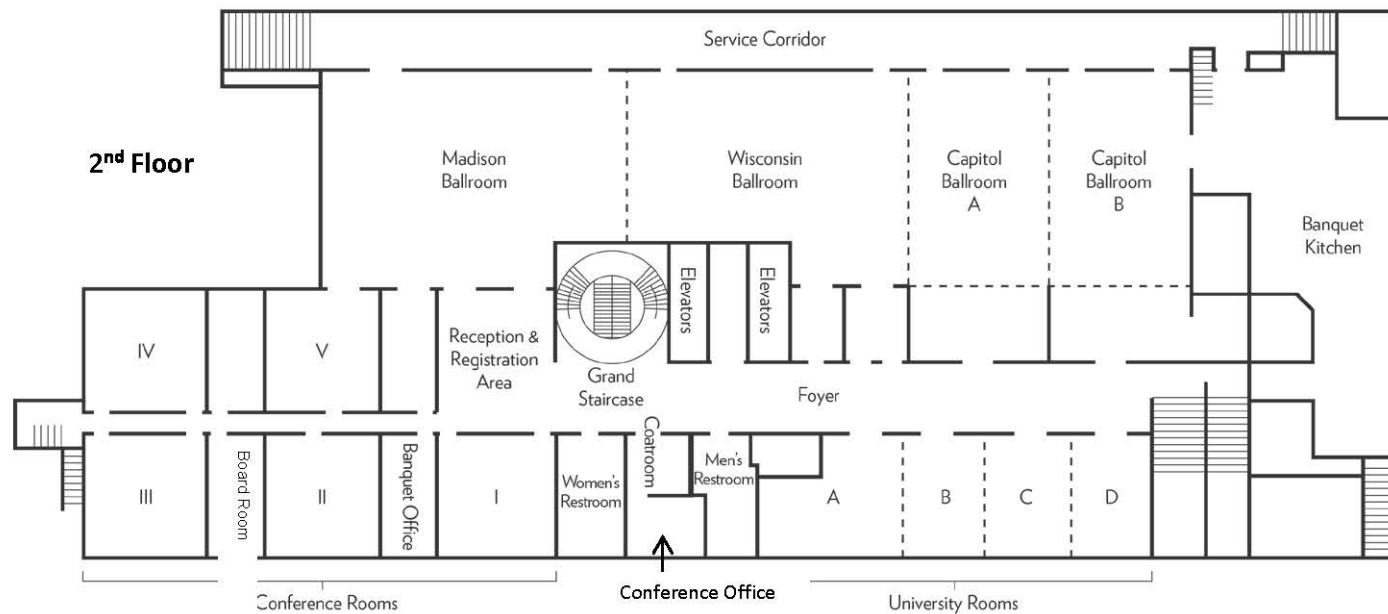
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Lobby Level



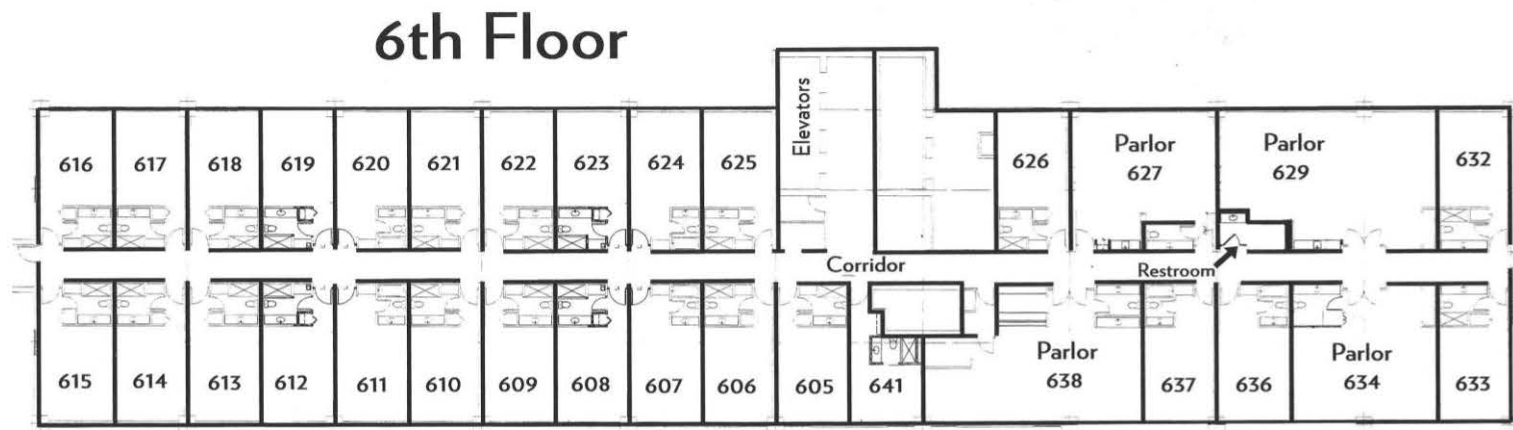


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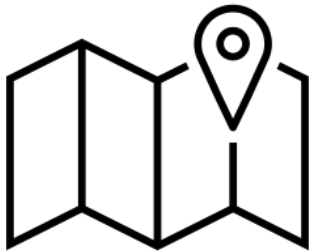


Hotel Map - 6th Floor





UW-Madison's Pyle Center and Other Locations



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Detailed Program

Wednesday, 24 July

- 8am **Field Trip: Lovely Leopold & Fabulous Farms**
Chaired by: Dr. Kelli Jackson Russell and Prof. John Zinda and Ms. Emily Southard and Dr. Chris Morris and Prof. Michael Bell and Prof. Loka Ashwood and Dr. Sarah Lloyd
- 9am **RSS Council Meeting**
Conference Room 1
- 12pm **Registration**
Second Floor Foyer
- 12:45pm **Fieldtrip Lunch with Chef Dan Cornelius**
- 1:30pm **Fieldtrip Feature: A lecture-performance on "The Music of Rural Precarity" by Taylor Ackley, Brandeis University**
White Oak Savannah
- 2:30pm **Field Trip Return to Madison**
- 4:30pm **Presidential Address: Reconceptualizing Rurality and Nurturing Rural Sociological Souls**
Capitol Ballroom
Chaired by: Dr. Jennifer Sherman and Dr. Stephanie Teixeira-Poit
- 6pm **Presidential Reception**
Capitol Ballroom
- 7pm **Free! Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra Featuring RSS Member Michael M. Bell's Regeneration: A Pentalogy, Movements IV & V**
Wisconsin's Chamber Orchestra's Concerts on the Square

- 7pm **Ticketed Event: Dinner on the Capitol Square**
Tables on Square, Catered by Heritage

Thursday, 25 July

- 8am **RSS Ethics Committee Meeting**
Conference Room 1
- 8am **RSS Awards and Endowments Committee Meeting**
Conference Room 2
- 8am **RSS Nominations Committee Meeting**
Conference Room 4
- 8am **RSS Diversity Committee Meeting**
University A
- 8am **RSS Development Committee Meeting**
Madison Ballroom
- 8am **Student and New Member Breakfast**
Capitol Ballroom
- 8:30am **Registration**
Second Floor Foyer
- 9am **Mental Health, Trauma, and Healing in the Agrifood System**
Conference Room 2
Chaired by: Dr. Jessica Ulrich-Schad
- Good for the soil, but good for the farmer? Addiction and recovery in transitions to regenerative agriculture**
» [Mr. Jacob Miller-Klugesherz](#), Dr. Matthew Sanderson



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Addressing the Stigma of Mental Health: An Analysis of Question, Persuade, Refer Training in the North Carolina Agricultural Community

» [Ms. McKayla Robinette](#)

Structural factors associated with collective trauma in Iowa farmers

» [Dr. Chris Morris](#), Dr. J Arbuckle

"As the land suffers, I suffer." Farmer wellbeing and soil health in the Midwest

» [Dr. Valerie Stull](#), Prof. Michael Bell, Dr. Rachel Gurney

"The source of all my joy and all my stress": Uncovering underappreciated sources of stress that affect farm women.

» [Dr. Hannah Budge](#), Dr. Florence Becot, Dr. Shoshanah Inwood

9am

International Development and Climate Change

Conference Room 3

Chaired by: Fridah Mubichi-Kut

Effects of Climate Variability on Child Fostering in South Asia

» [Ms. Jorden Jackson](#)

Climate Smart Irrigation Technologies: Advancing the Resilience and Productivity of Small-Scale Producers Through Training and Demonstration in Northern Haiti

» [Dr. Joseph J. Molnar](#), Mr. Jean Pierre Guensly, Dr. Frances O'Donnell, Ms. Jeldane Joseph, Dr. Wendiam Sawadgo

But the models are wrong!": Reconciling meteorological data with farmer perceptions of climate change"

» [Dr. Jere Gilles](#), Mr. Edwin Yucra, Dr. Magali Garcia

Understanding climate change and smallholder agriculture in rural Nepal

» [Dr. Ramesh Balayar](#), [Dr. David Peters](#)

The Multidimensional Context and Adaptation Measures in Fishing Communities in Honduras

» [Dr. David Ader](#), Mr. Andres Mayorga

9am

Perspectives on land management, colonialism, and the rural-urban divide

Conference Room 4

Chaired by: Dr. Kayleigh Ward

Perspectives on Social and Environmental Change in the Upper Yakima River Basin

» [Ms. Emma Epperson](#), Dr. Courtney Flint, Dr. Jessica Ulrich-Schad, Mr. Alex Theophilus, Ms. Bailey Holdaway

A Comparison of Upper and Lower Colorado River Basin Agricultural Producers' Attitudes Toward River Management

» [Dr. Mark Burbach](#), Dr. Weston Eaton, Dr. Drew Bennett, Dr. Elizabeth Koebele, Dr. Kristiana Hansen, Mr. Max Lewis

"Do You Care About Land or The Land?": Perceptions and Interactions with Placed Rhetoric Surrounding Bears Ears National Monument

» [Ms. Greta Asay](#), Ms. Hannah Hendricks, [Ms. Elizabeth Long-Meek](#), Dr. Michael Cope

Appalachian Foraging and Settler Colonial Frameworks

» [Ms. Rebecca Shisler](#)

Brewing sustainability: The politics of knowledge in Galápagos Islands coffee qualification and geographical indication development

» [Mr. MATTHEW ZINSLI](#), Dr. Samer Alatout



Continued from Thursday, 25 July

9am **Power, Ownership, & Resource Access**

Conference Room 5

Chaired by: Dr. Ryan Thomson

Rural Community Well-Being: The Impact and Consequences of Industrial Animal Farming in Mississippi

» [Dr. Aimee Imlay](#)

Production Constraints Affecting Agricultural and Forest Land Owned as Heirs Property in Appalachia and the South

» [Dr. Ryan Thomson](#), [Dr. Conner Bailey](#)

Attorney Advertising and Access to Justice in the 1970s

» [Ms. Kathryn Birks Harvey](#)

Straight Pipe: The Social Impacts of Waste in Lowndes County, Alabama

» [Ms. Abosede Onifade](#), Dr. Ryan Thomson

"The system is rigged": Farmer Perceptions of Fairness in Agricultural Markets and Impacts on Policymaking

» [Dr. Mary Hendrickson](#), Dr. Harvey James

9am **Aging Populations**

University A

Chaired by: Prof. Leif Jensen

Inequities in the Poverty Reducing Effects of Social Security for Older Rural Americans

» [Prof. Leif Jensen](#), Dr. Tracey Farrigan

Older rural stayers and movers: why (not) to age in place in the countryside?

» [Dr. Ilona Matysiak](#)

Trends in (In)Access to Critical Health Services for Older Adults in Rural America, 1990-2020

» [Ms. Elizabeth Bambury](#), Dr. Alexis A. Merdjanoff, Dr. Joshua T. Fergen, Dr. J. Tom Mueller

9am **Research and Data in the Agrifood System**

Madison Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Rachel Soper

When data is missing by design: Intellectual property rights used on U.S. maize, restrictions on public research, and implications

» [Dr. Cathleen McCluskey](#), Prof. William Tracy

Research and Data as Tools in Animal Advocates' Decision-Making

» [Dr. Kristal Jones](#), Dr. Jo Anderson

Setting data free: The politics of open agri-food data

» [Dr. Madeleine Fairbairn](#)

Social Studies of Agricultural Autonomy (A2) on Farms: Status and Recommendations

» [Mr. Gbenga Elufisan](#), Dr. Diego Thompson

9am **Diversity Silent Auction and Posters Available Throughout Conference**

University B, C, D

9am **Rural Sociology Beyond Academia: Public Scholarship for Students and Early-Career Professionals**

Capitol Ballroom

Chaired by: Ms. Hazel Velasco Palacios and Dr. Richelle Winkler and Prof. Emma Scott and Dr. Justine Lindemann and Dr. Kristina Brant

Rural Sociology Beyond Academia: Public Scholarship for Students and Early-Career Professionals

10:15am **Tea and Coffee Break**

University B, C, D



Continued from Thursday, 25 July

10:45am **Plenary: Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Sustainability**

Madison Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Jennifer Sherman

Plenary: Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Sustainability

» Ms. Jennifer Gauthier, Ms. Sara Smith, Mr. Dan Cornelius, Dr. Annie Jones

10:45am **Diversity Silent Auction and Posters Available Throughout Conference**

University B, C, D

12pm **Authors Available at Posters**

University B, C, D

Migration and Public Lands Pre and Post COVID-19

» Dr. Raeven Chandler, Ms. Rozalynn Klaas, Dr. Miranda Mockrin, Dr. Richelle Winkler

Leveraging Cyberphysical Systems to Prepare Women and Minoritized Students for STEM Majors and Careers

» Ms. Shalee Forney, Ms. Sonya Parker, Mx. Sal Ryman, Ms. Zhani Swailes, Ms. Lingbay Woah-Tee, Ms. Antrene' Thurman, Ms. Sarah Ifegwu, Dr. Stephanie Teixeira-Poit

Public Institutions and Asset Based Community Development in Rural Communities

» Dr. Melissa Fry, Ms. Ava Minnery, Ms. Kelsie Jacob

"We don't need your regulation" Evaluating the ability of government agencies to be trusted partners in Herbicide Resistance management from the perspective of farmers.

» Mr. Joe Hollis, Dr. Katherine Dentzman

Cultivating community capitals and conservation agriculture among farmers, ag-adjacent persons, and community leaders in a rapidly developing Pottawatomie County, Kansas

» Mr. Jacob Miller-Klugesherz

Social communication strategies and rural household's participation in forestry programs in Thanh Hoa Province, Vietnam

» Ms. Thi Mai Anh Tran

Effect of Agricultural Education on Resilience of Rural High School Students in Kentucky and West Virginia

» Mrs. Ruth Toole, Dr. Stacy Vincent, Dr. Julie Zimmerman

Investigating Rural Communities' and Households' Adaptations to the Dynamics of Farmland Loss in the Treasure, Magic and Teton Valleys, Idaho

» Mx. Gwénaëlle d'Aumale, Dr. Rebecca Som Castellano, Dr. Jen Schneider, Dr. Vicken Hillis

Measuring and Mapping Social Vulnerability in Rural America: A new Remoteness Index with implications for Wildfire Risk

» Dr. Richelle Winkler, Mr. Dave Arnold, Dr. John Cromartie, Dr. Miranda Mockrin, Mrs. Julia Petersen, Mx. Ella Brodowski

What Matters to Informal-Enterprises in The Face of Pandemic, The Case of Agri-entrepreneurs in Ghana.

» Mr. Bernard Kwamena Cobbina Essel, Prof. Miroslava Bavorova, Mr. Ebenezer Donkor

What do Corn Belt farmers think about climate change? A meta-analysis review to inform communication strategies.

» Ms. Elizabeth Ortiz, Dr. J Arbuckle

Is Optimism or Depression a Better Predictor of Health Status Across Time in a Rural Population?

» Dr. Betsy Garrison, Dr. Timothy Killian, Dr. Zola Moon, Dr. Kelly Way



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DIGEST - Determining the individual, geographic, economic and social levers for the transformation of territorial agri-food systems

» Dr. Pedro Lopez-Merino

The Center for Agricultural Conservation Assistance Training

» Dr. Erin Trouba, Dr. Jennifer Fetter, Dr. Jake Tomlinson, Dr. Chris Canfield, Dr. Genevieve Christ, Dr. Dana Flowers, Dr. Elaine Hinrichs, Dr. Brad Kunsman, Dr. Ben Maus, Dr. Jesse Bussard, Dr. Elizabeth Egan

Communicating with Nebraskans about Water Quality and Health

» Ms. Laura Nagengast

Constructing the Opposition: An Analysis of Counter Imaginaries in Gene Editing of Agriculture and Food in the US and the EU.

» Dr. Theresa Selfa

12pm **Lunch on your own**

12pm **Natural Resources RIG meeting**

Gotham Bagels, 112 E. Mifflin Street

1:30pm **Rural Resilience: Strengthening Community Food Systems through Research and Action**

Conference Room 1

Chaired by: Dr. Kayleigh Ward

The 2021 Kansas Rural Grocery Survey: Revaluating Extension's role in rural grocery issues

» Mr. Jacob Miller-Klugesherz, Mrs. Jessica Ramirez, Mrs. Rial Carver, Mrs. Erica Blair, Mrs. Leah Tsoodle, Mrs. Lauren Scheufler

Applying a competency-based framework to local food system education

» Ms. Hannah Dankbar, Dr. Courtney Long, Ms. Kaley Hohenshell, Dr. Dara Bloom, Dr. Emma Brinkmeyer

Pursuing multifunctional socioecological transformations through a place-based approach: A case study of dairy heifer grazing in the Cloverbelt of Wisconsin

» Dr. John Strauser, Ms. Gabriela Martinez-Motta, Ms. Alexis A. Schank, Dr. Sarah Lloyd, Dr. Claudio Gratton, Dr. Nicholas R. Jordan, Dr. Eric G. Booth, Mr. Jason Cavadini, Ms. Brooke Bembeneck, Mr. Matthew Oehmichen, Ms. Kirstie Heidenreich, Mr. Michael Redetzke, Mr. Paul Daigle, Dr. Randy Jackson

SNAP Participation and Community Characteristics in Rural Illinois based on the FindFoodIllinois dataset

» Dr. Michael Lotspeich-Yadao, Dr. Craig Carpenter, Ms. Caitlin Kownacki, Dr. Jennifer McCaffrey

Exploring the Role of Food Pantries as Third Spaces for Community Building and Immigrant Integration

» Ms. Hazel Velasco Palacios, Dr. Kristina Brant, Dr. Justine Lindemann

1:30pm **Responding to Change within Farming and Agriculture: Land Management Practices, Perceptions, and Food Systems**

Conference Room 3

Chaired by: Dr. Marisa Lanker

Comparing Farm Financial Support Between Croplands and Grasslands in the Upper Midwest, USA

» Dr. Yu Lu, Dr. Adena Rissman

Bureaucratic burden as social injustice: An investigation of the effects of climate change policymaking on Botswana's smallholder farmers

» Ms. Wandipa Mualefhe

The potential of relational values to understand farmers' behavior: a critical review

» Ms. Vitoria Aparecida Cardoso, Dr. Daniel Tobin

Becoming Criollo: Relational Agroecologies in Highland Guatemala

» Dr. Marisa Lanker



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Culturally Meaningful Seeds: Assessing Market Demand Among Diverse Consumer Groups

» [Ms. Carina Isbell](#), Dr. Daniel Tobin, Ms. Alexis Yamashita, Ms. Chanda Robinson Banks, Ms. Bonnetta Adeeb

1:30pm

Adoptions and Implications of Agricultural Technologies

Conference Room 4

Chaired by: Mrs. Eleanor Green

Factors Affecting Consumer Perspectives on Cell-Cultured Meat: Examining the Role of Trust

» [Prof. Leland Glenna](#), Prof. Garrett Broad, Ms. Ellie Martin, [Prof. Robert Chiles](#)

Food as Industry vs. Food as Freedom: The Role of Agritech in Harvesting Appalachia

» [Mr. Jimmy Robinson](#)

Promoting Digital Agriculture Adoption in Community-Based Agricultural Organizations

» [Dr. Jean Hardy](#)

DEPLOYING DIGITAL TOOL FOR AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION DESSEMINATION ON FAMILY FARM AND AGROECOLOGICAL IN NIGERIA

» [Dr. Sunday Ogunjimi](#), Dr. Chirstopher Adara

Nigeria-China bilateral trade: the impact on sustainable rural and agricultural development in Nigeria

» [Dr. Ibikunle Obabire](#), Dr. Cornelius Ekenta, Dr. Michael Akinola

1:30pm

Environmental Impacts on Health and Livelihoods

Conference Room 5

Chaired by: Dr. Shuai Zhou

A Comprehensive Synthesis and Future Prospects of Environmental Health Literature, 2010-2023

» [Dr. Shuai Zhou](#), Prof. Chuan Liao, Dr. Elizabeth Ludwig-Borycz, Mr. Seongmin Shin, Ms. Yujin Lee, Mr. Ziqing Wei, Ms. Jana Turner, Ms. Yulu Chen, Ms. Rodina Araia, Ms. Florence Cheung, Prof. Arun Agrawal

Spatiotemporal Examination of Social Vulnerability Change Due to Extreme Heat in Alaska

» [Ms. Ayse Akyildiz](#), Dr. Guangqing Chi

Does Climate Variability Predict Pregnancy Termination and Loss? Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Abortion in South Asia

» [Ms. Jorden Jackson](#)

Leaving Homes: Changing Climates and Housing Insecurity in Alaska

» [Ms. Jessica Miller](#), Dr. Guangqing Chi

Community Wellbeing and Amenity Migration in Washington's Kittitas County Post-COVID-19 Pandemic

» [Mr. Alex Theophilus](#), Dr. Jessica Ulrich-Schad, Dr. Courtney Flint, Ms. Emma Epperson, Ms. Bailey Holdaway

1:30pm

Rural Lawyers and Rural Justice

University A

Chaired by: Prof. Ann Eisenberg

Claiming the South

» [Prof. Elizabeth Chambliss](#)

The rural lawyer shortage as (surprising) scholarly impetus

» [Prof. Lisa R. Pruitt](#)

Rural Lawyer Shortages & Responses

» [Prof. Hannah Haksgaard](#)



Continued from **Thursday, 25 July**

1:30pm Social Ecological Relationships and Their Implications

Madison Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Thomas Safford

"Does the Public Trust Science, Scientists, or Scientific Data? Examining Public Perceptions of the Practice of Science and the Role of Scientists in Environmental Concerns."

» [Dr. Thomas Safford](#)

Welcome to Social Ecology

» [Prof. Michael Bell](#), Prof. Loka Ashwood

The Country Mouse and City Mouse in Practice

» [Dr. Leanne Avery](#), Ms. Liz de Nesnera

"So Lonesome I Could Cry": A Quantitative Analysis of Loneliness and Rurality

» [Ms. Megan Hall](#)

Connection to the Land, Tribal Identity, and Native American Mental Health: A Qualitative Exploration

» [Ms. Madeline Nash](#), Dr. Stephen Gasteyer

1:30pm Diversity Silent Auction and Posters Available Throughout Conference

University B, C, D

2:45pm Tea and Coffee Break

University B, C, D

3pm Gender Perspectives in Agriculture, Food, and Rural Development

Conference Room 1

Chaired by: Mr. Francisco Alfredo Reyes

THE FEMINIZED SIDE OF THE COLOMBIAN AGRARIAN REFORM OF 1961

» [Ms. Monica Moreno](#), Ms. María Alejandra Chamorro Gualtreros

Development for Whom?: Gender, Land Rights, and Rural Poverty

» [Dr. Debarashmi Mitra](#)

Superman Wears a Tractor Cap: Modern Masculinity Displays in Advertising Aimed at Farmers

» [Dr. Carol Miller](#), [Dr. Adam Driscoll](#)

The Gender Wage Gap in the Restaurant Industry

» [Mx. Whitney Shervy](#)

Women's Land Tenure Security: A Case Study of Small-Scale Farmers in Uganda

» [Ms. Samantha Smith](#), Dr. Daniel Tobin, Dr. Travis Reynolds

3pm

Rural Community and Environment

Conference Room 2

Chaired by: Dr. Kayleigh Ward

Burning Love: Socio-Sexual Relationships on the Frontline of Rural Climate Change

» [Ms. KC Vick](#)

To Lose One's Place: Confronting environmental and community change on the Northern Great Plains

» [Ms. Danielle Schmidt](#), [Dr. Katherine Curtis](#)

The Intersectionality of Climate, Health and Equity: Implications for Reconceptualizing Rurality

» [Dr. Betsy Garrison](#), [Dr. Charleen McNeill](#), Dr. Robert Rohli, Dr. Carol Friedland, Dr. Elisabeth Ponce-Garcia

Conceptualizing and researching rural social-ecological systems: Challenges to quality of life and rural resilience in Croatian RSEs

» [Dr. Tijana Trako Poljak](#), Mr. Vladimir Ivanović, Mr. Bruno Šimac



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Rising From the Ashes: Post-Fire Recovery Efforts in Rural Oregon

» [Dr. Kate MacTavish](#)

3pm

International Development, Migration and Inequality

Conference Room 3

Chaired by: Dr. Jere Gilles

The case for project level data in Participatory Development within European Union Rural Development Programs: Methods & Approaches

» [Mr. Conor Judge](#)

Revisiting the agrarian question: Does class differentiation or the household life cycle explain smallholder farming in sub-Saharan Africa?

» [Dr. Daniel Tobin](#), Ms. Lizah Makombore, Dr. Travis Reynolds, Mr. Andrés Oyaga

Bridging Divides: Assessing the Impact of People-to-People Programs on Nigeria's Agro-Pastoral Strife

» [Dr. Lila Khatiwada](#), Mrs. Danice Guzman, Mr. Eduardo Pages Jiminez

Revaluing Rural Work in the Racialized Social System of Northeast Brazil

» [Dr. Ian Carrillo](#)

Return home or relocate nearby? Displaced Individuals' post-hurricane settlement patterns in coastal communities

» [Ms. Yining Feng](#), Dr. Guangqing Chi

3pm

Extraction, Energy, and Waste

Conference Room 4

Chaired by: Dr. Jeffrey Jacquet

Booming and Busting in Salmon, ID

» [Dr. Jared Talley](#)

Beneficial Electrification in the Rural North: Challenges and Opportunities

» [Dr. Chelsea Schelly](#), Ms. Nelly Aghaei

Trash and the Circular Economy in the Rural Urban Interface

» [Dr. Dianna Bryant](#)

The Coal Transition In The Ohio River Valley: Using Social Science And Fine Arts To Understand Community Impacts And Pathways For Resilience

» [Dr. Jeffrey Jacquet](#), Mx. Kat Finneran, Mr. Brian Capobianco, Prof. Tom Dugdale, Mrs. Gwynn Stewart

The Role of Rural Sociology in Renewable Energy and Federal Policy

» [Dr. RYANNE PILGERAM](#)

3pm

Work and Labor in the Agrifood System

University A

Chaired by: Ms. Emily Southard

From the Field to the Market: Women's Work and Women's Spaces in Cambodia's Vegetable Value-Chains

» [Ms. Emily Southard](#)

New Borders of Rural Precarity: Refugee labor in meatpacking

» [Dr. Annabel Ipsen](#)

Revisiting the Goldschmidt Hypothesis: Impact of farm employment structure on social capital and quality of life in Midwestern small towns

» [Dr. David Peters](#), Mr. Colin Larter

Confrontation vs. Collaboration? Possibilities and Limits of Union involvement in Agricultural Social Certification

» [Prof. Christy Getz](#)



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Deliverance to/from Horror: Haunted Hayrides, Barns of Terror, and the American Rural

» [Dr. Michael Branch](#)

3pm

Rural Water Empowerment

Madison Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Amanda Buday

Unbottled: Diverse Coalitions Contesting Bottled Water Extraction

» [Dr. Daniel Jaffee](#)

Water Science in Agriscience

» [Dr. Amanda Buday](#), Dr. Tara Kneeshaw, Dr. Bradford Dykes

Urban and Rural Local Water Management Organizations in the Great Salt Lake Basin, Utah, USA: Perceptions and Adaptions to Water Challenges

» [Ms. Bailey Holdaway](#), Dr. Courtney Flint

Improving Access to Potable Water and Sanitation In Marginalized Rural Communities: The Role of Community Governance

» [Ms. Hikmatu Lalaki Awudu](#), [Dr. Stephen Gasteyer](#), Ms. Madelyn Verno, Dr. J. Tom Mueller

Centering Community Voices to Inform Knowledge Graph Development and Promote Flood Preparedness, Resilience, and Equity

» [Dr. Stephanie Teixeira-Poit](#), Dr. Leila Beni, Ms. Kendall Tyson, Ms. Sanji Harrison, Ms. Sydney Yorke, Mr. Gazali Agboola, Ms. Eden Wasehun

3pm

Diversity Silent Auction and Posters Available Throughout Conference

University B, C, D

4:30pm

Empowerment and Engagement: Rural Communities for Environmental Justice and Conservation

Conference Room 1

Chaired by: Dr. Chelsea Schelly

Transformative Approaches in Agriculture: Developing a Multidimensional Sustainability Assessment for Regenerative Grazing for Grazing-Based Beef Production Systems.

» [Mr. Jonathan Vivas](#), Dr. Morgan MathisonSlee, Mr. Zekuan Dong, Dr. Jennifer Hodbod, Dr. Matt Raven, Dr. Melissa McKendree

Accessing conservation funding: can we make the application process more accessible to underserved producers?

» [Dr. Kelly Wilson](#)

Voices from the Rangeland: Exploring Utah Ranchers' Perspectives on Smart Foodscapes

» [Mr. Zubair Barkat](#), [Dr. Jessica Ulrich-Schad](#), Ms. Kaitlin Welsh, Dr. Eric Thacker

The Applicability of the US EPA's Environmental Justice Academy for Rural Communities

» [Dr. Candace May](#), Dr. Abigail Sullivan, Dr. Dana Williamson, Dr. Mary Clare Hana

Rural Energy Justice through Service Transitions: Team Science to Support Energy Justice

» [Dr. Chelsea Schelly](#), Ms. Nyasha Milanzi

4:30pm

Rural Health 1

Conference Room 2

Chaired by: Ms. Hazel Velasco Palacios

COVID19, Fear of Death, and Resilience

» [Dr. Atsuko Kawakami](#), Ms. Anastasia Mora



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School Based Health Centers to Address Health Disparities: An Exploratory Study in Rural New York

» [Dr. Mildred Warner](#), Dr. Xue Zhang, Mr. Luke Kerr, Ms. Claire Nguyen, Mr. Chen Wu, Ms. Pamela Fingado

The impact of health, demographic, and spatial indicators on the subjective well-being in rural communities

» [Dr. Zuzana Bednarik](#)

Patterns and Disparities in Health Services Utilization Among Latina/o Farmworkers in North America: A Systematic Review

» [Ms. Hazel Velasco Palacios](#)

4:30pm

Criminalization in Rural Places: Unpacking the Causes and Effects

Conference Room 3

Chaired by: Dr. Nicole Kaufman

"Out of My Hands": Unintended Consequences of Mandatory Arrest Laws for Vulnerable Rural Populations

» [Dr. Jennifer Sherman](#), Dr. Jennifer Schwartz

The implications of legal deserts for rural criminal justice: Evidence from Eastern Washington

» [Prof. Lisa R. Pruitt](#), [Dr. Jennifer Sherman](#), Dr. Jennifer Schwartz

Decriminalizing sodomy: The interplay between religion and social science in Idaho

» [Dr. Nicole Kaufman](#)

"A Bed for the Night: The Midwestern Roots of Mass Incarceration"

» [Dr. Lillian Jacklin](#)

4:30pm

Transitioning to a More Sustainable Agrifood System

Conference Room 5

Chaired by: Dr. Morgan Montanez

Reimagining agricultural landscapes: Exploring tensions between the "good farmer" and farmers' goals for agriculture and their communities

» [Mrs. Ashley Becker Steele](#), Dr. Randy Jackson, Dr. John Strauser, Dr. Dominique Brossard, Dr. Matthew Ruark

Engaging religion in rural sustainability transitions: The Case of SCAs

» [Mr. Julius Malin](#), Prof. Max Bergman, Dr. Zinette Bergman

The Organic Cotton Commodity System

» [Prof. Douglas H. Constance](#), Dr. Jin Young Choi, Ms. Juliana Barrera, Ms. Elizabeth Fenstermacher

Defining diversity: What does agricultural diversification mean in the U.S. Corn Belt?

» [Dr. Lauren Asprooth](#)

Environmentally Sustainable Beer? Perceptions of Sustainability for Hop Growers and Brewers in the Pacific Northwest.

» [Dr. Morgan Montanez](#)

4:30pm

Conservation Adoption and Farmer Behavior

University A

Chaired by: Dr. Chris Morris

Studying the soil: Accounting for Social Science's contribution to soil related research

» [Mr. Adam Snitker](#), Dr. James Hale, Dr. Michael Carolan

Entrepreneurialism as a Catalyst for Revitalizing Rural Agriculture: Perceptions, Attitudes, and Values of Small and Medium-Scale Grazing Farmers in Vermont

» [Ms. Dimagi Pitawala](#), Dr. Travis Reynolds

Influence of watershed demonstration farm networks on cover crop adoption

» [Dr. Chloe Wardropper](#), Ms. Heather Craska, Dr. Marin Skidmore



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Agricultural Financial Instruments' Roles in Land Practices in the Upper Midwest, USA

» [Dr. Yu Lu](#), Dr. Adena Rissman

4:30pm

Session to Honor the Work of Glenn Fuguitt

Madison Ballroom

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» [Prof. Kenneth Johnson](#), [Prof. David L. Brown](#), Dr. Richelle Winkler, Dr. Katherine Curtis, Dr. John Cromartie

6pm

Rural Policy RIG Social

Hotel Bar

6pm

RSVP Requested: Honoring Tom Heberlein & Glenn Fuguitt: A Celebration of the Rich History of Rural Sociology at UW Madison

Agricultural Hall

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6:30pm

Rural Poverty RIG Happy Hour

Great Dane Brewery, 123 E. Doty Street

8pm

Gender and Sexualities RIG Happy Hour

Genna's Cocktail Lounge

Friday, 26 July

8am

Applied and Extension RIG Meeting

Conference Room 1

8am

Rural Policy RIG Meeting

Conference Room 3

8am

International Development and Studies RIG Meeting

Conference Room 4

8am

SAFRIG Business Meeting

University A

8am

Community, Health, and Family RIG meeting

Collectivo Coffee, 25 S. Pinckney St.

8am

Teaching and Curriculum RIG meeting

Parlor Room 629

8am

Youth, Education, and Rural Vitality RIG meeting

Parlor Room 638

8:30am

Registration

Second Floor Foyer

9am

Accessing Resources for Communities: Health, Engagement, and Inclusivity

Conference Room 1

Chaired by: Dr. Valerie Stull

An Investigation of the Relationships among Mental Health Literacy, Self-Efficacy and Confidence in a Study of Extension Professionals

» [Dr. Jen Park-Mroch](#), [Dr. Betsy Garrison](#), Dr. Calandra Lindstadt, Ms. Bobbie Jo Bensaid

The Exploration of Gender Norms on Female Entrepreneurship: It's Impacts on Rural Economy in North West, Nigeria

» [Mrs. Olufunke Olatunji](#), Mrs. Abimbola Fanu, Dr. Oluwaseun Bamigboye, Dr. Olajumoke Alabi



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Stuck at Home on Market Day – a Zambian Case Study on Menstrual Poverty and Rural Stagnation

» [Dr. Valerie Stull](#)

Precarious Protection: Analyzing Compliance with Pesticide Regulations for Farmworker Safety

» [Prof. Emma Scott](#)

Rural Natural Disasters and the Dominance of Urban Space and Time

» [Ms. Abigail Andre](#)

9am

Economic Insecurity in Rural America

Conference Room 2

Chaired by: Dr. Kristina Brant

Life and Debt in Rural America

» [Dr. Matthew Brooks](#), Dr. Paromita Sanyal

Housing Insecurity in America's Dairyland.

» [Mrs. Erin Gaede](#)

"On the Backs of a Bunch of Grandmas in Church Basements": Volunteerism and the Emergency Food Network

» [Ms. Ellie Martin](#), Dr. Justine Lindemann, Dr. Kristina Brant

"We're giving back:" Narratives and Actions of Deservingness among PA Emergency Food Service Recipients

» [Mr. Nicholas Demerly](#), Dr. Kristina Brant, Dr. Justine Lindemann

Unequal distribution of benefits of regional trade using quantile and spatial modeling

» [Mr. Clayton Adamson](#), Dr. Katherine Curtis, Mrs. Sara Peters, Dr. Anton Babkin, Dr. Austin Sandler, Dr. Richard Dunn

9am

Power, Policy, and Global Trends

Conference Room 3

Chaired by: Dr. Joseph J. Molnar

Chicken Production and Consumption in Southern Africa, 1961-2019

» [Dr. Bill Winders](#), Prof. Elizabeth Ransom, Ms. Olanike Olaomo

Shifting discourses of global geographical indication implementation: From legal-rational to political-cultural models of development in the Global South

» [Mr. MATTHEW ZINSLI](#), Dr. Sarah Bowen

Examining Factors Shaping Experiences of Farmers from Refugee Backgrounds in the Treasure Valley of Idaho

» [Dr. Rebecca Som Castellano](#), Dr. Lisa Meierotto, Dr. Kelly Hopping, Dr. Laura Villegas Ortiz

Indigenous and Mestizo Paths to Sustainable Development in the Ecuadorian Amazon

» [Dr. Thomas Rudel](#)

9am

Wildfire and other Hazards

Conference Room 4

Chaired by: Prof. John Zinda

Considering Equity in Fuel Treatments for Wildfire Risk Reduction

» [Dr. Richelle Winkler](#), Dr. Miranda Mockrin, Mx. Kathy Huerta Sanchez, Mx. Ella Brodowski, Dr. Kari Henquinet

Unequal Exposures: A Multi-Hazard Review of Distributional Environmental Inequity

» [Prof. John Zinda](#)

Ecological Drought Knowledge and Knowledge Sharing among Decision-Makers

» [Dr. Sarah Church](#), Ms. Sale Rhodes, Dr. Tonya Haigh, Dr. Jamie McEvoy



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9am **Applied Social Science as Tools for Change**
Conference Room 5

Applied Social Science as Tools for Change
» [Dr. Andrew Smolski](#), [Ms. Rebecca Shisler](#)

9am **Author Meets Critics: The Rural Voter (2024)**
University A
Chaired by: Prof. Lisa R. Pruitt

Author Meets Readers: The Rural Voter (2023)
» [Dr. Jessica Ulrich-Schad](#)

Author Meets Readers: The Rural Voter (2023)
» [Dr. Nicholas Jacobs](#)

Author-meets-readers: The Rural Voter (2023)
» [Prof. Lisa R. Pruitt](#)

Author Meets Readers: The Rural Voter (2023)
» [Dr. Kai Schafft](#)

9am **Classwork: Poverty, Precarity, & the Rural**
Madison Ballroom
Chaired by: Prof. Michael Bell

Classwork -- Dirt Poor: The Intertwined Inequalities of Rural Life
» [Prof. Michael Bell](#)

Classwork: Rural Gentrification and Changing Class Structures in Montana's Northern Great Plains
» [Mr. John Canfield](#)

Classwork: Reconfiguring Representation of Rural Poverty
» [Dr. Taylor Ackley](#)

Classwork: The Slow Violence of Dull Knives and .22 Rifles in Small-Scale Meat Processing
» [Dr. Michaela Hoffmeyer](#)

Classwork: Centering Justice and the Farmworker Experience in Midwest Agriculture
» [Dr. Marisa Lanker](#)

9am **Diversity Silent Auction and Posters Available Throughout Conference**
University B, C, D

10:15am **Tea and Coffee Break**
University B, C, D

10:45am **Gender, Sexuality, and Community Dynamics in Rural Environments**
Conference Room 1
Chaired by: Ms. KC Vick

Exploring the individual impact Mountain University had on fostering solidarity, capacity, and agency of female Appalachian students seeking to positively influence the Quality of Life for themselves and Appalachian communities.
» [Ms. Analiese Mitchell](#)

Back Home and Here at College: Place-based and Gendered Experiences of Sex Education and Health Among Rural Young Adults Transitioning to College
» [Ms. KC Vick](#), [Dr. Edward Morris](#)

"The mother belongs to the kids and the father belongs to the job:" Gendered Divisions of Labor Amongst Burma Refugee Families in Iowa's Meatpacking Towns
» [Ms. Emily Southard](#)



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10:45am **Identity, Culture, & Poverty**
Conference Room 2
Chaired by: Dr. Emily Wornell

'Heads in the Sand': Social Distance Between Leaders and Low-income Community members in a Rural Indiana Community
» [Dr. Emily Wornell](#), Dr. Steven Tuttle

Separatism in the Rural West: The Role of Economic Restructuring and Perceptions of the State in Conservative Social Movements
» [Ms. Michelle Weston](#)

The Jingle, the Rumble, and the Roar: Jam Sessions, Placemaking, and the Joys of Transcendence
» [Mr. John Canfield](#)

Navigating Rural Poverty: A Focus on Agricultural and Indigenous Communities in Chile
» [Dr. David Ader](#), Mr. Andres Mayorga

10:45am **Rural Energy Equity**
Conference Room 4
Chaired by: Dr. Weston Eaton

Halfway up the ladder: Developer experiences and perspectives on community engagement for utility-scale renewable energy development in the United States
» [Dr. Robi Nilson](#)

The Clean Energy Transition and the Urban/Rural Divide
» [Prof. Ann Eisenberg](#)

Beyond social license and acceptance: Consent-based siting of energy related facilities

» [Dr. Weston Eaton](#), Prof. Temple Stoellinger, Ms. Selena Gerace, Dr. Steve Smutko, Dr. Robert Borrelli, Dr. Stephanie Malin, Dr. Denia Djokic, Dr. Majia Nadesan, Dr. Kathleen Araújo

Understanding the Connection between Utility Scale Solar, Land Use, and Farmer Behavior in Rural New York State
» [Dr. Richard Stedman](#), Dr. Kathryn Walsh, Mr. David Kay

10:45am **Reconceptualizing Rural Migration- Youth and Teachers**
Conference Room 5
Chaired by: Dr. Julia Miller

Cultivating Pathways to Teaching as a Career in Rural Communities – A Wisconsin Case Study
» [Dr. Jenny Seelig](#), [Dr. Bradley Carl](#)

Struggles for recognition and belonging: A longitudinal analysis of youth transitions for rural stayers in Australia
» [Prof. Hernan Cuervo](#)

The Aspiration Gap in Early Childhood: Evidence from a National Tour of Title I Schools in Rural America
» [Dr. Nick Garcia](#), Dr. Sara Clarke De Reza, Dr. Bridget Bunten, Ms. Riley McHugh, Ms. Avery Castellani, Ms. Brooke Thomas

Does Geography Impact the Timely Completion of University Transfer Students? Comparing Northern and Southern Ontario Students
» [Dr. David Zarifa](#), Dr. Roger Pizarro Milian, Dr. Yujiro Sano

10:45am **Plenary: Financing Food Justice with FSA Administrator, Zach Ducheneaux**
Madison Ballroom
Chaired by: Prof. Loka Ashwood



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Financing Food Justice

» Mr. Zach Ducheneaux, [Prof. Loka Ashwood](#), Dr. Madeleine Fairbairn, Dr. Mary Hendrickson, Dr. David LeZaks

10:45am **Diversity Silent Auction and Posters Available Throughout Conference**

University B, C, D

12pm **Awards Luncheon**

Capitol Ballroom

1:30pm **Plenary: Greggor Mattson, The Queer Cosmopolitanism of Rural Gay Bars**

Madison Ballroom

1:30pm **Diversity Silent Auction and Posters Available Throughout Conference**

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2:45pm **Tea and Coffee Break**

University B, C, D

3pm **Gender, Space, and Reproductive Rights**

Conference Room 1

Chaired by: Ms. Hazel Velasco Palacios

Unsettling Rural Studies: Challenging Spatial Colonization and Settler Logics with Native Feminism

» [Ms. Lillian Nagengast](#)

Gendered Migration in Alaskan Communities Experiencing Climate Change

» [Dr. Ann Tickamyer](#), Ms. Jessica Miller, Dr. Guangqing Chi

Eco-Reproductive Justice and the Landscape of Choice: Intersections of Gender, Sexuality, and Space

» Ms. Margaux Crider Robinson, [Ms. KC Vick](#)

Barriers to Rural Reproductive Healthcare: Creating Better Reproductive Futures

» [Ms. Morgan Robinson](#)

3pm **Agroecology and Food Sovereignty**

Conference Room 2

Chaired by: Dr. Raymond Jussaume

Animal-centric Agroecological Landscape Design

» [Ms. Ayana Curran-Howes](#)

Community-Level Food Sovereignty and Wellbeing in the Upper Yakima River Basin: Framing Lived Experiences within Multiscalar Food Systems Discourse

» [Mr. Alex Theophilus](#), Dr. Courtney Flint, Dr. Jessica Ulrich-Schad, Ms. Emma Epperson, Ms. Bailey Holdaway

Bridging the ontological divide through seed sovereignty discourse

» [Mr. Daniel Yuhasz](#)

An Argument for the Study of Food Sovereignty in Rural America

» [Ms. Keely Fisher](#)

3pm **Equity in Rural Education**

Conference Room 3

Chaired by: Dr. Jenny Seelig

From Asset-Based to Transformational: How to Shift Rural Education Scholarship in a Diversifying Landscape

» [Dr. Jenny Seelig](#)

Race and Educational Equity on the Rural-Urban Fringe

» [Ms. Emily Miller](#)



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Building Leadership for Improving Communities in the Multi-State Delta Region

» [Mrs. Eleanor Green](#), Dr. Kecia R. Johnson, Dr. John J. Green, Dr. Thomas Green

3pm

Successes and Challenges of the Agrifood Social Safety Net

Conference Room 4

A self-fulfilling prophecy: Cannabis cultivation policy as a case of geo-spatial marginalization

» [Dr. Margiana Petersen-Rockney](#), Dr. Michael Polson, Dr. Chris Dillis

"Lady, You are Not a Farmer!": How Discourses of 'Farmer' and 'Newcomer' Function in a Hog Factory Farm Fight

» [Prof. Nan Enstad](#)

The Paradox of Land Access for African Refugees in Iowa

» [Mr. Nicholas Newman](#)

Supporting Farmers' Transformational Visions for Food Security and Rural Livability through Farm-to-Food-Bank Programs

» [Prof. Nan Enstad](#), [Dr. Rachel Gurney](#)

The rise of the "trunk" model of emergency food distribution: (In)efficiencies and choice

» [Dr. Justine Lindemann](#), Dr. Kristina Brant, [Ms. Jihyun Shin](#)

3pm

Agricultural Adaptations to Climate Change and Regenerative Agriculture

Conference Room 5

Chaired by: Gabrielle Roesch-McNally

What Regenerative Farmers in California Think about No-Till, Animal Integration, and Synthetic Inputs

» [Dr. Rachel Soper](#)

Comparing climate change perceptions, vulnerabilities, and adaptive behaviors between annual row crop and perennial fruit farmers in Ohio

» [Ms. Julia Linder](#)

Rural BIPOC Women Engage with Climate Smart Agriculture: Exploring the role of networks

» [Dr. Gabrielle Roesch-McNally](#), [Ms. Hannah Dankbar](#), Ms. Ebonie Alexander, Dr. Emma Brinkmeyer, Ms. Nicole Gwishiri, Ms. Carrie Martin, Dr. Martiza Pierre, Ms. Grace Summers

Adaptation Responses to Climate Change: The role of Caretakers in Cocoa Production in Ghana

» [Ms. Hikmatu Lalaki Awudu](#)

3pm

Authors Meet Critics: Leontina Hormel's Traylor Park America (2023) and Ryanne Pilgeram's Pushed Out (2021)

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Authors Meet Critics: Leontina Hormel's Traylor Park America (2023) and Ryanne Pilgeram's Pushed Out (2021)

» [Dr. Leontina Hormel](#), [Dr. Ryanne Pilgeram](#), Dr. Jennifer Sherman, Dr. Kate MacTavish, Dr. Amanda McMillan Lequieu

3pm

Addressing Rural Challenges with Community-University Partnerships

Madison Ballroom

Addressing Rural Challenges with Community-University Partnerships

» [Ms. Emma Spett](#)

Addressing Rural Challenges with Community-University Partnerships: Rural Partnership Institute at Auburn University

» [Dr. Kelli Jackson Russell](#)

Addressing Rural Challenges with Community-University Partnerships

» [Dr. Glenda Gillaspay](#), Prof. Doug Reinemann, Dr. Patrick Robinson, Dr. Karl Martin, Prof. Chris Kucharik, Dr. Tessa Conroy, Prof. Erin Silva



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Addressing Rural Challenges with Community-University Partnerships

» [Ms. Tricia Coates](#)

3pm

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3pm

Authors Meet Critic: Agrifood Transitions in the Anthropocene: Challenges, Contested Knowledge and the Need for Change

Capitol Ballroom

Chaired by: Prof. Douglas H. Constance

Agrifood in the Anthropocene: Contested Agrifood Knowledge Transitions into the Anthropocene: The Case of CGIAR

» [Prof. Douglas H. Constance](#), Prof. Allison Loconto

Agrifood Transitions in the Anthropocene. Authors meet Critics.

» [Prof. Allison Loconto](#), [Prof. Douglas H. Constance](#), Prof. Elizabeth Ransom, Prof. Michael Bell

Agrifood Transitions in the Anthropocene: Disasters and Sustainable Transitions in Agrifood Systems

» [Prof. Elizabeth Ransom](#)

Agrifood Transitions in the Anthropocene: Introduction

» [Prof. Allison Loconto](#), Prof. Douglas H. Constance

Authors Meet Critics: Agrifood Transitions in the Anthropocene: Challenges, Contested Knowledge and the Need for Change

» [Prof. Michael Bell](#)

4:30pm

The Role of Rurality in Digital Technology Design

Conference Room 1

Chaired by: Dr. Jean Hardy

What role does rurality play in the design of digital technology?

» [Dr. Jean Hardy](#), [Dr. Brianna Dym](#), Dr. Jacob Thebault-Spieker

What role does rurality play in the design of digital technology? LGBTQ people and the power of information

» [Dr. Jean Hardy](#)

What role does rurality play in the design of digital technology? Rural information gaps and downstream consequences for AI and digital technologies

» [Dr. Jacob Thebault-Spieker](#)

What role does rurality play in the design of digital technology? Challenges for rural communities adopting digital technology

» [Dr. Brianna Dym](#)

4:30pm

Teaching Tool Lightning Presentation

Conference Room 2

Chaired by: Dr. Michael Branch

Teaching Tools Lightning Presentations

» [Dr. Michael Branch](#), Ms. Emily Southard, Ms. AnaLiese Mitchell, Dr. Misty Harris, Dr. Julia Miller, Dr. Kristi Lekies

Teaching Tools Lightning Presentations

» [Dr. Kristi Lekies](#)

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» [Dr. Julia Miller](#)

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» [Ms. AnaLiese Mitchell](#)

Teaching Tools Lightning Presentations

» [Ms. Emily Southard](#)



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4:30pm **Rural Lawyers on the Frontline: A Discussion with the Heirs' Property Practitioner Network (HPPN)**

Conference Room 3

Chaired by: Dr. Conner Bailey

Rural Lawyers on the Frontline: A Discussion with the Heirs' Property Practitioner Network (HPPN)

» [Prof. Francine Miller](#), [Mrs. Jacy Fisher](#), Dr. Ryan Thomson

4:30pm **Panel: Surveying Rural Populations: Challenges, Strategies, and Lessons Learned**

Conference Room 4

Chaired by: Dr. Samuel Mindes

Surveying rural populations: Challenges, strategies, and lessons learned

» [Dr. Samuel Mindes](#)

Surveying Rural Populations

» [Dr. David Peters](#)

Surveying Rural Populations

» [Dr. Courtney Flint](#)

Surveying Rural Populations

» [Dr. Zuzana Bednarik](#)

4:30pm **Farmer Resilience and Resistance**

Conference Room 5

Chaired by: Dr. Angie Carter

Race, Agrarian Frames and Navigating Farm Stress

» [Dr. Andrew Smolski](#), [Dr. Michael Schulman](#), Ms. Juliene Porciuncula

Framing food and agriculture futures in rural Central Appalachia

» [Mrs. Natasha Shannon](#)

Cooperation through the Lens of Social Reproduction: Autonomy, Gender, and Geopolitics in Baltic Dairy Economies

» [Dr. Diana Mincyte](#)

Affirming Black Farmers: A Journey of Resilience and Assets through Appreciative Inquiry

» [Dr. Cathy L. ROYAL, Ph.D.](#), [Ms. Elisabeth Ramsey](#), Mrs. Dorathy Barker, Dr. Andrew Smolski, Dr. Michael Schulman

4:30pm **Authors' Panel: The Research Handbook of Rural Sociology**
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The Research Handbook of Rural Sociology

» [Dr. Ann Tickamyer](#), Dr. Carolyn Sachs

The Research Handbook of Rural Sociology

» [Dr. Shuai Zhou](#)

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» [Dr. Jenny Seelig](#)

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» [Prof. Leif Jensen](#)



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The Research Handbook of Rural Sociology

» [Dr. John J. Green](#)

The Research Handbook of Rural Sociology

» [Dr. Guangqing Chi](#)

The Research Handbook of Rural Sociology Participating Authors

» [Dr. Florence Becot](#)

The Research Handbook of Rural Sociology

» [Mr. Jimmy Robinson](#), [Mr. Abraham Neis-Eldridge](#)

4:30pm

Rural Health 2

Madison Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Joshua T. Fergen

Connection is Key: An Analysis of Social Networks, Healthcare Use, and Aging Across the Rural-Urban Continuum

» [Ms. Edith Marie Green](#)

Assessing the Impact of Social Supports on Health Behaviors in a Community with a 15-Year Gap in Life Expectancy

» [Dr. Stephanie Teixeira-Poit](#), Dr. Kardie Tobbs, Ms. Connie Miller, Dr. Cassandra Germain

Exploration of USDA Rural Development's Emergency Rural Healthcare Grant Distribution in Rural America

» [Ms. Tamara Telles](#), Dr. Julia Cho, [Dr. Veronica Swanson](#), Dr. Kasey Martin

White Space and Caregiving for Persons Living with Dementia in Rural Northern Minnesota

» [Dr. Joshua T. Fergen](#), Dr. Patricia Soderlund, Mrs. Kirsten Cruikshank, Mrs. Melinda Dertinger, Dr. Wayne Warry, Dr. Kristen Jacklin

5:45pm

Get in Your Final Bids! Diversity Silent Auction Ends Saturday Evening

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5:45pm

Happy Hour with the Elders and Students

Hotel Bar

6:45pm

All Invited: Department Night & Conference Banquet

Pyle Center, 702 Langdon St.

Saturday, 27 July

8am

RSS Membership Committee Meeting

Conference Room 5

9:30am

Registration

Second Floor Foyer

9:45am

Community Well-Being and Food Access

Conference Room 2

Chaired by: Dr. Keiko Tanaka

Making Waves in the Desert: Assessing Urban Agriculture Needs and Opportunities for the City of Tempe

» [Ms. Elora Bevacqua](#)

Rural Communities in Crisis: Lessons from Japan

» [Dr. Keiko Tanaka](#), Dr. Raymond Jussaume, Dr. Kiyohiko Sakamoto

Discourses of Rural Decline from Multi-scalar Perspectives

» [Dr. Wenjing Jiang](#)



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9:45am **Movement and Access- Food, Healthcare, and Housing in Rural Minority and Immigrant Communities**

Conference Room 3

Chaired by: Dr. Julie Keller

Building Communities of Care: Immigrant and Refugee Growers and Fishers in Rhode Island

» [Dr. Julie Keller](#), Dr. Patrick Baur, Dr. John Taylor, Dr. Melva Treviño Peña

The Diffusion of the Legacy of Slavery throughout the United States: The Distinct Position of Rural Communities?

» [Prof. Heather O'Connell](#), Dr. Katherine Curtis, Prof. Ryan Gabriel, Mr. Adrian Haws, Dr. Jack DeWaard, Prof. Joseph Price

Farmworker housing challenges in the Pennsylvania mushroom and dairy industries

» [Dr. Kathleen Sexsmith](#), Ms. Maria Gorgo, Dr. Adrian Barragan, Ms. Lourdes Perez, Ms. Hazel Velasco Palacios

9:45am **Reflections on Classroom and Program Development: Strategies for Teaching and Learning**

Conference Room 4

Chaired by: Dr. Michael Branch

Equity Concerns: Rural vs. Urban Students and the Digital Divide

» [Dr. Maria Boerngen](#), Dr. Justin Rickard

Teaching Citizenship Across the Rural-Urban Divide: A University-Based Course Integrating Rights, Responsibilities, and Application

» [Dr. Kristi Lekies](#), Dr. Jason Parker, Ms. Keely Fisher

Cultivating a pedagogy of care: How instructors have adapted teaching with writing course structure during and after the evolving pandemic

» [Dr. Caroline Brock](#)

Concepts and Strategies for Teaching Sustainability: The Case of Ohio State's Environment, Economy, Development and Sustainability Curriculum

» [Dr. Jeff Sharp](#), Dr. Tim Jaquet, Dr. Jeremy Brooks, Dr. Joe Campbell, Dr. Elena Irwin

9:45am **International Development Strategies**

Conference Room 5

Chaired by: Dr. Rebecca Savoie

A Potato-Pesticide Assemblage in Western Honduras

» [Dr. Arie Sanders](#), Ms. Emil Vasquez, Mr. Willmer Perez

Social Capital Benefits of Membership in Dairy Cooperatives in Kenya

» [Dr. Rebecca Savoie](#)

Democratizing Industrial Leather Waste Water Policies in Bogotá, Colombia

» [Ms. Keia Jones](#)

Moonshine Goes Global: connecting traditions of home-distilled liquor in Romania, India, Brazil, and Appalachia

» [Prof. Emelie K. Peine](#)

Occupational Diversification as Emerging New Rural Space among Rural Social Classes in Neoliberal India: A Field View

» [Mr. Dinesh Rajak](#)

9:45am **Author Meets Critics: Ann Eisenberg's Reviving Rural America (2024)**

University A

Chaired by: Prof. Lisa R. Pruitt

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» [Prof. Lisa R. Pruitt](#), Prof. Hannah Haksgaard, Dr. Linda Lobao, Dr. Amanda McMillan Lequieu, Prof. Jessica Shoemaker, Dr. Paige Kelly



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9:45am **The Future of Research and Data amid Rural Demographic Change**
Madison Ballroom
 Chaired by: Dr. Emily Wornell

Data Inequality and the Specter of Rural Knowledge Construction
 » [Mr. Cameron McAlister](#)

Recent Nonmetropolitan Demographic Trends in an Era of Economic, Social and Epidemiological Turbulence
 » [Prof. Kenneth Johnson](#)

Residential Decision-Making of College Students in an Era of Increasing Political Bifurcation and Devolution of Individual Rights
 » [Dr. Emily Wornell](#), Dr. Ellen Whitehead

Temporal and regional changes in rural-urban migration before and after the COVID-19 pandemic
 » [Dr. John Cromartie](#), Dr. Peter Nelson

Future Directions for Rural Population Research: Findings from Rural Population Research Network's Stakeholder Listening Sessions
 » [Dr. Paige Kelly](#), Dr. Danielle Rhubart, Dr. Kristina Brant, Dr. John J. Green, Dr. Katherine Curtis, Dr. Jason De Koff, Dr. Sreedhar Upendram, Dr. Eleanor Green

9:45am **Winners Pick Up Diversity Silent Auction Items**
University B, C, D

9:45am **Session to Honor Don Dillman**
Capitol Ballroom
 Chaired by: Dr. Samuel Mindes and Dr. Katherine Dentzman

11am **Tea and Coffee Break**
University B, C, D

11:15am **Private Land Management**
Conference Room 1
 Chaired by: Prof. Jessica Shoemaker

Rural landowner stewardship decisions and perspectives in the context of their life courses and life transitions
 » [Ms. Tierney Bocsi](#), Dr. Adena Rissman

"Because it's mine": Legal ownership as a contributor to sense of place among private forest owners in Eastern Canada
 » [Ms. Monica Allaby](#), [Dr. Tom Beckley](#)

Privatizing the Countryside: The Disappearance of Rural Public Space
 » [Prof. Jessica Shoemaker](#)

Public Land Anxieties within the Western United States
 » [Mr. John Canfield](#), Ms. Danielle Schmidt, Dr. Katherine Curtis

11:15am **Rural Economy and Inequality**
Conference Room 2
 Chaired by: Ms. Katherine Seals

The Drivers of Quality of Life Under Modeling Uncertainty
 » [Ms. Mckenzie Boyce](#), Dr. Steven Deller, Dr. Tessa Conroy

Wages, Rent, and Unemployment: Does the Introduction of Unemployment Alter Roback-Type Measures of Quality of Life?
 » [Ms. Mckenzie Boyce](#), Dr. Steven Deller

Value based entrepreneurship – the agritourism movement in Poland
 » [Prof. Grzegorz Forýś](#)



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Household Economic Behavior in Rural Hungary 30 Years After

» [Prof. László Kulcsár](#), Prof. David L. Brown, Prof. László J. Kulcsár, Mr. Tamas Domokos, Prof. Csilla Obadovics

Food Shopping Discrimination and Food Insecurity in Rural Louisiana

» [Ms. Katherine Seals](#), Dr. Mark Schafer, Dr. Denise Holston

11:15am **Consequences of Policy for Rural Minorities**

Conference Room 3

Chaired by: Dr. Kara Woods

Navigating Futures Together: Empowering Rural Youth and Communities

» [Dr. Shawn Jyawook](#)

Rural Housing Market Racial Integration and the Foreclosure Crisis

» [Mr. Alexander Mikulas](#)

Between Roots and Wings: Decoding Rural Youth Migration

» [Dr. Shawn Jyawook](#)

Barriers faced by Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers —Policy Center Research Analyst Update

» [Dr. Kara Woods](#)

Making Visible Subjugated Knowledge in Co-op Theory and Practice

» [Dr. Thomas Gray](#)

11:15am **Belonging, Indigeneity, and Knowing**

Conference Room 4

Chaired by: Kaustubh Kumar

Credibility, Saliency and Legitimacy of Outcomes in Participatory Modeling

» [Kaustubh Kumar](#), Dr. Douglas Jackson-Smith

Below the Surface: Exploring Gender Dynamics in Marine Protected Area Management in the Mesoamerican Reef

» [Dr. Sara Bonilla Anariba](#)

Vision as a Method? Polish Discourse on the Future of Polish Countryside

» [Prof. Krzysztof Gorlach](#)

11:15am **Rural Mortality and Health**

Conference Room 5

Chaired by: Dr. Matthew Brooks

Estimating the Role of Rurality in Underreporting COVID-19 Deaths at the County Level

» [Dr. Raeven Chandler](#)

Why did Medicaid Expansion Increase Rural Mortality? Disentangling Impacts by Race, Age, and Cause of Death

» [Dr. Matthew Brooks](#), Dr. J. Tom Mueller, Dr. Regina Baker

Environmental Impacts on Cause-specific Mortality in the United States, 2000-2019

» [Dr. Shuai Zhou](#), Prof. Chuan Liao, Mr. Ziqing Wei, Dr. Guangqing Chi

Industry and the Rural Mortality Penalty: A spatial regime analysis of economic structure and early life mortality in the rural US

» [Mrs. Sara Peters](#), Dr. Katherine Curtis, Mr. Clayton Adamson, Dr. Anton Babkin, Dr. Richard Dunn, Dr. Austin Sandler

Pre- and Post-COVID Food Insecurity at the Intersection of Ethnoracial Identity, Family Structure, and Rural-Urban Residence

» [Prof. Tim Slack](#), Ms. Arijita Pal



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11:15am **Issues in Water Quality and Quantity**
University A
Chaired by: Dr. Kristal Jones

Reservoirs of resistance: Rural imaginaries in Iowa's drained landscape
» Ms. Anaya Hall

Community capitals & perennial groundcover adoption in the U.S. corn-belt: A quantitative & exploratory analysis of the interrelated health of soil, people, and communities
» Mr. Jacob Miller-Klugesherz

Evaluation of causes and effects of Desertification on Southwest Nigeria's Sustainable Agricultural Development
» Dr. Sunday Ogunjimi, Prof. Oladimeji Bolaji Adeniji

Farmers' Adoption of Nutrient Management Plans in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
» Mr. Edem Avemegah, Dr. Jessica Ulrich-Schad

11:15am **Author Meets Critics: Amanda McMillan Lequieu's Who We Are is Where We Are: Making Home in the American Rustbelt**
Madison Ballroom
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11:15am **Pick up Diversity Silent Auction Items**
University B, C, D

12:30pm **RSS Publications Committee Meeting**
Conference Room 3

12:30pm **Lunch on your own**

12:30pm **Rural Law and Justice RIG meeting**
Great Dane Brewery, 123 E. Doty Street

2pm **Rural Justice: Sustainability, Community Development, and Economic Policies**
Conference Room 1
Chaired by: Dr. Kayleigh Ward

Southern West Virginians' Perceptions of Economic Possibilities and the Implications for Just Transition Policy
» Dr. Pierce Greenberg, Mr. Terence Asitibasi

Changes in Local Governments' Policies Across Time: Business Attraction, Privatization, and Social Services across U.S. Counties 2001-2018
» Dr. Linda Lobao, Dr. Paige Kelly

Conceptualizing Community Finance as an Embedded Social-Ecological Actor: Considerations for Small-Medium Businesses ('SMBs'), Rural Bankers, and Sustainability Practitioners
» Dr. Christine Sanders, Dr. Mary Hendrickson, Dr. Hua Qin

Rural Pennsylvanians' Political Participation
» Dr. Kelly Diaz, Dr. Daniel Laurison

Of Blood and Borders: The Ideology of Nation and the (Im)mobilization of Rural Space
» Prof. Michael Bell, Dr. Valerie Stull, Prof. Loka Ashwood

2pm **Building and Representing Rural Community Livelihoods**
Conference Room 3
Chaired by: Dr. Julia Miller



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Building Capacity Through Partnership: The Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement

» [Ms. Shena Popat](#), [Mr. Caleb Pittman](#), Dr. Alana Knudson

The Role of Project Identity in Rural Appalachian Community Development

» [Ms. Audra Holt](#), [Dr. Julia Miller](#)

Someone's Gotta Do It: The representation of rural livelihoods in Dirty Jobs with Mike Rowe

» [Dr. Samuel Mindes](#), [Dr. Katherine Dentzman](#)

Schooling Geographies and the Political Economy of Space:

» [Mr. Joshua Almes](#), [Dr. Kai Schafft](#)

Challenges and Opportunities in Rural Broadband: Implications for State Policy

» [Ms. Natassia Bravo](#), Dr. Mildred Warner

2pm

Collaborative Land Management

Conference Room 4

Chaired by: Dr. Angie Carter

Do collaborative processes support desirable outcomes among forest stakeholders? An assessment of collaboration within the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP)

» [Mr. Adam Snitker](#)

Concentrated Land Ownership, Inequality, and Community Change in Southwest Montana

» [Ms. Elizabeth Bennett](#), Dr. Jessica Ulrich-Schad

"Sometimes you make them think it's their idea, and then it works:" Mediating the Gendered Landowner-Tenant Relationship in Support of Conservation Action

» [Dr. Angie Carter](#), Dr. Andrea Basche

Reconceptualizing Rural Associations: How the COVID-19 Pandemic Reshaped Collaborative Conservation in New Mexico

» [Dr. Alan Barton](#)

2pm

Sustainable Alternatives and Their Challenges

Conference Room 5

Chaired by: Keith Moore

Revitalizing the Land, Developing the Community, Fighting the Regulator: Local Urban Food Systems and their Discontents

» [Dr. Stephen Gasteyer](#), [Ms. Faith Saeerah](#)

Greenwashing "Brown Gold": A Critical Analysis of Anaerobic Digesters and California's Neoliberal Environmental Programs in Wisconsin's Dairyland

» [Dr. Sarah D'Onofrio](#)

Midwest farmer perceptions of voluntary carbon markets

» [Dr. Ashley Colby](#), Dr. Chloe Wardropper, Dr. McKenzie Johnson, Dr. Courtney Hammond-Wagner

Grass to gas?: Multi-stakeholder perspectives on the development of a grass-based biogas value chain

» [Dr. Forrest Stagner](#), Dr. Chris Morris, Dr. J Arbuckle, Prof. Lara Fowler, Prof. Michael Helbing, Dr. Clare Hinrichs, Dr. Frank Montabon

Gender Perspectives in Organic Farming in the Mid-South Region: Motivation, Challenges and Opportunities

» [Mrs. Garima Srivastava](#), Dr. Mary Hendrickson, Dr. Kelly Wilson

2pm

Panel Discussion: Exploring Mechanisms to Create and Strengthen Collaboration with and Support Indigenous Populations.

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Chaired by: Dr. Diego Thompson

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» [Dr. Annie Jones](#)



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» Dr. Jill Richardson

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» Dr. Larry Nesper

3:15pm **Tea and Coffee Break**

University B, C, D

3:30pm **Sense of Community and Belonging**

Conference Room 2

Chaired by: Ms. Kelsey Wilber

"There is a War in the Valley": a case study of zoning in rural New York

» Ms. Kelsey Wilber

Rural Cultural Resourcefulness as a Means of "Renewing Rural Worship"

» Ms. Mykayla Turner

Place, relocation, and voting: the effect of moving away from Wisconsin on political behavior

» Ms. Meghann Norden-Bright

Resident's Perceptions of a Future Olympic Bid in Heber, Utah

» Ms. Haylie June, Dr. Michael Cope, Ms. Sydney Hawkins, Prof. Scott Sanders, Dr. Carol Ward

There's a Doctor in the Family: Using Relational Dialectics Theory to Understand the Vocational Decision of Rural Medical Students

» Mrs. Julia Terhune

3:30pm **Beyond Immigration: Panel Discussion with Sociologists Who Work with Latino/a/e Communities**

Conference Room 3

Chaired by: Dr. Diego Thompson

Beyond Immigration: Panel Discussion with Sociologists Who Work with Latino/a/e Communities

» Dr. Diego Thompson, Mr. Francisco Alfredo Reyes, Dr. Morgan Montanez

3:30pm **The Art of Rural Place-Making: A Panel Discussion**

Conference Room 4

Chaired by: Prof. Michael Bell

The Art of Rural Place-Making: A Panel Discussion

» Prof. Michael Bell, Dr. Taylor Ackley, Mr. Taylor Ackley, Ms. Lisa Thurrell, Mr. Philip Matthews

3:30pm **Locked In: Overview of Barriers to Food System Change**

Madison Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Carol Barford

Locked In: federal and state policies, norms, and supply chains that enable and constrain grassland agriculture in the upper Midwest, USA

» Dr. Adena Rissman, Ms. Ana Fochesatto, Dr. Yu Lu

Locked In: Interview study and analysis

» Dr. Carol Barford, Dr. Andrew Ruis, Prof. Anna Bierbrauer, Ms. Michelle Miller

Lock-in effects and transition pathways at national and regional scales

» Dr. Claire Lamine, Prof. Terry Marsden, Dr. Carol Barford

Locked In: an Upper Midwest Analysis

» Ms. Michelle Miller



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Locked In: Redesigning Supply Chains to Enact Agroecological Transformation: Providing On-Ramps to Viable Livelihoods and Off-Ramps from the Ideology of Productivism

» Dr. Sarah Lloyd

3:30pm

Pick Up Diversity Silent Auction Items

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5pm

RSS Business Meeting

Madison Ballroom

6:30pm

Population RIG Happy Hour Sponsored by the UW-Madison Center for Demography and Ecology and Center for Demography of Health and Aging

The Terrace at Memorial Union

6:30pm

Rural Race and Ethnicity RIG Social

Young Blood Brew Co., 112 King St

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9am

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