



## Wednesday, 30 July

8am **Panel : EXEC**  
**RSS Council Meeting (outgoing)**  
 Venue - Summit

**Executive Council Meeting**

9am **Workshop : FIELD2**  
**Fieldtrip: Mining, Moguls, and Millionaires: Natural Resource Dependencies & Community Wellbeing in Park City:**  
 Venue - OTHER 2

9am **Workshop : FIELD3**  
**Field Trip: "Expanding Your Research Toolkit: Population Data Access and Research Centers"**  
 Venue - OTHER 3

12pm **General : FLEX**  
**FLEX Space**  
 Venue - Bonneville (FLEX)

12pm **General : REGISTER**  
**Registration**  
 Venue - Registration

4pm **General : IDSRIG-BUS**  
**International Development & Studies RIG Business Meeting**  
 Venue - Bonneville (FLEX)

4:30pm **General : FLEX-Wedpm**  
**FLEX Space**  
 Venue - Bonneville (FLEX)

5pm **Keynote : PRESADD**  
**Presidential Address: Dr. Kenneth L. Robinson**  
 Venue - Grand Ballroom

» Kenneth Robinson (Clemson University)

6:30pm **General : PRESREC**  
**Presidential Reception**  
 Venue - Grand Ballroom

**Presidential Reception**

## Thursday, 31 July

7am **General : FLEX**  
**FLEX Space**  
 Venue - Bonneville (FLEX)



Continued from **Thursday, 31 July**

7:30am **General : POPBUS**  
**POP RIG Business Meeting**  
*Venue - Wasatch*

8:30am **General : REGISTER**  
**Registration**  
*Venue - Registration*

9am **Oral : NRSP1**  
**LIFT: A Cross-Sector Network to Uplift Stakeholder Participation in Renewable Energy Development presentation and interactive workshop**  
*Venue - Grand Ballroom*  
Organised by: Weston Eaton (Convenor, Panel Chair)

9am **Oral : POP1**  
**Advanced Methodologies & Innovative Approaches for Rural Studies**  
*Venue - Wasatch*

**The Legacy of the One-Child Policy: A Causal Analysis of the Inter-generational Transmission of Fertility in China**

» Yiding Han (Jilin Agriculture University), Zhangxu Xia (Chongqing University), Minghao Li (New Mexico State University), Jia Cao (Renmin University of China)

**Migration and Remote Work**

» Richelle Winkler (USDA Economic Research Service), Austin Sanders (USDA Economic Research Service)

**Temporary relocation or permanent migration? Varied migration responses during the COVID-19 pandemic**

» Peter Nelson (Middlebury College), John Cromartie (USDA Economic Research Service)

**The impact of precise geographic adjustments on the Supplemental Poverty Measure**

» J. Tom Mueller (University of Kansas Medical Center), Darcy Sullivan (University of Kansas Medical Center), Matthew Brooks (Florida State University), Regina Baker (University of North Carolina)

**Rural-Urban Variation in Informal Work: A Contemporary Portrait**

» Leif Jensen (The Pennsylvania State University), Emily Southard (The Pennsylvania State University), Ann Tickamyer (The Pennsylvania State University), Tim Slack (Louisiana State University)

9am **Oral : AEX3**  
**Social Structures and Rural Voices: Analyzing Networks for Community Insight**  
*Venue - Canyon-A*

**After the Storm: Evaluating Crisis Debriefing for Extension Agents Post- Hurricane Helene**

» McKayla Robinette (North Carolina Agromedicine Institute)

**Effectiveness of Mass Media for Extreme Weather Warnings to Farmers in Flood-Prone Areas in North-Central Nigeria**

» Sidigat Aderinoye-Abdulwahab (University of Ilorin), Lateef Adefalu (University of Ilorin), Kaothar Kaoyode Azeez (University of Ilorin), Halimah Egbewole (University of Ilorin)

**"We are many in the field": A Case Study of Collective Learning and Action in Rwandan Farmer Field Schools**

» Micah Metts-Houston (University of California, Davis), Marjorie Visser (University of California, Davis), Vikram Koundinya (University of California, Davis), Amanda Crump (University of California, Davis)



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**Social Network Analysis of honey production communication in Southwest, Nigeria**

» [Kaothar Kaoyode Azeez](#) (University of Ilorin), Sidiqat Aderinoye-Abdulwahab (University of Ilorin), Tawakalitu Abiola Dolapo (University of Ilorin), Halimah Egbewole (University of Ilorin)

9am

**Oral : NRS3**

**Natural Resource Management in the Great Plains & American West**

*Venue - Canyon-B*

**Messaging Collaboration**

» [Alan Barton](#) (New Mexico Forest & Watershed Restoration Institute, Highlands University)

**Modeling the Relationship between Bedrock Lithology, Land Use, Settlement, and the Uneven Distribution of Health-Related Water Quality Issues in Oklahoma and Kansas**

» [Madelyn Verno](#) (University of Kansas Medical Center), J. Tom Mueller (University of Kansas Medical Center), Caitlin Hodges (University of Oklahoma)

**Decoupling direct payment to create a long-term vision from rural communities**

» [Ryenne Pilgeram](#) (The Wilderness Society)

**Networks of People, Plants, and Animals: Using Participatory Network Mapping to Explore Community-Based Conservation**

» [John Canfield](#) (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

**Nostalgia and Place Identity in Rural Montana under Amenity Migration and Concentrated Ownership**

» [Elizabeth Bennett](#) (Utah State University), Jessica Schad (Utah State University)

9am

**Oral : CHF1**

**Health & Place**

*Venue - Canyon-C*

**Rural Utah Health: Care Satisfaction and the Role of Social Networks**

» [Taryn Frerichs](#) (Brigham Young University), Michael Cope (Brigham Young University), Scott Sanders (Brigham Young University), Carol Ward (Brigham Young University)

**A Comprehensive Analysis of Trends in Health Facility Deliveries Across Time, Region, and Sociodemographic Characteristics**

» [Tessa Johnson](#) (Brigham Young University), Hayley Pierce (Brigham Young University)

**Assessing Community Vulnerability from COVID-19 Using Tapestry Segmentation Area Profile Analysis**

» [Jade Zimpfer](#) (Arkansas Colleges of Health Education), Amanda Scarbrough (Sam Houston State University), Falguni Mukhurjee (Sam Houston State University)

**Sociological Insights into Family Planning Utilization and Barriers Among Rural Women in Nigeria: An Exploratory Mixed-Methods Study**

» [Sunday Ogunjimi](#) (Federal University Oye-Ekiti), Abiodun Ajala (Federal University Oye-Ekiti), Oluwatomiwa Awoyemi (Federal University Oye-Ekiti)

**Anxiety, Long-Term Care Concerns, and the Need for Support in Japan's Marginal Villages**

» [Atsuko Kawakami](#) (Tarleton State University)

9am

**Oral : SAF1**

**Rethinking How We Support the Farm Sector**

*Venue - Salon 3*



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**Rethinking how we support the farm sector: Shedding light on farm families' social and economic conditions**

» Florence Becot (The Pennsylvania State University), Andrew Smolski (The Pennsylvania State University), Analena Bruce (University of New Hampshire), Chris Morris (Iowa State University)

**Rethinking how we support the farm sector: Narratives of Household Composition and the Shifting Grounds of Resilience for the Integrated Farm Household and Enterprise**

» Andrew Smolski (The Pennsylvania State University), Michael Schulman (North Carolina State University)

**Rethinking how we support the farm sector: Future directions for research and policy: Insights from research on collective trauma among farmers and their communities**

» Chris Morris (Iowa State University), J. Arbuckle (Iowa State University)

9am

**Oral : RLJP2**

**Visions for the Future: Recentering Community in Rural Law and Policy**

Venue - Cottonwood

Organised by: Emma Scott (Convenor) and Hiba Hafiz (Panel Chair)

**The Dangerous Myth of Market Wages**

» Hiba Hafiz (Boston College Law School)

**Trading Acres**

» Jessica Shoemaker (University of Nebraska College of Law), James Fallows Tierney (Chicago-Kent College of Law)

**Dead(ly) Capital: How American Rural Enclosure Influenced the Neoliberal Development Model**

» Sachin Sundar (New York University)

**Clean Energy, the Property Disruptor**

» Ann Eisenberg (West Virginia University)

9am

**Oral : AMRP3**

**Author Meets Reader: Food Power Politics: The Food Story of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement!**

Venue - Bonneville (FLEX)

**Food Power Politics: The Food Story of the Mississippi Civil Rights Movement!**

» Bobby Smith II (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

9am

**Poster : PostTH**

**Posters on Display**

Venue - Grand Foyer

10:15am

**General : FLEXThumidday**

**FLEX Space**

Venue - Bonneville (FLEX)

10:30am

**Oral : SAFP3**

**The Future of Intellectual Property on Agricultural Crops**

Venue - Grand Ballroom

Organised by: Leland Glenna (Convenor)

**When the Patent Bargain Fails: An examination of patents on plant varieties and the consequences for follow-on innovation**

» Paulina Jenney (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Liza Wood (University of Exeter), Julie Dawson (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Kiki Hubbard (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

**Reading the fine print: Understanding the role of seed licensing agreements in a highly concentrated industry**

» Kiki Hubbard (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Paulina Jenney (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Julie Dawson (University of Wisconsin, Madison)



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**Data blanks by design, and the diffusion of the U.S. industrial maize model in Mexico and forms of resistance**

» [Cathleen McCluskey](#) (University of Wisconsin, Madison), William Tracy (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

**The Future of Intellectual Property on Agricultural Crops: Reforming Intellectual-Property Policies to Promote Agricultural Innovation**

» [Leland Glenna](#) (The Pennsylvania State University)

10:30am

**Oral : SAF12**

**Feeding Communities: Perspectives on Local Foodways & Food Justice**

*Venue - Wasatch*

**Identifying the Importance of Informal Foodways to Rural Food Justice in Michigan's Western Upper Peninsula**

» [Angie Carter](#) (Michigan Technological University), Hongmei Lu (Utrecht University)

**Smallholder farmer's engagement with agroforestry practices in Nigeria: Implications for food security and agri-food systems**

» [Ayorinde Ogunyiola](#) (Murray State University)

**The Limits of Urban Agricultural Independence: A Caloric Well Analysis Approach to Measuring Demand, Land Capacity, and Food Production Needs**

» [Gregory Fulkerson](#) (SUNY Oneonta), Alexander Thomas (SUNY Oneonta), Apurva Apurva (SUNY Oneonta)

**Agroecology versus Conventional Farming: Examining the dialectics using 6 claims**

» [Anvitha Ravipati](#) (Case Western Reserve University)

10:30am

**Oral : RLJ3**

**Access to Justice in Legal Deserts**

*Venue - Canyon-A*

**"I Can't Get Real Lawyers": Rural Legal Deserts and Justice-Involved Individuals**

» [Jennifer Sherman](#) (Washington State University), Jennifer Schwartz (Washington State University)

**Urban-Rural Differences in Domestic Violence Protective Order Processes and Outcomes**

» [Cassie Chambers Armstrong](#) (University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law)

**The Legal Vulnerability Index: Informing Access to Justice Interventions**

» [Brian Farrell](#) (University of Iowa), Daria Fisher Page (University of Iowa), Ryan Sakoda (University of Iowa)

**Understanding Rural Legal Deserts to Inform Public Policy: Identifying Lawyer Gaps in Non-Metropolitan Counties**

» [David Peters](#) (Iowa State University), Emma Bartling (Iowa State University), Emily Meyer (Iowa State University)

10:30am

**Oral : CHF2**

**Reimagining Rural Health**

*Venue - Canyon-B*

**Exploring the Role of African Feminist Theories in Decolonizing Healthcare Policies in Rural Nigerian Communities**

» [Edidiong Ekoriko](#) (Akwa Ibom State University)

**Harnessing Indigenous Knowledge for Sustainable Healthcare: Sociological Insights into the Ethnobotanical Treatment of Diabetes in Kwara State, Nigeria**

» [Tajudeen Amusa](#) (University of Ilorin)



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**"Sometimes it's all too much!" Decisions to access health care in rural southeast Australia**

» [Lisa Bourke](#) (University of Melbourne)

**Harnessing the Power of Awe: Dark Skies as Tools for Mental Health in Rural Communities**

» Troy Allan (Utah State University Extension), [Sadie Wilde](#) (Utah State University Extension), [Anna Gilliam](#) (Utah State University Extension)

**Rethinking Perspectives: Misconceptions about Anti-Vaxxers within Black Communities in the Context of COVID-19 and Covid-19 Vaccine**

» [Pearson Nkhoma](#) (Goldsmiths, University of London)

10:30am

**Oral : IDS1**

**Power, Poverty and Agency in International Contexts**

Venue - Canyon-C

**State, society, and the legacies of colonization are the root causes of adaptation barriers: Insights from coastal Bangladesh**

» [Saleh Ahmed](#) (Michigan State University), Elizabeth Eklund (Purdue University)

**Evaluating Apiculture as a climate smart and poverty alleviation strategy**

» [Fridah Mubichi-Kut](#) (Cornell University)

**Emerging Rural Dualities: Rethinking Power, Agency, and Methodologies in Rural Sociology**

» [Hassan Shahraki](#) (Carleton University)

10:30am

**Oral : SAF2**

**Farmers at the Margins: Black, Latin@ & Women Farmers**

Venue - Salon 3

**Black Agrarianism: Southern SARE and the 1890s**

» [Douglas H. Constance](#) (Sam Houston State University), Jeff Jordan (University of Georgia, Griffin)

**Farming While Retired: Black Farmers' Effort to Keep Farming Culture Alive**

» [Gbenga Elufisan](#) (Mississippi State University)

**Symbolic Commitments or Structural Change? Examining DEI Policies in Agricultural Outreach for Latino Farmers in the Northeast**

» [Francisco Reyes](#) (The Pennsylvania State University)

**Would Changing the Players, Change the Game? The Role of Women in Sustainable Agriculture in the U.S.**

» [Alexandra Jefferies](#) (The Ohio State University), Douglas Jackson-Smith (The Ohio State University)

**Latine Farmworker Recruitment and Community Wellbeing in Ohio**

» [Isaiah Franco](#) (The Ohio State University), Douglas Jackson-Smith (The Ohio State University)

10:30am

**Oral : TCUP1**

**Panel Session on Faculty-led Travel Courses: Considerations, Challenges, and Opportunities**

Venue - Cottonwood

Organised by: Sonja Lindberg (Convenor, Discussant, Panel Chair), Michael Branch (Convenor, Discussant, Panel Chair), Dr. Ramesh Balayara (Discussant), Ms. Maggie Norton (Discussant), and Theresa Selfa (Discussant)

12pm

**General : CommsMtg**

**Communications Committee**

Venue - Salon 3



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1:15pm **Keynote : KEYNOTE**  
**Keynote: Dr. Norbert Wilson**  
*Venue - Grand Ballroom*

2:30pm **Oral : RSEP1**  
**A Conversation with Rural Sociology Co-Editors**  
*Venue - Grand Ballroom*  
 Organised by: Kathryn Brasier (Convenor), Elizabeth Ransom (Convenor),  
 Leif Jensen (Convenor), and Ellie Martin (Convenor)

2:30pm **Oral : POP2**  
**Transformations in Rural Demographies & Migration**  
*Venue - Wasatch*

**Analyzing Rural Community Change in the 21st Century: An Update & Expansion of the New West-Old West Typology**  
 » Alexander Theophilus (Utah State University), Jessica Schad (Utah State University), Courtney Flint (Utah State University), Richelle Winkler (USDA Economic Research Service), Richard Rushforth (Northern Arizona University)

**Millennials' Decisions to Stay in Rural Communities: Exploring Gender Differences and Key Influencing Factors**  
 » Zuzana Bednarik (Purdue University), İlkey Unay-Gailhard (The Pennsylvania State University)

**Informal help and support practices for older adults in rural areas in Poland and the U.S.**  
 » Iłona Matysiak (Maria Grzegorzewska University)

**The Growing Diversity in Rural Children's Living Arrangements: Trends by Rurality, Race/Ethnicity, and Region**  
 » Shelley Clark (McGill University), Matthew Brooks (Florida State University)

## Divergent Paths, Convergent Futures of Rural Places and Populations

» Paige Kelly (The Pennsylvania State University), Kristina Brant (The Pennsylvania State University), Gloria Mangoni (The Pennsylvania State University), Jihyun Shin (The Pennsylvania State University), Katherine J. Curtis (University of Wisconsin, Madison), John Green (Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University), Danielle Rhubart (The Pennsylvania State University), Sreedhar Upendram (The University of Tennessee)

2:30pm **Oral : GES2**  
**Gender, Development, & Rural Transformation**  
*Venue - Canyon-A*

## Gendered pathways into farming: Challenges of new generation women Farmers in Southwest France.

» Chloé Le Brun (Université de Toulouse), Dr. Alexis ANNES (Université de Toulouse)

## Digital Transformation and Rural Women: Precarity and Promises

» Debarashmi Mitra (Central New Mexico Community College)

## Gender dimension of entrepreneurial interest among final year tertiary students in Ondo State, Nigeria

» Oluwafunmilayo Aminu (Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology), Boluwatife Fajumo (University of Ibadan)

2:30pm **Oral : NRS1**  
**Natural Resource Management in the U.S. South**  
*Venue - Canyon-B*

## Consuming a Chronic Poverty County

» Lisa R. Pruitt (University of California, Davis)

## Planning for the Future: What Drives Forest Legacy Decisions in the Southern United States?

» Rajan Parajuli (North Carolina State University)



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**Industry Perspectives and Rural Livelihoods: The Forest Products Industry, the Rural Workforce, and Rural Communities in Alabama**

» [Matthew Zinsli](#) (Auburn University), Kelli Jackson Russell (Auburn University), Mykel Taylor (Auburn University), Garrett Antonio Martinez (Auburn University), Amelia Pugh (Auburn University)

**Using a Delphi study to integrate human dimension variables into agricultural modeling to project future crops under climate change in the Central and Southern US**

» [Kaustubh Kumar](#) (The Ohio State University), Douglas Jackson-Smith (The Ohio State University)

**An Assessment of the Impact of an Innovative and Interactive Real-World Farm Management Competition on First-time Participants**

» [Mark Burbach](#) (University of Nebraska, Lincoln), Stephanie Kennedy (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)

2:30pm

**Oral : CHF3  
Wellbeing & Work**

Venue - Canyon-C

**Occupational Health Hazards in Sex-Segregated Industries: Risk to Workers and Their Partners Across Rural and Urban Contexts**

» [Jordana Clayton](#) (University of Utah)

**Grazing Strategies and Producer Wellbeing in US Cow-Calf Production**

» [Jonathan Vivas](#) (Michigan State University)

**Impacts of Chronic Pain on Wellbeing in Working-age Adults by Race and Rurality**

» [Madelyn Verno](#) (University of Kansas Medical Center)

**Kinship Identities and Public Narratives of Rural Working-Class White Women**

» [Kaylee Boney](#) (Case Western Reserve University)

2:30pm

**Oral : SAF3**

**Roots of Inequality: Social Struggles & Structural Barriers in Rural Agriculture**

Venue - Salon 3

**"We're treated like criminals": Pennsylvania farm employer perspectives on worker housing**

» [Kathleen Sexsmith](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), Maria Gorgo-Simcox (The Pennsylvania State University), Adrian Barragan (The Pennsylvania State University)

**Food Insecurity and Recovery in Rural Virginia**

» [Alivia Turner](#) (Radford University), Aysha Bodenhamer (Radford University)

**Unveiling The Silent Struggle: Socio-Economic Determinants of Domestic Violence among Rural Women Crop Farmers in Ogun State, Nigeria**

» [Oluwakemi Fapojuwo](#) (Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta), Babatunde Okubena (Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta), Olanshile Sulaimon (Lagos State University), Olaoluwa Adebayo (Federal College of Forestry)

**Exploring social and economic barriers in adoption and expansion of agricultural technologies in woliatta zone, southern Ethiopia**

» [Akalework Mengesha](#) (Woliatta Sodo Univeristy)

**Can agroecology transcend class contradictions? A case study from Malawi**

» [Sidney Madsen](#) (University of California, Santa Cruz)

2:30pm

**Oral : SAF1**

**Missouri School Perspectives: Looking Back and Looking Forward**

Venue - Cottonwood

Organised by: Eleanor Green (Convenor, Discussant)



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**Contributions to the Study of Corporate Concentration in Agriculture**

» Douglas H. Constance (Sam Houston State University)

**Contributions of Bill Heffernan's Work in Understanding and Informing Intellectual Property**

» Leland Glenna (The Pennsylvania State University)

**Exploring Bill Heffernan's work on Broader Issues of Rural Development**

» John Green (Mississippi State University)

**Contributions to Understanding the Farm Crisis**

» Mary Hendrickson (University of Missouri)

2:30pm

**Oral : TCU2**

**Teaching Amidst Uncertainty and Researching Rural Challenges**

Venue - Bonneville (FLEX)

**The relevance of rural sociology in academia: views from the dark side**

» Laszlo Kulcsar (The Pennsylvania State University)

**Assessing the Causes and Socio-Economic Effects of Barsh Abuse in the Rural Areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan**

» Sameer Ul Khaliq Jan (Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University), Ahmad Ali (Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan)

**Contested Issues and Difficult Conversations: Teaching DEI, Race, and Gender in Rural Contexts**

» Chris Morris (Iowa State University)

**"We've been taught to think this way": challenging rural stereotypes at an urban liberal arts college**

» Emelie K. Peine (University of Puget Sound)

3:45pm

**General : FLEXThupm**

**FLEX Space**

Venue - Bonneville (FLEX)

4pm

**Keynote : PLENARY1**

**On the Legacy of US Rural Development in the Age of Trump: Perspectives of Rural Sociologists**

Venue - Grand Ballroom

Organised by: Stephen Gasteyer (Discussant), Douglas H. Constance (Convenor, Panel Chair), Curt Stofferahn (Discussant), Mary Hendrickson (Discussant), Jessica Shoemaker (Discussant), Jan Flora (Discussant), and Conner Bailey (Discussant)

6pm

**General : RIGHH1**

**Rural Law & Justice RIG and Rural Poverty RIG Joint Happy Hour**

Venue - OTHER

Organised by: Emma Scott and Kristina Brant

6pm

**General : RIGHH2**

**Rural Policy Evening Social**

Venue - OTHER 2

Organised by: Kayleigh Ward

6pm

**General : NR-RIGBUS**

**Natural Resources RIG Business Meeting**

Venue - OTHER 3

Organised by: Joshua Fergen



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8pm **General : G&SHappy**  
**Gender & Sexualities RIG Happy Hour**  
Venue - OTHER

**Friday, 1 August**

7am **General : FLEX**  
**FLEX Space**  
Venue - Bonneville (FLEX)

7:15am **General : TCUBUS**  
**TCU RIG Business Meeting**  
Venue - Salon 2

7:30am **General : SAFBUS**  
**SAFRIG Business Meeting**  
Venue - Wasatch

7:30am **General : CHFBUS**  
**CHF RIG Business meeting**  
Venue - Canyon-A

7:30am **General : RPBUS**  
**RP RIG Business Meeting**  
Venue - Canyon-B

7:30am **General : YERVBUS**  
**YERV RIG Business meeting**  
Venue - Canyon-C

8am **Poster : PostFR**  
**Posters on Display**  
Venue - Grand Foyer

8:30am **General : REGISTER**  
**Registration**  
Venue - Registration

9am **Oral : POPP1**  
**Rural America in the 2020s: Shocks, Stressors, and Successes – An Overview of the RSS Decennial Volume**  
Venue - Grand Ballroom  
Organised by: Shannon Monnat (Convenor, Panel Chair) and John Green (Convenor)



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### **Natural Resource Dependencies in Rural America: National Trends and Community Perspectives on Wellbeing**

» [Jessica Schad](#) (Utah State University), J. Tom Mueller (University of Kansas Medical Center), Alexander Theophilus (Utah State University), Madelyn Verno (University of Kansas Medical Center), Kristen Koci (Utah State University)

### **Rural Law and Justice**

» [Lisa R. Pruitt](#) (University of California, Davis)

### **Water in Rural America: A Discussion of Rights, Policy, Injustice, and Scarcity**

» Madelyn Verno (University of Kansas Medical Center), [J. Tom Mueller](#) (University of Kansas Medical Center)

### **Climate – Class – Capitalism: Shocks and Stressors across Rural Housing Landscapes**

» [Peter Nelson](#) (Middlebury College)

### **American Agriculture in the 2020s: Contradictions, Disasters, and Resilience**

» [Rebecca Schewe](#) (National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition)

### **Rural Industries and Livelihoods**

» [David Peters](#) (Iowa State University)

### **Rural Health and Mortality**

» [Danielle Rhubart](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), Kristina Brant (The Pennsylvania State University), Alexis Santos (The Pennsylvania State University)

### **Energy and Energy Transitions in the Rural United States**

» [Weston Eaton](#) (National Renewable Energy Laboratory), Kathryn Brasier (The Pennsylvania State University)

### **Digital Infrastructure and Use**

» [Dr. Roberto Gallardo](#) (Purdue University), Dr. Lionel Beaulieu (Purdue University)

### **Demographic Trends in Rural America**

» [Kenneth Johnson](#) (University of New Hampshire)

### **Migration and Immigration Patterns in Rural America**

» [Shaun Golding](#) (U.S. General Services Administration), [Richelle Winkler](#) (USDA Economic Research Service)

### **Poverty and Income Inequality in Rural America**

» [Leif Jensen](#) (The Pennsylvania State University)

### **Understanding Policy in Rural Communities: Exploring the Importance of Local Governments and their Policy Responses**

» [Paige Kelly](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), Linda Lobao (The Ohio State University), Amanda McMillan Lequieu (Drexel University)

9am

### **Oral : AEX2**

### **From Algorithms to Agrarian Insights: Research Methodologies and AI in Rural Sociology**

Venue - Wasatch

### **Strengthening Food Waste Literacy Through NourishSmart: Findings from Educator and Youth Leader Trainings**

» [Carson Johnson](#) (Utah State University Extension), Palak Gupta (Utah State University Extension)

### **Does Rural Resonate? Using Rural-Tailored Communications to Recruit Survey Panel Participants**

» [Pierce Greenberg](#) (Clemson University), Jason Kosakow (Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond)

### **You're out of touch; I'm out of time: Investigating survey burden among organic farmers in the Internet age.**

» [Joe Hollis](#) (Iowa State University), Katie Dentzman (Iowa State University)



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**Moving Beyond Word Clouds: Using AI in Qualitative Data Analysis Software to Assist in the Analysis of Extension Impact Data**

» [Amelia Pugh](#) (Auburn University), [Garrett Antonio Martinez](#) (Auburn University), Kelli Jackson Russell (Auburn University)

**Artificial Intelligence in Rural Sociology: Evaluating GPT-4 for Qualitative Analysis of Sense of Place in Working Landscapes**

» [Zubair Barkat](#) (Utah State University), Jessica Schad (Utah State University)

9am

**Oral : SAF13/RPV1**

**Land, Labor & Livelihoods: Rural Poverty & Change (w/ Rural Poverty RIG)**

*Venue - Seminar Theater*

**The Economy Food Plan Revisited: The Political Economy of Agriculture and Poverty**

» [Aimee Imlay](#) (Mississippi State University)

**Configuring an Agricultural Appalachia: Agrarian Rural Development in Central Appalachia from 1960s-present**

» [Natasha Shannon](#) (University of California, Berkeley)

**Shifts in Smallholder Agriculture: Geographic and Socioeconomic Determinants of Farm Numbers in Taiwan**

» [Hui-lu Kuo](#) (National Taiwan University)

**The Division of Property in Society: Accumulation and Fragmentation in Law and Culture of Land Ownership**

» [Debbie Becher](#) (Barnard College, Columbia University)

**Do Loans Support Business Recovery After Disasters? Evidence from Youth-led Small Agro-Enterprises in Ghana**

» [Bernard Kwamena Cobbina Essel](#) (Czech University of Life Sciences), Dr. Miroslava Bavorova (Czech University of Life Sciences)

9am

**Oral : SAF11**

**Farming the Future: Perspectives from Farmers & Stakeholders**

*Venue - Canyon-A*

**Farmers' Perceptions of Climate Change and its Impact on Farm Practices**

» [Elizabeth Ransom](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), Rudolf Messner (Queensland University of Technology), Carol Richards (Queensland University of Technology)

**Midwestern farmers' perspectives on climate change: A meta-analysis review to inform communication and outreach strategies.**

» [Elizabeth Ortiz](#) (Iowa State University), J. Arbuckle (Iowa State University)

**Evaluating stakeholder priorities in the adoption of high yielding, genome-edited hybrid rice in India**

» [Shriya Rangarajan](#) (University of California, Berkeley), Elizabeth Njuguna (University of California, Berkeley)

**Future Orientation and Sustainable Rice Farming in the Southern United States**

» [Mark Schafer](#) (Louisiana State University), Carine Villasanti (Louisiana State University), Claire Thomas (Louisiana State University), Xiaoxu Yang (Louisiana State University)

9am

**Oral : NRS2**

**Natural Resource Management in the U.S. West**

*Venue - Canyon-B*

**Settler-colonial governance environments influence how Indigenous co-stewardship relationships initiate and develop in NOAA's National Marine Sanctuary system**

» [Emma Chiaroni](#) (The Pennsylvania State University)



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**Engagement, Consent & Community Wellbeing in Changing Coal Communities in Utah**

» [Alexandrea Sherman](#) (Utah State University Extension), Stacia Ryder (Utah State University), Jessica Schad (Utah State University), Ashley Yaughner (Utah State University Extension), Deseret Weeks (Utah State University), Caitlin McLennan (United Today Stronger Tomorrow)

**Common and Diverse Challenges of Vulnerable Communities with Wildfires in Rural California**

» [Diego Thompson](#) (Mississippi State University)

**Renewable Energy from Waste: Another Extractive Resource?**

» [Dianna Bryant](#) (Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District), [Patrick Craig](#) (Salt Lake County Solid Waste)

**Factors influencing civic capacity to address wildfire risk in rural communities: insights from Patagonia, AZ**

» [Catrin Edgeley](#) (Utah State University), Travis Paveglio (University of Idaho)

9am

**Oral : AEX1**

**From Field to Framework: Applied Rural Sociology in Agricultural Outreach**

*Venue - Canyon-C*

**The challenges of working in rural and urban areas – perspectives from federal environmental and land management social scientists**

» [Candace May](#) (US Environmental Protection Agency), Marissa Matsler (US Environmental Protection Agency)

**The importance and relevance of farm succession planning**

» Emma Smith (Illinois State University), [Maria Boerngen](#) (Illinois State University)

**Strengthening Resource Access Through Collaborative Networks: Insights from an Asset-Based Workshop for Extension Professionals and Food System Practitioners**

» [Andrew Smolski](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), [McKayla Robinette](#) (North Carolina Agromedicine Institute)

**Is the U.S. cover crop seed industry ready for projected adoption rates? An industry snapshot**

» [Kelly Wilson](#) (University of Missouri), Mary Hendrickson (University of Missouri)

**Agricultural Conservation Extension in Pennsylvania: Applied Rural Sociology**

» [Erin Trouba](#) (Penn State Extension)

9am

**Oral : TCU1**

**Pedagogies of Place: Teaching Sustainability & Rural Knowledge**

*Venue - Salon 2*

**Education for Nowhere or Education for Somewhere?**

» [Jenny Seelig](#) (NORC at the University of Chicago)

**Culturally responsive science teaching: Exploring predictors of teacher efforts to leverage local phenomena**

» [Laura Wheeler](#) (Brigham Young University)

**Braiding Indigenous Knowledge, Rural Traditions, and the Sociology of Science in Rural Education**

» [Leanne Avery](#) (SUNY Oneonta)

**Teaching Sustainability: Milk Cartons, Eco-labels, and Sustainability Competencies**

» [Jeff Sharp](#) (The Ohio State University), Taylor Valentine (The Ohio State University), Tim Jaquet (The Ohio State University)

9am

**Oral : IDSP1**

**Developing (Inspiring) the next generation of international scholars**

*Venue - Salon 3*

Organised by: Fridah Mubichi-Kut (Convenor, Panel Chair)



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9am **Oral : GW1**  
**Grant Writing Workshop**  
*Venue - Cottonwood*

**Grant Writing Workshop**  
» Chien-fei Chen (Clemson University)

9am **Oral : RRE1**  
**Structural Racism in the Rural Context**  
*Venue - Alpine*

**Sacred Land: The Black Church and the Heirs' Property Crisis**  
» Alfred Thomas (Auburn University), Ryan Thomson (Auburn University)

**The Theory Behind It All: Racialized Exclusion, Collective Memory, and Rural Sociology's Hidden History of Race**  
» Julie N. Zimmerman (University of Kentucky)

10:30am **Keynote : PLENARY2**  
**Plenary: Indigenous Land Stewardship**  
*Venue - Grand Ballroom*  
Organised by: Jessica Schad

10:30am **Oral : YED2**  
**Politics of and Policy In Education**  
*Venue - Alpine*

**The Politics of Place: How State-Level Policies Influence Post-Graduation Residential Choices of College Students**  
» Raeven Chandler (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Emily Wornell (Ball State University), Ellen Whitehead (Ball State University)

**Beyond the Original Contour: Reimagining Land Use on Central Appalachia's Reclaimed Surface Mines**

» Maya Weinberg (The Pennsylvania State University), Kaitlyn Spangler (The Pennsylvania State University)

1:15pm **Oral : POP5**  
**Navigating the Federal Statistical Research Data Centers: Resources for Rural Sociological Research**  
*Venue - Grand Ballroom*

**Navigating the Federal Statistical Research Data Centers: Resources for Rural Sociological Research**

» Samuel Mindes (Iowa State University), Lori Kowaleski-Jones (University of Utah)

**Navigating the Federal Statistical Research Data Centers: Resources for Rural Sociological Research**

» Samuel Mindes (Iowa State University)

1:15pm **Oral : SAF10**  
**Data, Decisions & Democracy: Governing the Future of Agriculture**  
*Venue - Wasatch*

**Impacts of Potential Neonicotinoid Regulations on Pest Management Strategies and Use of Decision Support Tools in U.S. Potato Production**

» Edem Avemegah (Washington State University), Jessica Goldberger (Washington State University), Derek Franklin (Iowa State University), Katie Dentzman (Iowa State University)



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### Exploring Landowner Motivations and Bridging Knowledge Gaps to Improve Decision-Making in the U.S. Conservation Reserve Program

» [Daniel Egerson](#) (Mississippi State University), Bradly Thornton (University of Nebraska, Lincoln), Shannon Westlake (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region), Mark McConnell (Mississippi State University), Sathishkumar Samiappan (The University of Tennessee), Amanda Sesser (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Science Application), Diego Thompson (Mississippi State University), Rishita Garg (Mississippi State University), Anthony Collini (Mississippi State University), Reshma Mandli (Mississippi State University), Yong Liang (Mississippi State University), Leann Hopper (Mississippi State University), Kristine Evans (Mississippi State University)

### Public Perceptions of Gene-Edited Livestock Labels and Governance

» [David Peters](#) (Iowa State University), Emily Meyer (Iowa State University)

### Science Views and Public Perceptions of the Benefits and Problems Linked to Aquaculture Development in Maine

» [Thomas Safford](#) (University of New Hampshire), Emily Whitmore (Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center)

1:15pm

#### Oral : SAF5

### Sowing the Future: New Frontiers in Regenerative & Sustainable Agriculture

Venue - Seminar Theater

### Building Agricultural Sustainability in the Population-Land Nexus

» [Chenyujing Yang](#) (Beijing Forestry University), Guangqing Chi (The Pennsylvania State University), Yongji Xue (Beijing Forestry University)

### Organic as a Baseline versus Wide Net Approach to Regenerative

» [Rachel Soper](#) (California State University, Channel Islands)

### Sowing Regeneration: Metabolic Soil Restoration in Tuality Plains Agriculture

» [Lacey Bishop](#) (The University of Utah), Brett Clark (The University of Utah)

### Exploring the Role of Inner Development Goal Skills in Sustainable Agricultural Practices

» [Shiva Soroushnia](#) (University of Vermont), David Conner (University of Vermont), Josh Taylor (University of Vermont)

1:15pm

#### Oral : GES1

### Queer Ruralities, Colonial Legacies & Community Resistance

Venue - Canyon-A

### Homosexuality in Malawi and the Global South: The Colonial Legacy

» [Pearson Nkhoma](#) (Goldsmiths, University of London)

### Building a Queer Refuge in Rural China

» [Leo Chao](#) (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

### Disproportionate Support: Discovering Rural-Urban Differences in Social Support for LGBTQ Individuals

» [Tyson Hallman](#) (South Dakota State University), Weiwei Zhang (South Dakota State University)

### Queering Spaces in Rural Places: Investigations into Rural LGBTQ+ Community Building and Connection

» [Brianna Dym](#) (Northeastern University)

1:15pm

#### Oral : CHF4

### Environmental Risks

Venue - Canyon-B

### Predicting Urban and Rural Utahns' Protective Behaviors Related to Air Pollution Through an Examination of Risk Perception and Efficacy

» [Cris Meier](#) (Utah State University), Sydney O'Shay (Utah State University), Bailey Hughlett (Utah State University)



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**On God's Green Earth: How Religion and Science Shape Climate Change Belief**

» [Jane Ahn](#) (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

**Spatial Interdependence of Sociodemographic Characteristics and Wildfire Expected Annual Losses in California**

» [Kristopher Young](#) (The University of Utah)

**Healthcare and Social Ecological Needs and for Rural Communities After an Environmental Catastrophe**

» [Julia Terhune](#) (Michigan State University)

**Rooted in Resilience: Environmental Concerns and Community Dynamics in Appalachia's Coal Country**

» [Terence Asitibasi](#) (Clemson University)

1:15pm

**Oral : TCUP2**

**Qualitatively Researching Hard-to-Reach Rural Populations: Challenges and Opportunities**

Venue - Canyon-C

Organised by: Jennifer Sherman (Convenor), Asher Plummer (Convenor), Ish Green (Convenor), Whitney Shervey (Convenor), and Michelle Weston (Convenor)

1:15pm

**Oral : AEXP1**

**Navigating Change: The Role of Extension in Addressing Emerging Challenges in Rural and Indigenous Communities**

Venue - Salon 1

Organised by: Shriya Rangarajan (Convenor) and Erin Trouba (Convenor)

1:15pm

**Oral : RPL1**

**Rural Well-Being and Social Services**

Venue - Salon 2

**Does caregiver well-being differ by rurality and state policy environment? Identifying a well-being typology for rural, suburban, and urban caregivers**

» [Elena Pojman](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), [Florence Becot](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), [Zuzana Bednarik](#) (Purdue University), [Carrie Henning-Smith](#) (University of Minnesota)

**The Social Safety-Net in Rural and Urban Communities**

» [Paige Kelly](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), [Linda Lobao](#) (The Ohio State University)

**Policy, Place, and Perception: Examining the VA's Community Care Program for Farmer-Veterans**

» [McKayla Robinette](#) (North Carolina Agromedicine Institute)

**Understanding the relationship between informal work, rurality, and political affiliation**

» [Emily Southard](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), [Leif Jensen](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), [Ann Tickamyer](#) (The Pennsylvania State University)

1:15pm

**Oral : IDS3**

**Transforming Rural Landscapes: Power, Progress & Sociology**

Venue - Salon 3

**Sustaining Development Gains: The Role of Private Service Providers in Rural CHT, Bangladesh**

» [Lila Khatiwada](#) (Pulte Institute, University of Notre Dame)

**State of Rural Sociology in Central America: An Emerging Academic Field**

» [Francisco Reyes](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), [Arie Sanders](#) (Zamorano University)

**Institutional ethnography as an insider without: The case of a Botswana climate change research study**

» [Wandipa Mualefhe](#) (Michigan Technological University)



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**Agent of Empire: Reflections on Objectivity and Accountability in Rural Development**

» [Keith Moore](#) (Virginia Tech)

1:15pm

**Oral : RLJP1**

**Hot Topics Roundtable – Understanding Policy Shifts Under the New Administration**

*Venue - Cottonwood*

Organised by: Emma Scott (Convenor) and Prof. Hannah Haksgaard (Panel Chair)

2:45pm

**Oral : TCUP4**

**Teaching Tools Lightning Presentations**

*Venue - Grand Ballroom*

Organised by: Michael Branch (Convenor, Discussant, Panel Chair) and Dr. Sonja Lindberg (Convenor, Discussant)

**AI as a Learning Tool and Teaching Assistant**

» [Sonja Lindberg](#) (Grinnell College)

**Strategies for Information Processing through Critical Thinking with Students**

» [Amit Anshumali](#) (Florida State University)

**Grading for Learning: Alternative Approaches to Student Assessment**

» [Michael Branch](#) (Hartwick College)

**Student activity to address misperceptions between students of varying backgrounds**

» [Maria Boerngen](#) (Illinois State University)

**Evaluating Pedagogy: Critically Challenging Proposed Benefits of the Team-Based Learning Classroom**

» [Misty Harris](#) (University at Buffalo, Singapore), Jaime Chek (University at Buffalo, Singapore)

2:45pm

**Oral : SAF4**

**Agricultural Policy, Governance, and Contradictions Between Democracy and Corporate Influence**

*Venue - Wasatch*

**China Confronts Japan's Discharge of Treated Nuclear Wastewater: Managing Crises in Rural Communities by Manipulating Seafood Safety and Risk in an Authoritarian Agro-Food Regime**

» [Yue Xu](#) (Colorado State University)

**Monopolies Bad, Government Bad, Monopolies + Government = Worse: Farmer Perceptions of Remedies for Consolidated Markets**

» [Mary Hendrickson](#) (University of Missouri), Mallory Daily (University of Missouri)

**Accelerating the treadmill through state violence: Meatpacking and COVID-19**

» [Dr. Annabel Ipsen](#) (University of Oklahoma)

**Big Business as Dependent Business: The Global Dimensions of Co-Ownership Between Agrochemical Conglomerations**

» [Loka Ashwood](#) (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Mohammad Khalilian (University of Kentucky), Andy Pilny (University of Kentucky), Mary Hendrickson (University of Missouri), Phil Howard (Michigan State University), Mariyam Jamila (University of Kentucky)

**Geographical Indications and Coloniality: Rethinking Place-Based Protections in the Global South**

» Sarah Bowen (North Carolina State University), [Sarita Gaytan](#) (The University of Utah)

2:45pm

**Oral : POP3**

**Healthcare Access & Outcomes in Rural America**

*Venue - Seminar Theater*

**The Impact of Medicaid Expansion on Prescription Opioid Dispensing Rates**

» [Elizabeth Bambury](#) (University of Kansas Medical Center), J. Tom Mueller (University of Kansas Medical Center)



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**The Growth of Health-Vulnerable and Health-Protective Living Arrangements among Older Adults in Rural America**

» [Matthew Brooks](#) (Florida State University), Shelley Clark (McGill University)

**An Alternative Path to Health Insurance? The Impact of Medicaid Expansion on SSI Participation**

» [Darcy Sullivan](#) (University of Kansas Medical Center), Matthew Brooks (Florida State University), Regina Baker (University of North Carolina), J. Tom Mueller (University of Kansas Medical Center)

**Variations in Non-COVID-19 Excess Mortality Across and Within the Rural-Urban Continuum in U.S. Counties**

» [Raeven Chandler](#) (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Malia Jones (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Saloni Bhogale (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

**COVID's Impact on Natural Change in Rural and Urban America**

» [Kenneth Johnson](#) (University of New Hampshire)

2:45pm

**Oral : RLJ2**

**Legal Infrastructure & Its Impact on Rural America**

Venue - Canyon-A

**The State, Rurality, and Counterhegemonic Possibility**

» [Zachary Kyle](#) (University of Illinois at Chicago)

**Community Carcerality and Poverty Governance**

» [Sarah Walton](#) (University of Maine), Linda Lobao (The Ohio State University)

**Faith-Based Organizations and Restorative Justice Practice**

» [Jewrell Rivers](#) (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College), Shani Wilfred (Valdosta State University)

**Exploring Clouded Lands: A Spatial Regression of Heirs Property Across the United States**

» [Ryan Thomson](#) (Auburn University), Conner Bailey (Auburn University)

2:45pm

**Oral : NRS4**

**Natural Resource Management in the Midwest**

Venue - Canyon-B

**Rural Household Water and Sanitation Security – Digital Tools and Community Engagement**

» [Stephen Gasteyer](#) (Michigan State University), Autumn Bland (Michigan State University), Hikmatu Lalaki Awudu (Michigan State University)

**Understanding Experiences of Energy Services Access in Rural Northern US Communities: A comparative case study**

» [Nelly Aghaei](#) (Michigan Technological University), Chelsea Schelly (Michigan Technological University)

**Attitudes toward distributed energy systems in Iowa and Nebraska**

» [Weston Eaton](#) (National Renewable Energy Laboratory), Mark Burbach (University of Nebraska, Lincoln), J. Arbuckle (Iowa State University)

**Testing Longitudinal Change in Modified Sense of Place, Social Responsibility and Natural Responsibility in the Great Plains**

» [Shuang Li](#) (North Carolina A & T State University), [Jessica Schad](#) (Utah State University)

**Towards a mental model of interactions between non-hunting public and deer populations in rural communities**

» [Neelam Poudyal](#) (University of Tennessee), Carrera Romanini (University of Tennessee)

2:45pm

**Oral : CHF5**

**Housing & Opportunity**

Venue - Canyon-C



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**The Spatial Diffusion of Rural Livability Across the Urban-Rural Interface**

» [Danielle Schmidt](#) (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Mckenzie Boyce (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Tessa Conroy (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Steven Deller (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

**"It's bad all over": The Housing Crunch in a Great Lakes Beach Town**

» [Samuel Mindes](#) (Iowa State University)

**Advocacy or Complicity? Affordable Housing Development in Rural Communities**

» [Laurel Hicke](#) (University of Chicago)

**Local Perspectives on Community Identity, Place, and Opportunities in Two Transitioning Rural Indiana Communities**

» [Matthew Haan](#) (Purdue University), Mark Tucker (Purdue University)

**Moving in and out of Housing Insecurity: Pathways and Processes**

» [Erin Gaede](#) (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

2:45pm

**Oral : IDS2**

**Empowering Communities: Gender, Sustainability & Development**

Venue - Salon 1

**Mexico's Newest Geographical Indication: Sustainable Development or Disarticulation?**

» [Clayton Szczech](#) (The University of Utah)

**Assessing the gendered gaps in the Colombian agricultural education and outreach system**

» [Alejandra Gomez](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), Kaitlyn Spangler (The Pennsylvania State University)

**Impact of agricultural mechanization on women empowerment in Northern Senegal**

» [Maimouna Boubacar Salou](#) (Cornell University), [Fridah Mubichi-Kut](#) (Cornell University)

2:45pm

**Oral : RPL2**

**Rural Economic Policy & Agricultural Development**

Venue - Salon 2

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

» [Kara Woods](#) (SDFR Policy Research Center)

**Examining the ideational processes shaping farmland protection policy in Idaho**

» [Gwénaëlle d'Aumale](#) (Boise State University), Rebecca Som Castellano (Boise State University), Jen Schneider (Boise State University), Vicken Hillis (Boise State University), Jodi Brandt (Boise State University)

**Tempo-spatial analysis of rural gentrification in Tennessee**

» [Sreedhar Upendram](#) (The University of Tennessee), Serkan Varol (University of Tennessee, Chattanooga), Charlie Mix (University of Tennessee, Chattanooga), Serkan Catma (University of South Carolina, Beaufort), James Mingie (The University of Tennessee)

2:45pm

**Oral : YED1**

**Teaching & Teachers Across Rural Contexts**

Venue - Salon 3

**How does family affect high school students' career aspirations in rural Utah?**

» [Tsai Yu Hsieh](#) (Brigham Young University), Eric Bybee (Brigham Young University), erin feinauer whiting (Brigham Young University)



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**Using Technology-Mediated Lesson Study: Rural Teachers Collaborate to Improve Three-Dimensional Science Teaching Practices**

» [Heather Leary](#) (Brigham Young University), Michelle Hudson (Brigham Young University), Max Longhurst (Utah State University), Josh Stowers (Brigham Young University), Rebecca Sansom (Texas A&M University), Clara Smith (Brigham Young University), Austin Moore (Utah State University)

2:45pm

**Oral : SAFP2**

**Discussion forum: how can rural sociologists respond to the challenges of the current moment?**

*Venue - Cottonwood*

Organised by: Analena Bruce (Convenor)

**Ethics in Rural Sociology**

» [Amanda Crump](#) (University of California, Davis), Leanne Avery (SUNY Oneonta), Andrew Smolski (The Pennsylvania State University), Alexander Theophilus (Utah State University), Leland Glenna (The Pennsylvania State University)

4:15pm

**General : POST**

**Poster Session with Authors**

*Venue - Grand Foyer*

**Trucks, tractors, and... Christian nationalism? The presence of Christian nationalism in popular country music**

» [Cameron Braddock](#) (Brigham Young University), Greg Wurm (Brigham Young University)

**The Forgotten Village vs. The Avant-Garde: Redefining Rurality and Transforming Rural Community In the Age of Live Streaming and Artificial Intelligence (AI)**

» [Yue Xu](#) (Colorado State University)

**Impact of Federal Funding on Rural Utah**

» [Sophia Glenn](#) (Brigham Young University), Scott Sanders (Brigham Young University)

**Environmental Views on the Rural to Urban Continuum**

» [Sydney Fisk](#) (Utah State University), Jessica Schad (Utah State University)

**The Brazilian Hidden (Under)Developmental State and The Embeddedness of Its Agrarian Elite**

» [Francisco Rebel Barros](#) (University of Utah)

**Climate Change, The Role of Fiscal and Monetary Policy in Ghana**

» [Solomon Damoah Poku](#) (Kwame Nkrumah University)

**Impact of COVID-19 Movement Restrictions on Border Management in Ghana**

» [Sarah Ayiwah-Poku](#) (Ghana Immigration Service)

**Economic Empowerment of Rural Women through Income-Generating Activities: Impacts on Household Livelihoods in Isolated Villages of Kafr-EL Sheikh Governorate.**

» [Samira Wafaa](#) (Cairo University)

**Assessment of Practical Interventions for Food Deserts in Texas Using Spatial Analysis**

» [Jade Zimpfer](#) (Arkansas Colleges of Health Education), Kathleen Gilbert (Sam Houston State University), Amanda Scarbrough (Sam Houston State University)

**Setting Opioid Settlements: The Place of Residents in a Southern West Virginia County During the Opioid Epidemic Settlements**

» [Tucker Seifert](#) (West Virginia University)

**Cognitive Aging and the Social Environment: A Multi-Level Approach**

» [Adam Roth](#) (Oklahoma State University), Brea Perry (Indiana University)



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**A Thematic Analysis of Institutional Statements and Strategic Plans Produced by Community Colleges Located in Rural Education Deserts**

» Colin Cunniffe (Clemson University)

**Atomic Town: Understanding Nuclear Energy Attitudes and Theatre's Potential for Navigating Environmental Risk**

» Jennifer Prewitt (The Ohio State University), Jeffrey Jacquet (The Ohio State University)

**Does Opioids Overdose Prevention and Reversal Knowledge Differ by the Hometown Locality of Young Adults?**

» Betsy Garrison (University of Arkansas), Shari Moxley (University of Arkansas), Isabelle Caldwell (University of Arkansas)

**Young Adults' Perceptions of Challenges in Rural Communities**

» Shari Moxley (University of Arkansas), Betsy Garrison (University of Arkansas)

**Exploring the Impact of Dark Sky Viewing on Mental Health in Rural Communities: A Phenomenological Study**

» Troy Allan (Utah State University), Sadie Wilde (Utah State University Extension), Anna Gilliam (Utah State University Extension)

**Faith and Place: The Uneven Mental Health Costs of Religious Transitions in Rural and Urban Areas**

» Madelyn McLain (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Jessica Su (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Lisa Pearce (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

**Covid Hardship and Food Insecurity: Differences by Rurality**

» Taylor Holladay (University of Utah), Lori Kowaleski-Jones (University of Utah), Caren Frost (University of Utah)

6pm

**General : DEPN**

**RSS Department Night**

Venue - Trofi patio restaurant

**Saturday, 2 August**

7am

**General : FLEX**

**FLEX Space**

Venue - Bonneville (FLEX)

7:30am

**General : A&ERIG BUS**

**Applied & Extension RIG Business Meeting**

Venue - Salon 2

7:30am

**General : GRADBKST**

**Graduate Student Breakfast**

Venue - Alpine

8am

**Workshop : RPLP1**

**Workshop: Crafting Equitable Rural Policy Under Scrutiny**

Venue - Grand Ballroom

**Workshop: Crafting equitable rural policy under scrutiny**

» Kayleigh Ward (Northeastern University)



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- 8:30am **Oral : AMRP1**  
**Authors Meet Readers: Rural and Small-Town America: Context, Composition, and Complexities**  
*Venue - Wasatch*  
 Organised by: Tim Slack (Convenor) and Shannon Monnat (Convenor)
- 8:30am **Oral : SAF7**  
**Cultivating Questions: Science for System Change in Agriculture**  
*Venue - Seminar Theater*

**"There's so much we don't know we don't know:" Peer Learning Among Beginning Farmers in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula**  
 » [Angie Carter](#) (Michigan Technological University)

**In the Greenhouse: A Multispecies Analysis of Scale, Technology, and Rationality in Agriculture**  
 » [Jimmy Robinson](#) (University of Kentucky)

**Community Engagement and the co-creation/co-production of science for policy development and strategizing system change**  
 » [Mary Emery](#) (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)

**Qu(e)rying the US Census of Agriculture**  
 » [Katie Dentzman](#) (Iowa State University)

**Participant Perspectives on Scientific Collaboration: Impact, Opportunities, and Challenges**  
 » [Mark Schafer](#) (Louisiana State University), Claire Thomas (Louisiana State University), Carine Villasanti (Louisiana State University), Xiaoxu Yang (Louisiana State University)

8:30am **Oral : RPL3**  
**Climate, Energy & Policy Influence**  
*Venue - Canyon-A*

**Standing with the Status Quo? How Social Connections to Energy Resources Shape Response to Energy Transition Efforts**

» [Lazarus Adua](#) (The University of Utah), Brett Clark (The University of Utah)

**Split in the Ranks? The Divergent Influence of Business Entities on U.S. Localities' Adoption of Climate Policy**

» [Lazarus Adua](#) (The University of Utah), [Linda Lobao](#) (The Ohio State University)

**Water Governance and Economic Inequality: A Comparative Analysis of SDG 6 Compliance Across Six Countries**

» [Keia Jones](#) (The Pennsylvania State University)

**Whose Low-Carbon Future, Which Sustainability?: Reforming Rurality Through China's Carbon Trading Policies and Ecological Product Value System in the Era of Climate Change**

» [Yue Xu](#) (Colorado State University), KuoRay Mao (Colorado State University)

8:30am **Oral : NRS5**  
**Infrastructure, Risk & Socio-Environmental Impacts**  
*Venue - Canyon-B*

**The Impact of Dam Release Flooding in Nigeria on the Transition to Adulthood**

» [Jordan Jackson](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), Mook Bangalore (The Pennsylvania State University)

**Sharing solar sites: Farmer perceptions, preferences, and interest in agrivoltaics in rural New York State**

» [Kathryn Walsh](#) (Cornell University), Richard Stedman (Cornell University), David Kay (Cornell University)

**"Ithai Barrage destroys our livelihoods" The case study of Loktak Lake in Manipur**

» [Thounaojam Somokanta](#) (Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur)



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**Institutional Corruption and Environmental Crime in Rural Ghana:  
A Social Disorganization Analysis on Critical Mineral Extraction**

» [Raymond Appiah](#) (The University of Utah), KuoRay Mao (Colorado State University)

**Aging and Wildfire Risk to Communities**

» [Richelle Winkler](#) (USDA Economic Research Service), Miranda Mockrin (USDA Forest Service)

8:30am

**Oral : CHF6**

**Investigating Community Ties**

*Venue - Canyon-C*

**Relationship Building: Connect With Confidence**

» [Stephanie Thoma](#) (N/A)

**Local News Deserts and Community Social Capital Erosion**

» Tess Haddock (Oklahoma State University), [K. Aleks Schaefer](#) (Oklahoma State University), Brian Whitacre (Oklahoma State University), Trey Malone (Purdue University)

**Participation of Rural Youths in Community Development Projects in Ekiti State, Nigeria**

» [Olajumoke Alabi](#) (Federal University Oye Ekiti), Chioma Ogiri (Federal University Oye Ekiti), Mmaduabuchukwu Mkpado (Federal University Oye Ekiti)

**W. E. B. DuBois and Communities: Stars and Veils**

» [J. Lynn England](#) (Utah Valley University)

8:30am

**Oral : ELDRP1**

**From the Ashes of the US International Rural Development Regime: Perspectives from Elder Rural Sociologists**

*Venue - Cottonwood*

Organised by: Stephen Gasteyer (Convenor), Douglas H. Constance (Convenor, Panel Chair), Keith Moore (Discussant), Fridah Mubichi-Kut (Discussant), and Joseph Molnar (Discussant)

8:30am

**General : REGISTER**

**Registration**

*Venue - Registration*

10am

**Oral : POP4**

**Policy & Program Impacts on Rural Socioeconomic Dynamics**

*Venue - Wasatch*

**Heterogeneity in Medicaid Expansion and Maternal Mortality: Rurality, Race, and Disability**

» [Darcy Sullivan](#) (University of Kansas Medical Center), Matthew Brooks (Florida State University), Regina Baker (University of North Carolina), J. Tom Mueller (University of Kansas Medical Center)

**Variation in Spatial Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs for Older Adults in the United States**

» [Elizabeth Bambury](#) (University of Kansas Medical Center), J. Tom Mueller (University of Kansas Medical Center), Elizabeth Ablah (University of Kansas Medical Center), Sharon Fitzgerald Wolff (University of Kansas Medical Center)

**Motivations for Nonstandard Work in Rural America**

» [Jean Hardy](#) (Michigan State University), Amanda McMillan Lequieu (Drexel University), Ellen Whitehead (Ball State University), Justin Schupp (Wheaton College), Emily Wornell (Ball State University)

**The Case for Rural America – A new book in the Rural Studies Series coming Fall 2025**

» [J. Tom Mueller](#) (University of Kansas Medical Center)



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10am

**Oral : SAF6**

**More than a Job: Stress, Care, & Support in Agricultural Work**  
Venue - Seminar Theater

**Caregiving Along the Life Course Among Farming Households**

» [Emily Southard](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), [Florence Becot](#) (The Pennsylvania State University)

**Financial and mental health challenges in agriculture: Key informants' perspectives on farmers' ability and willingness to seek help**

» [Sarah Ruszkowski](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), [Florence Becot](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), [Andrea Bjornestad](#) (South Dakota State University), [Carrie Henning-Smith](#) (University of Minnesota)

**Articulated Social Positions and the Embeddedness of Landscapes of Support for Farmers Navigating Stress**

» [Andrew Smolski](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), [Michael Schulman](#) (North Carolina State University)

**Investigating Farming Health Hazards and Safety Strategies among Cocoa Farmers in Ekiti -State, Nigeria.**

» [Olufunke Olatunji](#) (Federal University Oye Ekiti), [Abiodun Ajala](#) (Federal University Oye Ekiti), [Olajumoke Alabi](#) (Federal University Oye Ekiti)

10am

**Oral : GES3**

**Gendered Violence, Rural Health, & Feminist Praxis**  
Venue - Canyon-A

**Gender-Based Violence and Climate Change in Rural Communities of La Paz, Honduras**

» [Andres Mayorga](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), [Kathleen Sexsmith](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), [Sara Bonilla](#) (CGIAR), [Arie Sanders](#) (Zamorano University), [Francis Mclean](#) (Zamorano University)

**Navigating Healthcare as Latina Farmworkers: Gendered Barriers, Workplace Expectations, and Structural Exclusions**

» [Hazel Velasco Palacios](#) (The Pennsylvania State University)

**Gender, COVID, and Science: A Five Country Comparative Analysis**

» [Claire Thomas](#) (Louisiana State University), [Mark Schafer](#) (Louisiana State University)

**Loteria as a Participatory Research Method**

» [Ana Zepeda](#) (University of California, Davis), [Amanda Crump](#) (University of California, Davis)

10am

**Oral : CHF7**

**Rural Culture and Relationships**  
Venue - Canyon-B

**Crisis averted... this week: Feeling the economic, health, and cultural precarity in Nova Scotia through Sullivan's Crossing**

» [Kelly Diaz](#) (Swarthmore College)

**"Land, Legacy, and Local Voices: Community Stories of Bears Ears"**

» [Greta Asay](#) (Brigham Young University), [Michael Cope](#) (Brigham Young University)

**Sociology of and in Appalachia: Intersectional Insights and Interventions from the Mountains**

» [Rachel Terman](#) (Ohio University), [Kathryn Engle](#) (University of Kentucky)

**Iron in the Country: Finding Literature about Guns and Rurality**

» [Abraham Neis-Eldridge](#) (University of Kentucky), [Julie N. Zimmerman](#) (University of Kentucky)

**Matrimonial Weakness, Traditional familial folkways and Divorce in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan**

» [Ahmad Ali](#) (Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan), [Sameerul Khaliq Jan](#) (Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University)



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10am **Oral : TCUP5**  
**Opportunities and Limitations in Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Rural Sociological Research**

Venue - Canyon-C

Organised by: Zubair Barkat and Jessica Schad

**Opportunities and Limitations in Using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Rural Sociological Research**

» [Zubair Barkat](#) (Utah State University), [Jessica Schad](#) (Utah State University)

10am **Oral : YED3**  
**Places & Meaning in Rural Schooling**

Venue - Salon 2

**Spiraling Upward: Postsecondary Choice and Community Capitals in a Rural Upward Bound Program**

» [Wendy Pfrenger](#) (University of Mississippi)

**Housing Insecurity, Educational Disparities, and Community Resilience in Cartersville, Mississippi**

» [Semonti Jannat](#) (University of Mississippi), Albert Nylander (Grisham-McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement)

**"The outdoors is everything you can do": Exploring Place Meaning and Environmental Sensitivity of Appalachian College Students**

» Lindsey Boaz (Zane State College), [Kristi Lekies](#) (The Ohio State University)

**Educational Aspirations, Rural Opportunities: Exploring the role of Place and First-Generation Status on Educational Attainment**

» [Jasmine Whiteside](#) (University of Louisville)

11:30am **Oral : SAF8**  
**Landscapes of Tomorrow: Innovation & Transformation in Agriculture**

Venue - Wasatch

**Former Farms, Future Farming: Quantifying, classifying, and assessing agricultural land loss in the post-Farm Crisis era using remote sensing and administrative data**

» [Danielle Schmidt](#) (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

**The future of agriculture: Tracing national-level agricultural sociotechnical imaginaries among local actors**

» [Adam Snitker](#) (Colorado State University)

**On-farm anaerobic digestion in the media: A quantitative content analysis**

» [Forrest Stagner](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), Chris Morris (Iowa State University), J. Arbuckle (Iowa State University), Michael Helbing (The Pennsylvania State University), Frank Montabon (Iowa State University)

**Human-Machine Interfaces: Catalysts for Economic Development and Change in the Digital Age**

» [Marjorie Visser](#) (University of California, Davis), [Julia Marhenke](#) (University of California, Davis), Jordan Pantano (University of California, Davis)

11:30am **Oral : SAF9**  
**From the Ground Up: Sovereignty, Democracy & Resilience in Food Systems**

Venue - Seminar Theater

**Seed Sovereignty, a Discourse Analysis**

» [Daniel Yuhasz](#) (University of Missouri)

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**Strengthening Farmers' Seed Systems for Climate Resilience: Demand-Driven Strategies for Food Security and Economic Empowerment in Southeast Nigeria**

» Jude Mbanasor (Michael Okpara University of Agriculture), Onwusiribe Chigozirim (Ural Federal University), Benjamin Okoye (National Root Crops Research Institute), Confidence Kalu (National Root Crops Research Institute), Philips Nto (Michael Okpara University of Agriculture), John Chukwu (Michael Okpara University of Agriculture)

**Micropolitical Resistance and Food Sovereignty: The Role of the Small Farmers Movement (MPA) in Brazil**

» Carine Villasanti (Louisiana State University)

**De/Restructuring Co-operatives for Re-Democratization**

» Thomas Gray (USDA Rural Business-Cooperative Service)

**Fostering Resilient Agriculture: How do U.S. farmers make decisions about agricultural practices that have implications for resilience**

» Ann Finan (University of Wisconsin, Madison), Margaret Krome (Michael Fields Agricultural Institute), Erin Meier (Green Lands Blue Waters), Andrew Stevens (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

11:30am

**Oral : RPL4**

**Federal Policy, Governance & Rural Trust**

Venue - Canyon-A

**Public Trust as an Indicator for Urban to Rural Migration**

» Presley Powers (Tennessee State University)

**Legibility and Rural Development in the American High-Tech Economy**

» Jean Hardy (Michigan State University)

**An Analysis of the Impacts of Federal Cuts on Rural Areas.**

» Abigail André (The Ohio State University), Keely Fisher (The Ohio State University)

11:30am

**Oral : NRS6**

**Community-led Conservation & Sustainable Practices**

Venue - Canyon-B

**Women Shea Collectors' Participation in Forest Conservation Practices in Baruten Local Government Area of Kwara State, Nigeria**

» Lateef Adefalu (University of Ilorin), Antonio Diego (Federal University of Vicosa), Sidiqat Aderinoye-Abdulwahab (University of Ilorin), Tajudeen Amusa (University of Ilorin)

**For the rehabilitation of the socio-cultural heritage of water management in the rural world.**

» Jilali Bendriss (Université Meknès), Mustapha Ouattmane (Université Meknès)

**Beyond the Choir: Building Capacities within Faith Communities to Improve Water Conservation**

» Ellie Martin (The Pennsylvania State University), Kathryn Brasier (The Pennsylvania State University), Erin Trouba (Penn State Extension), Matthew Royer (Penn State University), Kristen Koch (Penn State Extension)

**Engineering the Wetlands: Power, Infrastructure, and Agrarian Change in Southern Paraguay**

» Michael Cary (Cornell University)

11:30am

**Oral : CHF8**

**Aging & Elder Health**

Venue - Canyon-C

**Aging in a Changing Community: An Investigation into Perceptions of Community in Heber Valley among Older Adults**

» Haylie June (Northwestern University), Hannah Hendricks (Brigham Young University), Michael Cope (Brigham Young University)



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**Rural Housing & Aging in Place: Some Insights from Ohio**

» [Jeff Sharp](#) (The Ohio State University), Nichole Campbell (Ohio University)

**Dementia Diagnosis in Northern Rural Minnesota: A Community-Based Participatory Research Approach to Paid Care Provider Experiences**

» [Joshua Fergen](#) (Memory Keepers Medical Discovery Team, University of Minnesota Medical School - Duluth Campus), Dana Ketcher (Memory Keepers Medical Discovery Team, University of Minnesota Medical School - Duluth Campus), Kristen Jacklin (Memory Keepers Medical Discovery Team, University of Minnesota Medical School - Duluth Campus)

**Constrained Choices: Insurance Status, Place, and Age as Predictors of Cardiovascular Disease Diagnosis**

» [Edith Marie Green](#) (University of Wisconsin, Madison)

11:30am

**Oral : AMRP2**

**Author-Meets-Reader: The Rural Lawyer**

*Venue - Salon 2*

Organised by: Prof. Hannah Haksgaard (Convenor)

**Author-Meets-Reader: The Rural Lawyer**

» [K. Aleks Schaefer](#) (Oklahoma State University)

**The Rural Lawyer - Peters**

» [David Peters](#) (Iowa State University)

**Author-Meets-Reader: The Rural Lawyer**

» [Andrew Van Leuven](#) (University of Vermont)

**The Rural Lawyer - Farrell**

» [Brian Farrell](#) (University of Iowa)

**The Rural Lawyer-Pruitt**

» [Lisa R. Pruitt](#) (University of California, Davis)

11:30am

**Oral : RLJP3**

**Navigating Heirs' Property and Ethics: Dialogue to Inform Problem Solving**

*Venue - Cottonwood*

Organised by: John Green (Convenor), Kara Woods (Convenor), Ryan Thomson (Convenor), Portia Johnson (Convenor), and Sarah Stein (Convenor)

**Policy Research Perspective**

» [Kara Woods](#) (SDFR Policy Research Center)

**Outreach and Education Perspective**

» [Portia Johnson](#) (Auburn University)

**Research Perspective**

» [Ryan Thomson](#) (Auburn University)

**Law and Legal Research Perspective**

» [Sarah Stein](#) (Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta)

1pm

**General : AWDLUNCH**

**RSS Awards Luncheon**

*Venue - Grand Ballroom*

3pm

**General : BUSMTG**

**RSS Business Meeting**

*Venue - Grand Ballroom*



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| 6pm | <b>Workshop : WardC</b><br><b>Celebration of Carol Ward</b><br><i>Venue - Summit</i> |
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**Sunday, 3 August**

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| 8am | <b>Panel : EXEC2</b><br><b>RSS Council Meeting (incoming)</b><br><i>Venue - Salon 2</i> |
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