



2023 85th Annual Meeting

Pursuing Equity and Access in Development: Roles for Rural-Focused Public Scholars

**August 2nd – 6th
The University of Vermont
Burlington, Vermont**



Rural-focused scholars have long engaged in research, education, outreach, and extension efforts that intersect with a range of development issues (under many labels) at the community, regional, national, and even global levels. In our current era of debate over massive investments in physical, technological, and social infrastructures and services coupled with concerns over resilience in the face of climate change and multiple forms of conflict, the theme for the 2023 conference focuses attention on the roles played by rural scholars committed to public engagement and the need to chart pathways for future work. We are collectively positioned to address and amplify equity and access in development to move dialogue forward, issues of ever-growing relevance in these tumultuous and uncertain times.

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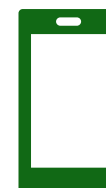
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COVID-19 Plan



We encourage participants to be COVID-19 aware. Please test if you are unwell, and if you are positive for COVID-19, please do not attend the annual meeting and isolate yourself to help protect others. Please go to the registration desk if you require a mask or test.



***** Note: More detailed information (e.g., paper and session abstracts; lists of presenters, sponsors, and exhibitors) is available in the online program. *****

Welcome from RSS President, John Green

Pursuing Equity and Access in Development – Roles for Rural-Focused Public Scholars

I welcome you to the 85th annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society (RSS), held at the University of Vermont. Coming together in Burlington to connect and share insights from our professional work provides us with great opportunities to reflect on the past, live in the present, and plan for the future.

The theme for this year was inspired by recognition that RSS members have long engaged in research, education, outreach, and policy efforts that intersect with a range of development issues at multiple scales from the local to global levels. Building on our diverse scholarly traditions rooted in a shared interest for practical application, there is much we can offer in contemporary dialogue concerning physical, technological, and social infrastructures and services coupled with resilience in the face of climate change and multiple conflicts. We are collectively positioned to address and amplify equity and access in development to move dialogue forward to incorporate rural people and places. I hope that you enjoy the numerous sessions and networking events and leave the conference with renewed passion, energy, and knowledge to advance our work for the broader public interest.

To close, I want to express my gratitude for being able to meet in Vermont, even in the face of these trying times with floods and other challenges associated with climate change. Please use this opportunity to enhance and expand relationships for greater community resilience and wellbeing.



John J. Green

President 2022-23, The Rural Sociological Society

Land Statement for the 85th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, 2023

Land Statement – RSS Meeting 2023

We gather for this, the 85th annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society (RSS) on the campus of the University of Vermont, which is situated on land that has been stewarded by Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. Indigenous people, particularly the Western Abenaki, have a historical and enduring relationship with this land, forest, and waters, including as a place to exchange, sustain and gather.

Colonialism is a current and ongoing process that has harmed Indigenous peoples. As a professional association focused on research and education, we aim to raise awareness of the Indigenous people whose territory we gather on, and to provide ideas for ways we can learn more, show gratitude, and connect.

Calls to Action – Individuals

Land statements are one step towards increasing awareness of and honoring Indigenous peoples and their relationship to the land and traditional territories upon which we work and gather as an organization. In addition to this statement, we should be engaging as individuals and as an organization to learn from, work with, support and listen to Indigenous peoples. At the individual level, this can include learning more about Abenaki culture and history. Some tools you can use as a starting point include:

- Native Land map – Abenaki Territory (<https://native-land.ca/maps/territories/abenaki-abenakis/>)
- UVM PLACE: Abenaki People (<https://www.uvm.edu/place/towns/greensborobend/abenaki.php>)

Calls to Action – Organizational

As an organization, we should be engaging in critical reflection and dialogue about the history of our organization and the institutions which we are connected to, including how they have benefitted from the dispossession and displacement of Indigenous peoples throughout the United States. We can also help to develop relationships and collaborate to address the interests of Indigenous scholars and tribal colleges, including the importance of pursuing more equitable resources. We ask that the Rural Sociological Society continue these dialogues and develop relationships with kindred groups to advance professional and institutional development opportunities.

Sources

Cotnoir, Alexander. 2021. “Recognizing Place: Indigenous Land Acknowledgments” – <https://vt.audubon.org/news/recognizing-place-indigenous-land-acknowledgments>

University of Vermont. 2022. “Land Acknowledgement” – <https://www.uvm.edu/news/diversity/board-adopts-land-acknowledgment>

Vermont Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). ND. “Land Acknowledgement Statement” – <https://www.pbisvermont.org/land-acknowledgement/#:~:text=We%20recognize%20that%20colonialism%20and,and%20all%20it%20gives%20us>

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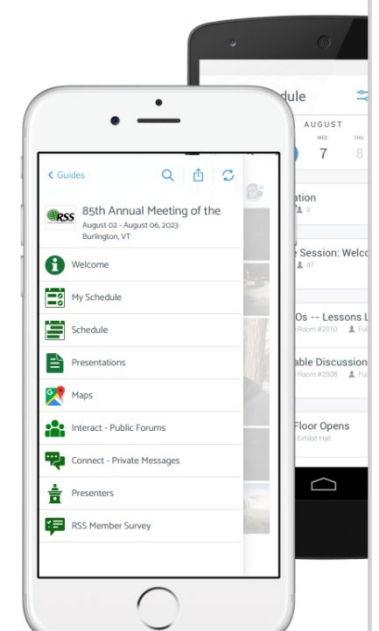
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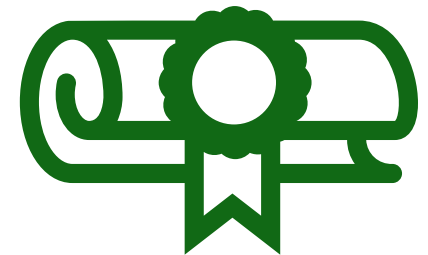


Professional Development Certificate Program

RSS is offering annual meeting participants the opportunity to earn a professional development certificate in one or more tracks:

- (1) teaching;
- (2) practice and application; and/or
- (3) rural poverty.

Each track requires participation in **four** events chosen from a list of designated sessions and business meetings. Participants will use a verification form (available at the registration desk) to obtain the signature of the moderator or chair of each event attended. Certificates will be provided for completion of one or more of the tracks. Please return your completed form to the RSS registration desk or scan and email your form to the RSS Business Office at rural_sociology@byu.edu.



Program Highlights

Wednesday, 2 August 2023

9:00am - 3:00pm	RSS Council Meeting – This is the RSS Council meeting for outgoing Council members for the 2022-2023 year.	Aiken Green 311
1:00pm - 2:15pm	Preconference Workshop: Developing a Research Grant Proposal	Davis Center Jost Foundation
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Thursday, 3 August 2023

8:00am - 5:00pm	Registration, Exhibitors, and Diversity Committee Silent Auction	Davis Center Livak Fireplace
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9:30am - 10:45am & 11:00am - 12:15pm	Morning Paper and Panel Sessions (Two Time Slots)	See Full Program for Details
12:30pm - 1:45pm	Lunch - Please enjoy a lunch break. Conference participants will get lunch on their own.	Lunch is available for purchase in the Davis Center on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors.
12:30pm - 1:45pm	RIG Informal Lunch - All conference participants are welcome to attend an informal lunch with the Population Research Interest Group (RIG). People will purchase their lunch and then socialize at the Davis Center Marketplace.	The Marketplace Davis Center - 2nd Floor

Program Highlights (Continued)

Thursday, 3 August 2023 (Continued)

2:00pm - 3:15pm & 3:30pm - 4:45pm & 5:00pm - 6:15pm	Afternoon Paper and Panel Sessions (Three Time Slots)	See Full Program for Details
8:00pm - 10:00pm	RIG Social Offsite - All conference participants are welcome to attend an informal social with the Gender and Sexualities Research Interest Group (RIG). People will meet and socialize offsite at the Wallflower Collective in downtown Burlington.	Wallflower Collective 71 South Union Street Burlington, VT 05401

Friday, 4 August 2023

8:00am - 5:00pm	Registration, Exhibitors, and Diversity Committee Silent Auction	Davis Center Livak Fireplace
8:00am - 9:15am	RIG Meetings - All conference participants are welcome to attend Research Interest Group (RIG) meetings for: (1) Applied and Extension; (2) Natural Resources; (3) Rural Poverty; and/or (4) Teaching and Curriculum.	Davis Center Sugar Maple Ballroom
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12:30pm - 1:45pm	RIG Meeting - All conference participants are welcome to attend the Youth, Education, and Rural Vitality Research Interest Group (RIG) meeting. People will meet over coffee at the Davis Center Henderson's Cafe.	Henderson's Café Davis Center - 3rd Floor

Program Highlights (Continued)

Friday, 4 August 2023 (Continued)

2:00pm - 3:15pm	Keynote Speaker W. Ralph Eubanks - Beyond the Blues: The Human Geography of the Mississippi Delta	Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom
3:30pm - 4:45pm	Afternoon Paper and Panel Sessions	See Full Program for Details
5:00pm - 6:15pm	Poster Session	Davis Center Livak Fireplace
5:00pm - 6:15pm	RSS Standing Committee Meetings - All elected and appointed members of standing committees are requested to attend their committee meeting. See email from your Committee Chair for details.	Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Happy Hour With the Elders: Free Advice - You Get What You Pay For. Come share snacks and drinks with The Elder RIG members who will share their stories about RSS. Snacks will be provided and beverages will be available for purchase (cash bar).	Davis Center Sugar Maple Ballroom
7:30pm - 7:45pm	Student Social - All students are cordially invited to attend. Students will meet at the Sugar Maple Ballroom and then hang out offsite.	Davis Center Sugar Maple Ballroom

Saturday, 5 August 2023

8:00am - 5:00pm	Registration, Exhibitors, and Diversity Committee Silent Auction	Davis Center Livak Fireplace
8:00am - 9:15am	RIG Meetings - All conference participants are welcome to attend Research Interest Group (RIG) meetings for: (1) Community, Health, and Family; and/or (2) Sociology of Agriculture and Food (SAFRIG).	Davis Center Sugar Maple Ballroom

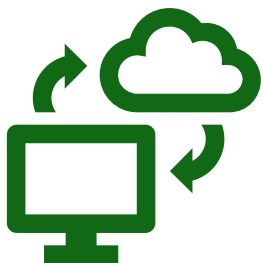
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Saturday, 5 August 2023 (Continued)

9:30am - 10:45am & 11:00am - 12:15pm	Morning Paper and Panel Sessions (Two Time Slots)	See Full Program for Details
12:30pm - 3:15pm	RSS Awards Luncheon - All registered conference participants are cordially invited to attend. Lunch is provided free of charge.	Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom
3:30pm - 4:45pm	Plenary Panel: Unleashing the "Prairie Generation": Retaining Talent, Leadership, and Entrepreneurialism in Rural America	Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom
5:00pm - 6:00pm	RSS Business Meeting - All registered conference participants are encouraged to attend.	Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Departments, Partners, and Diversity Night: Building Connections through RSS - All registered conference participants are cordially invited to attend. A bus will provide transportation to and from the event free of charge. The bus will depart from the Davis Center.	Hula Event Center 50 Lakeside Avenue Burlington, Vermont 05401

Sunday, 6 August 2023

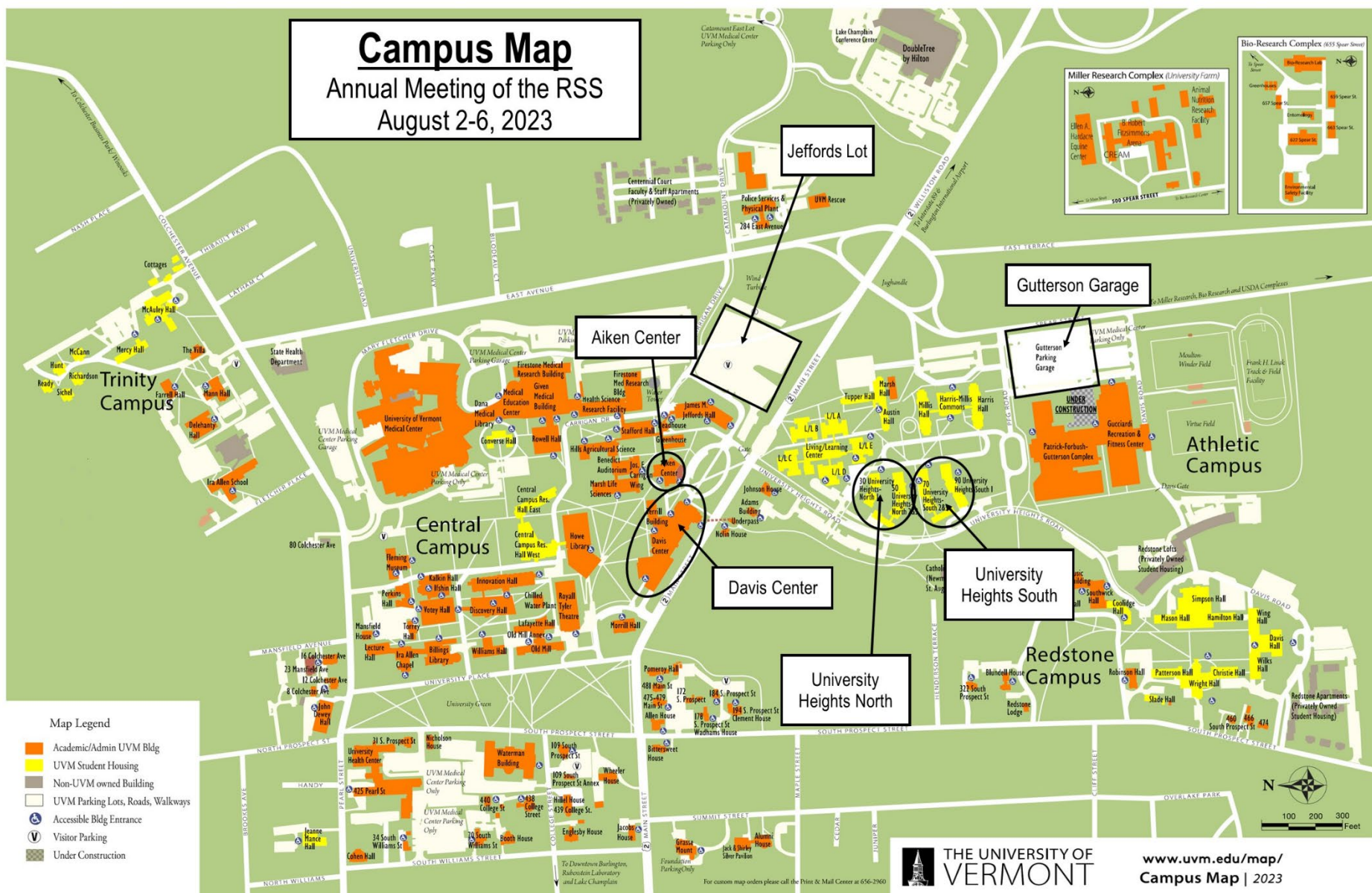
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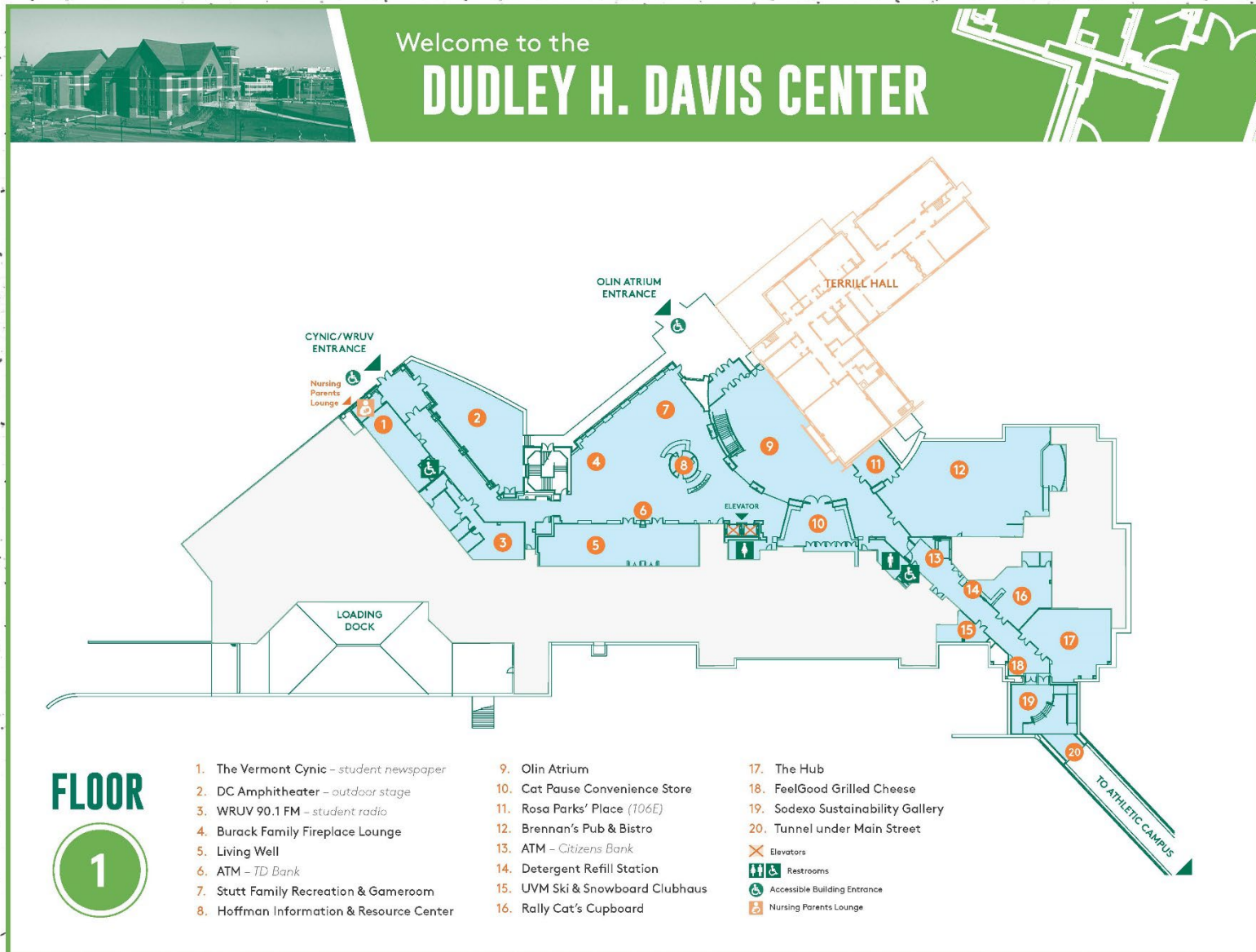
*****Note: Several Research Interest Groups (RIGS) will be holding virtual business meetings in the month of August instead of an in-person meeting at the conference. Please see emails from RIG Chairs with invites to business meetings for the following RIGs:**

- (1) Gender and Sexualities
- (2) International Development and Studies
- (3) Population
- (4) Rural Policy
- (5) Rural Race and Ethnicity
- (6) Rural Studies
- (7) The Elders

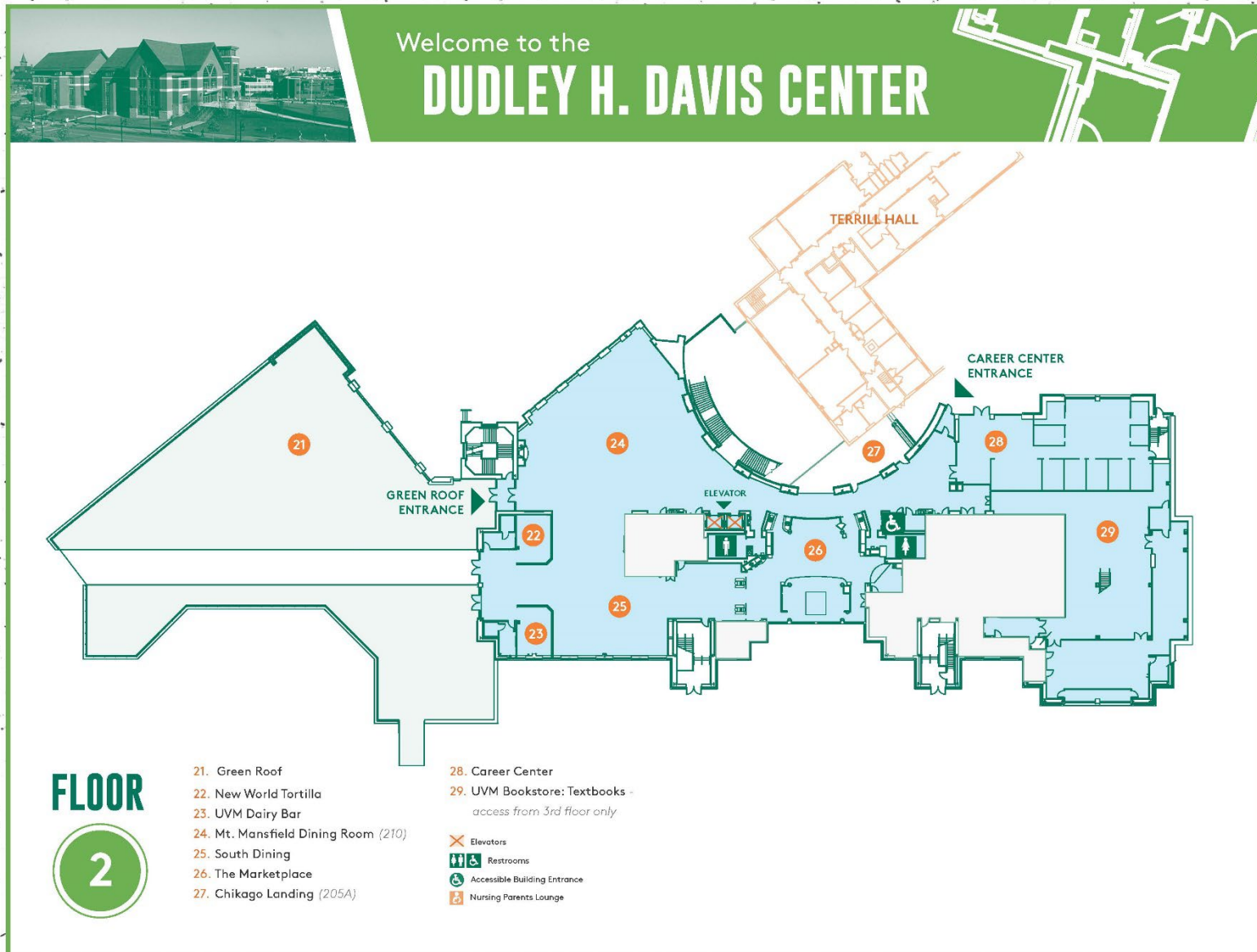
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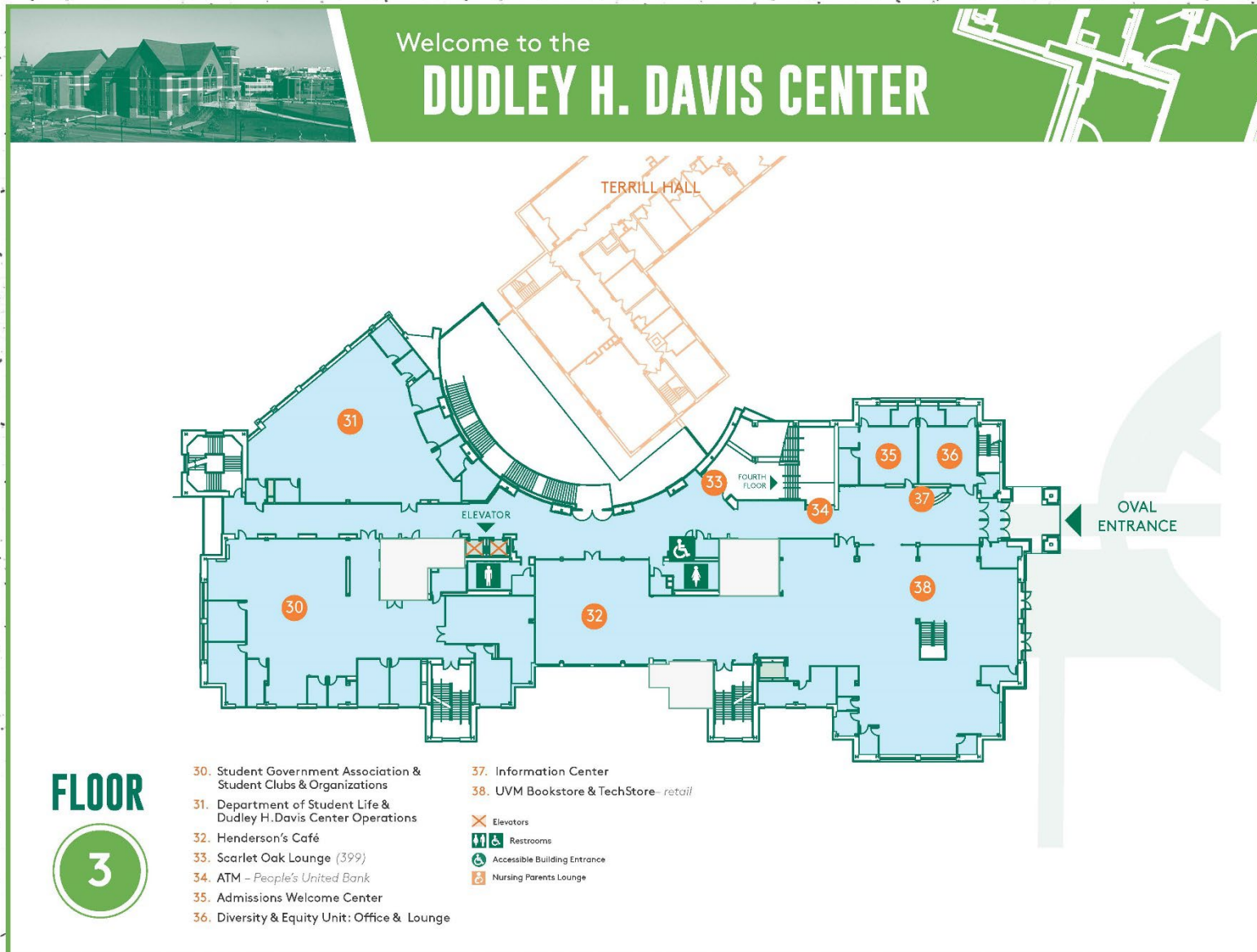
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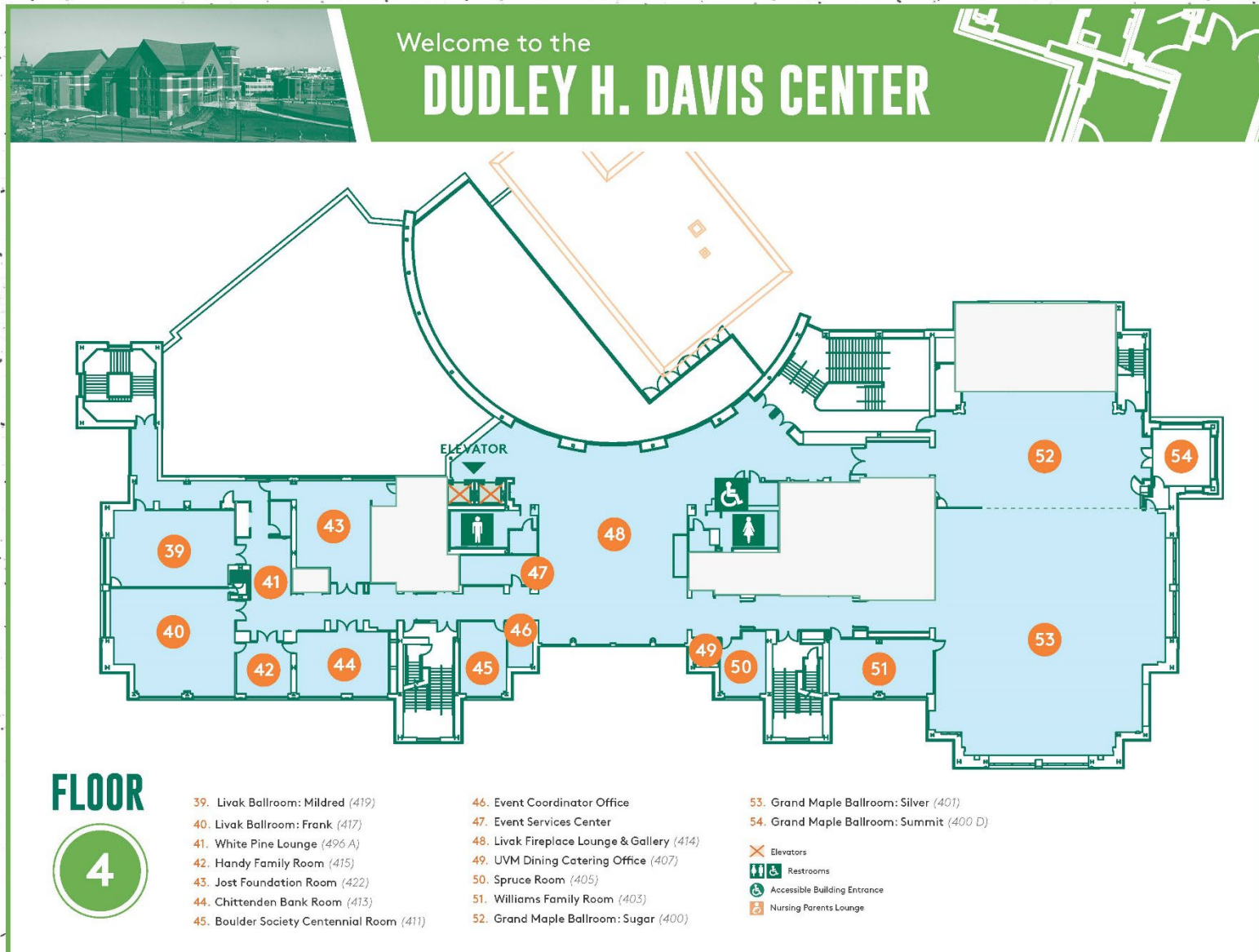
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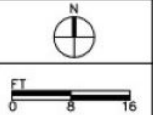
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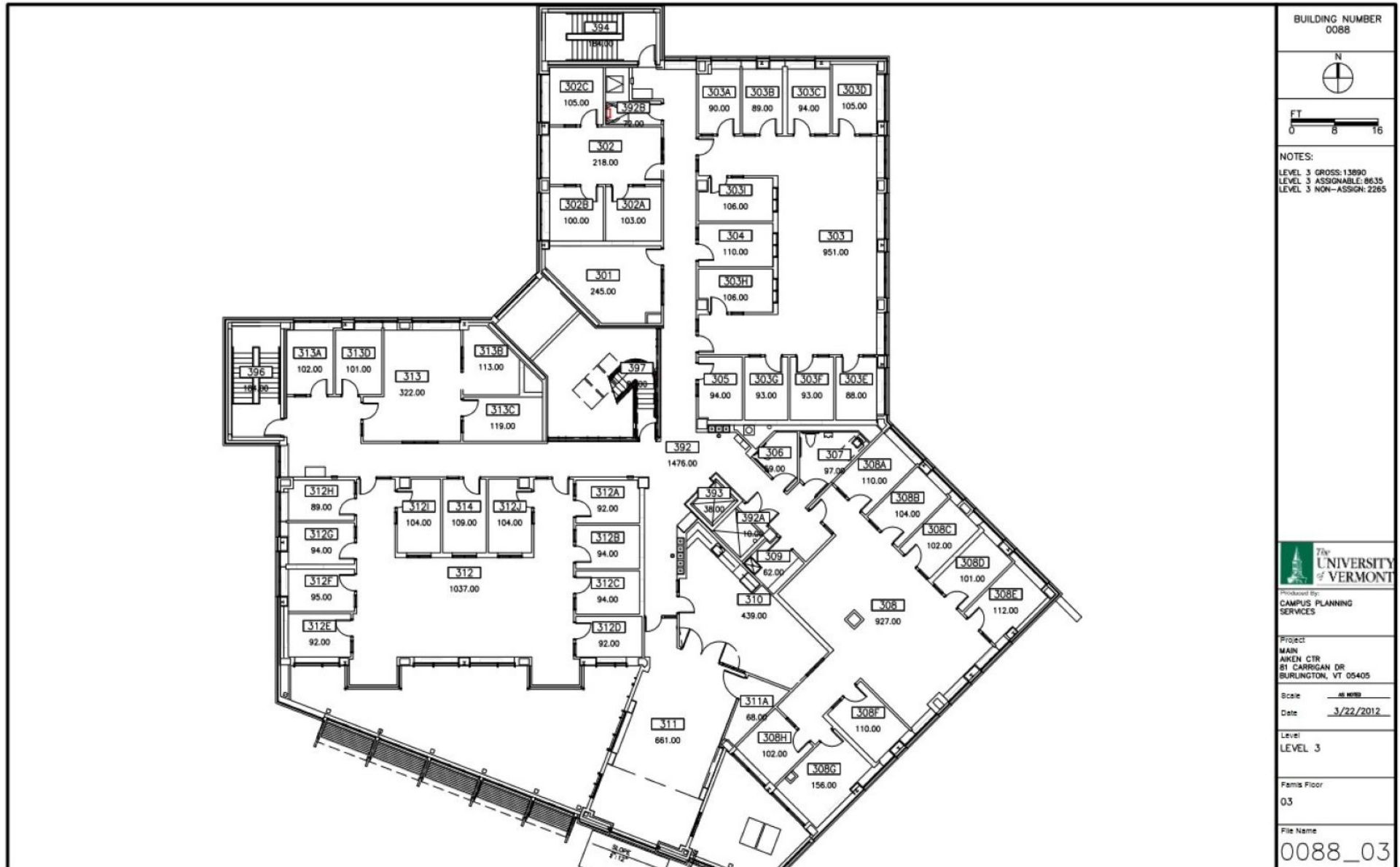
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Thank You RSS Leaders and Members!



We would like to acknowledge the RSS Executive Board, Council Members, Standing Committee Chairs, Research Interest Group (RIG) Chairs, Program Committee Members, and Publication Editors-In-Chief. Also, thank you to all RSS members who participated on committees or helped organize activities for the annual meeting. We appreciate the community that makes the program possible!

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Davis Center Handy Family
- 9:30am **Analyzing Farm Stress**
Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom
Chaired by: Dr. Kristal Jones
- Understanding the Impacts of Climate Change on Farmer Stress and Mental Health in Ohio: A Review and Preliminary Empirical Analysis**
» [Ms. Julia Linder](#) (The Ohio State University)
- Navigating Farm Stress: Race, Gender, and Differentiated Agrarian Frames**
» [Dr. Andrew Smolski](#) (North Carolina State University), Dr. Michael Schulman (North Carolina State University)



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Investigating Farmer Suicide Globally: A Review of Study Designs and Factors Studies Along with a Roadmap for Future Research

» Dr. Florence Becot (National Farm Medicine Center), Dr. Sara Kohlbeck (Medical College of Wisconsin), Ms. Sarah Ruszkowski (National Farm Medicine Center)

9:30am **Special Session for Students: Preparing for the Next Steps After Graduation**

Davis Center Sugar Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Ms. Hazel Velasco Palacios and Ms. Morgan Montanez

Special Session for Students: Preparing for the Next Steps After Graduation

» Ms. Hazel Velasco Palacios (Penn State University), Dr. Matthew Brooks (Florida State University), Dr. Paige Kelly (Cornell University), Ms. Morgan Montanez (Washington State University), Dr. Hannah Whitley (Virginia Tech)

9:30am **Engaging with Law & Policy**

Davis Center Chittenden Bank

Chaired by: Ms. Emma Scott

Engaging with Law & Policy

» Ms. Emma Scott (Harvard Law School), Dr. Loka Ashwood (University of Kentucky), Ms. Francine Miller (Vermont Law and Graduate School), Dr. Lisa Pruitt (University of California, Davis School of Law), Dr. Ryan Thomson (Auburn University)

9:30am **Population Perspectives of Community Wellbeing**

Davis Center Jost Foundation

Chaired by: Dr. David Brown

Developing a Method to Reliably Measure Social Vulnerability and Community Resilience Across all Rural and Urban Tracts in the United States

» Dr. Katherine Ann Willyard (U. S. Census Bureau)

Geographically Specific Associations Between County-Level Social Vulnerability and Mortality from Drug Poisoning, Suicide, and Homicide among Working-Age Adults in the United States

» Dr. Xue Zhang (Syracuse University), Dr. Shannon Monnat (Syracuse University)

Beyond Unifying Categories: An Analysis of (Small) Differences Between Newcomers and Their (Great) Effects on Newcomers' Positions in a Large Vermont Town

» Mr. Ivan Bruneau (Université Lyon 2)

9:30am **Leveraging Community Capitals in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and the Rural Workforce**

Davis Center Williams Family

Chaired by: Dr. Kristina Brant

Understanding Factors Determining Community Support for Surface Mining

» Dr. Carrera Romanini (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), Dr. Neelam Poudyal (University of Tennessee, Knoxville), Dr. Buddhi Gyawali (Kentucky State University), Dr. Cristina Watkins (North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission)

The Effect of Farm Structure on Rural Community Social Capital in Taiwan

» Dr. Hui-Ju Kuo (National Taiwan University)

Barriers and Facilitators in the Adoption of Perennial Cover Crops: The importance of the Community Capitals

» Dr. Cornelia Flora (Iowa State University)

Rural Talent Management Strategies

» Mr. Tom Hall (University of South Florida)

9:30am **Conservation, Science, and Governance**

Aiken 102

Chaired by: Dr. Alan Barton



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Pursuing Equity in Conservation: A Case Study Analysis in the Appalachian Mountains of the Eastern U.S.

» [Dr. Andrea Armstrong](#) (The Nature Conservancy), Dr. Elizabeth Smith (The Nature Conservancy)

Conservation as Carework; Ecological Stewardship, Land Ethics, and The Work of Building Trust Between Landowners and Scientists

» [Dr. Allison Ford](#) (Sonoma State University)

High Use and Overuse in the Adirondack Park

» [Mr. Trent Fenner](#) (Syracuse University)

Exploring Monumental Perspectives About Land Designation: The Case of the Bears Ears National Monument

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

Funding for Collaborative Forest Restoration: Equity, Access and "Readiness"

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

9:30am

Utilization of Space, Place, and Rural Community Well-Being

Aiken 110

Chaired by: Mr. Jimmy Robinson

The Potential Health Risks of Using Bars as Third Places in Rural America

» [Ms. Yiping Li](#) (Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Danielle Rhubart (Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Jennifer Kowalkowski (Pennsylvania State University)

Third Places in Rural America: Utilization and Disparities in Meaningful Use

» [Dr. Danielle Rhubart](#) (Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Jennifer Kowalkowski (Pennsylvania State University), Ms. Tarya Pillay (Penn State University)

Resident Support for Future Olympic Bid in Heber Valley, Utah

» [Ms. Haylie June](#) (Brigham Young University), [Ms. Sydney Hawkins](#) (Brigham Young University), Dr. Michael Cope (Brigham Young University), Dr. Scott Sanders (Brigham Young University), Dr. Carol Ward (Brigham Young University)

Taking the Rural with You: Rural Artists in the City

» [Mr. Jimmy Robinson](#) (University of Kentucky)

9:30am

Innovative Approaches to Gender Equity in Education, Research, and Legislation

Aiken 112

Chaired by: Dr. Maria Elisa Christie

Going Through Changes: The Evolving Gender Roles of College Students

» [Dr. Victoria Gonzalez](#) (Salve Regina University)

Florida, Where WOKE Comes to Die

» [Dr. Allezo Owens](#) (Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University)

Advancing Gender Equity Efforts Amidst Legislative Uncertainty

» [Dr. Marcia Allen Owens](#) (Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University)

Silence is Not Always Golden: Reciprocal Peer Interviews as a Method to Engage Sensitive Populations in Discussion on Challenging Topics

» [Dr. Rebecca Williams](#) (Grand Valley State University)

11am

Corporate Power and the Agri-Food System

Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Kelli Jackson Russell



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Beyond Acquisitions: How Incumbent Power Operates in the Silicon Valley Agri-Food Tech Industry

» [Dr. Madeleine Fairbairn](#) (University of California, Santa Cruz), Dr. Emily Reisman (University at Buffalo)

Typologies of Power in Global Agribusiness Networks

» [Dr. Loka Ashwood](#) (University of Kentucky), [Dr. Andy Pilny](#) (University of Kentucky), Dr. Mary Hendrickson (University of Missouri), Dr. Phil Howard (Michigan State University), Ms. Mariyam Jamila (University of Kentucky)

The Possibilities for Comparative Scholarship in Understanding Competition & Market Power in Agricultural Markets

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

11am **Legal Scholarship and Regulation**

Davis Center Chittenden Bank

Chaired by: Prof. Jessica Shoemaker

Re-Placing Property

» [Prof. Jessica Shoemaker](#) (University of Nebraska College of Law)

Rapid Bifurcation in California's Permitted and Un-Permitted Cannabis Agriculture

» [Dr. Margiana Petersen-Rockney](#) (University of California, Berkeley), Dr. Michael Polson (University of California, Berkeley), Dr. Christy Getz (University of California, Berkeley)

Practice of Law in Rural, Small-Town, America Using the Washington State Bar Association Small Town Rural Practice (STAR) Committee as a Case Study

» [Dr. Krystal Noga-Styron](#) (Central Washington University), Prof. Nancy Shurtz (University of Oregon)

11am **Rural Health and Health Care**

Davis Center Jost Foundation

Chaired by: Dr. J. Tom Mueller

Rural-Urban Differences in Associations between Air Pollution and Cardiovascular Disease Mortality

» [Ms. Yue Sun](#) (Syracuse University)

Disparities in Sexual and Reproductive Health Care in Rural, Suburban, and Urban America

» [Prof. Shelley Clark](#) (McGill University), Ms. Zoe Levy (McGill University)

Connection, Extraction, and Health: Exploring Relationships Between Migration, Industry, and Health Outcomes

» [Dr. Katherine Curtis](#) (University of Wisconsin-Madison), [Ms. Sara Peters](#) (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

State Investments and Rural-Urban Inequality in the Paid Care Sector Across the US, 2000-2014

» [Dr. Paige Kelly](#) (The Ohio State University), Mx. Victoria Coan (The Ohio State University), Dr. Rachel Dwyer (The Ohio State University), Prof. Linda Lobao (Ohio State University)

11am **Use of Digital Technologies in Climate-Smart or Precision Agriculture**

Davis Center Williams Family

Chaired by: Dr. Andrew Smolski

An Investigation on the Utilization of Web Tools in Climate-Smart Agriculture: Insights from Agricultural Extension Workers in Nigeria

» [Dr. Sunday Ogunjimi](#) (Federal University Oye Ekiti Nigeria), Mr. Christopher Adara (Federal University Oye Ekiti, Ekiti Nigeria)

Digital Technologies Usage Among Rural Youth Farmers: Post COVID-19 Evolving Extension Methods in Southwest Nigeria

» [Dr. Julius Olatunde Ayinde](#) (Obafemi Awolowo University), Mx. Zainab Bola Azeez (Obafemi Awolowo University)



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Examining the Perceptions of Precision Agriculture Technologies and On-Farm Precision Experimentation

» [Mr. Reagen Tibbs](#) (Illinois State University), Dr. Maria Boerngen (Illinois State University)

11am **Confronting Climate Challenges**

Aiken 102

Chaired by: Dr. Karen O'Neill

What is Moved in a Retreat and Who Moves these Activities? What Planners Need to Know

» [Dr. Karen O'Neill](#) (Rutgers University), Dr. Heather Fenyk (Rutgers University)

Reforestation of the Earth through Societal Corporatism: A Natural Climate Solution

» [Dr. Thomas Rudel](#) (Rutgers)

POLARIS: The Pursuing Opportunities for Long-term Arctic Resilience for Infrastructure and Society

» [Prof. Guangqing Chi](#) (Pennsylvania State University)

A Risk Crisis Atop a Housing Crisis: Explaining Uneven Flood Insurance Take-up Over Time

» [Dr. John Aloysius Zinda](#) (Cornell University), Mx. Kathryn Foster (Cornell University)

Designing an Environmental Management Dashboard to Transform Decision-Making During Acute Natural Disasters

» [Dr. Stephanie Teixeira-Poit](#) (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), Dr. Leila Hashemi Beni (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), Ms. Raven Funderburk (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), Ms. Victoria Tanoh (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), Ms. Kendall Tyson (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University)

11am **Rural Community Resilience in the Face of Adversity**

Aiken 110

Chaired by: Dr. Vanessa Levesque

Advancing Understanding of Rural Resilience with Real-Time Measures

» [Dr. Vanessa Levesque](#) (University of Southern Maine), Dr. Eileen Johnson (Bowdoin College), Dr. Kathleen Bell (University of Maine)

Can Community Resilience Be Achieved? An Investigation of Subjective Household Resilience, Place Meanings, and Individual Perceived Preparedness to Response to Environmental Threats

» [Ms. Anh Ly](#) (Brigham Young University), [Dr. Michael Cope](#) (Brigham Young University)

Factors Influencing Engagement with a Land-Grant University in the Fractured Public Sphere

» [Ms. Ashley Rice](#) (COUNTRY Financial), Dr. Linda Pfeiffer (Purdue University), Dr. Mark Tucker (Purdue University)

11am **Relating to Rural- Leaving and Staying in Rural Education**

Aiken 112

Chaired by: Dr. Julia Miller

Leaving Rural Education: Ripping the Heart Out

» [Dr. Casey Jakubowski](#) (University of Maryland Eastern Shore), Prof. Niya Brown (Salisbury University)

Teaching Rurality: Student Perceptions of Rural America

» [Dr. Julie N. Zimmerman](#) (University of Kentucky), Dr. Ali Rossi (University of Kentucky), Ms. KC Vick (University of Kentucky)

Educated Out: The Spatial Inequities of College Opportunity

» [Dr. Mara Tieken](#) (Bates College)

50% Before 5: Crisis in Rural Regions

» [Dr. Casey Jakubowski](#) (University of Maryland Eastern Shore)



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12:30pm **Lunch - Please enjoy a lunch break. Conference participants will get lunch on their own. Lunch is available for purchase in the Davis Center on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors.**

12:30pm **RIG Informal Lunch - All conference participants are welcome to attend an informal lunch with the Population Research Interest Group (RIG). People will purchase their lunch and then socialize at the Davis Center Marketplace.**

The Marketplace

Chaired by: Dr. Matthew Brooks

2pm **Authors Meet Critics: Empty Fields, Empty Promises: A Guide to Understanding and Transforming the Right to Farm**

Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Kelli Jackson Russell

Authors Meet Critics: Empty Fields, Empty Promises: A Guide to Understanding and Transforming the Right to Farm

» Dr. Mary Hendrickson (University of Missouri), Dr. Loka Ashwood (University of Kentucky), Prof. Jessica Shoemaker (University of Nebraska College of Law), Dr. Rick Welsh (Syracuse University)

2pm **Workshop on the Accreditation of Programs in Applied and Clinical Sociology**

Davis Center Chittenden Bank

Chaired by: Dr. Mary Emery

Workshop on the Accreditation of Programs in Applied and Clinical Sociology

» Dr. Mary Emery (University of Nebraska Lincoln)

2pm **Addressing Issues of Farming and Land Ownership for Black Farmers through Strategies of Resilience, Capital, and Cooperative**

Davis Center Jost Foundation

Chaired by: Dr. Diego Thompson

Increasing Farmland Investment & the Threat to Black Farm Ownership in the Mississippi Delta

» Ms. Elsa Calderon (University of California, Santa Cruz), Dr. Madeleine Fairbairn (University of California, Santa Cruz)

Research in Access to Capital for SDFRs—Policy Center Research Analyst Update

» Dr. Kara Woods (SDFR Policy Research Center)

Farming Challenges in Central Mississippi: Cooperative, the Black Farmer's Haven

» Gbenga Elufisan (Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University)

2pm **Rural Education, Teaching Rural, and Perception of Rurality**

Davis Center Williams Family

Chaired by: Dr. Carolyn Reyes

Reflecting on Rural Education

» Dr. Casey Jakubowski (University of Maryland Eastern Shore), Dr. Barbara Vokatis (SUNY Oneonta), Dr. Tricia Stewart (WCSU)

Rural Bashing

» Mx. Kacey Lee Klein (University of California, Davis School of Law), Dr. Lisa Pruitt (University of California, Davis School of Law)

It's More than the Test: A Cross-State Comparison of Child Literacy in Rural America

» Dr. Nick Garcia (Washington College), Dr. Sara Clarke-De Reza (Washington College), Dr. Bridget Buntin (Washington College), Ms. Riley McHugh (Washington College), Ms. Avery Castellani (Washington College), Ms. Brooke Thomas (Washington College)

Urbanormativity by Omission and Commission in Education Policy

» Dr. Julia Miller (Fairmont State University)

2pm **Greening Agriculture**

Aiken 102

Chaired by: Dr. Rebecca Schewe



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Spatial Diffusion of Innovations: A Spatial Analysis of Agricultural Conservation Behaviors in NY State

» Dr. Rebecca Schewe (Syracuse University), Mr. Trent Fenner (Syracuse University), Dr. Lidiia Iavoriska (Penn State University), Dr. Christa Kelleher (Lafayette College)

Assessment of Involvement of Rural Women in Gathering of Forest Products as a Means of Livelihood in South-Western Nigeria

» Dr. Abiodun Ajala (Federal University Oye Ekiti Nigeria), Dr. Olajumoke Alabi (Federal University Oye Ekiti Nigeria), Mrs. Adeola Adebimpe (Federal University Oye Ekiti Nigeria)

Bad Seeds: A Case Study of Chemical Contamination from an Ethanol Plant

» Dr. Pierce Greenberg (Clemson University)

Exploring the Human Dimensions of the Agricultural Carbon Market: Factors Shaping Maryland Farmers' Willingness to Participate

» Ms. Jennifer Gannon (Thompson Ag Consulting), Dr. Matthew Houser (The Nature Conservancy; University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science)

Hard Times on the Land: How Collective Trauma of Farmers Influences Conservation Adoption

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

2pm

Aging and Disability in Rural America

Aiken 110

Chaired by: Mr. Andrew Myers

"It Takes a Lot of Planning": How Disabled Adults Leverage Social Capital for Rural Transportation

» Mr. Andrew Myers (University of Montana), Ms. Krys Standley (University of Montana)

At the Intersections of Disability and Aging for Rural Men: A Simplified Rapid Literature Review

» Dr. Rayna Sage (University of Montana)

How Place Matters (Or Doesn't) for Health Among Adults With and Without Disabilities in Ohio

» Ms. Kayla Alvis (Ohio State University)

"Everybody Just Lumps It All Together As 'I'm Old and Confused'": Community Perceptions and Understandings of Dementia in the Northern Rural Midwest

» Dr. Joshua Fergen (University of Minnesota Medical School - Duluth Campus), Dr. Patty Soderlund (University of Minnesota Medical School - Duluth Campus), Dr. Wayne Warry (University of Minnesota Medical School - Duluth Campus), Dr. Kristen Jacklin (University of Minnesota Medical School - Duluth Campus)

2pm

Care and Gendered Realities of Paid and Unpaid Work

Aiken 112

Chaired by: Dr. Allezo Owens

Who Is Excluded from the Circle in the Circular Economy? The Practice, Politics, and Gender of Care in Industrial Agriculture

» Dr. Diana Mincyte (City University of New York), Dr. Aiste Bartkiene (Vilnius University), Dr. Renata Bikauskaite (Vilnius University), Ms. Ieva Sakelaite (Vilnius University), Dr. Pia Piroshka Otte (RURALIS)

Rural Realtors, Sexual Harassment, and Safety

» Dr. Julie Yingling (Lycoming College)

Gendered Care Work and Community

» Dr. Rachel Terman (Ohio University)

Unpacking the Care Realities of Food System Workers during Covid-19 Pandemic: An In-Depth Look at the Unpaid Domestic and Care Work of Poultry and Meat Packing Workers in the US

» Ms. Hazel Velasco Palacios (The Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Rosario Castro (OXFAM America), Dr. Paige Castellanos (OXFAM America), Dr. Katherine Maich (The Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Kathleen Sexsmith (The Pennsylvania State University)



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3:30pm **Rural Food Access: History, Production, Subsistence and Beyond**
Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom
Chaired by: Dr. Rachel Soper

The History of Race Food and Agriculture in Arkansas

» Mr. Terrius Bruce (University of Arkansas), Dr. Trey Malone (University of Arkansas), Dr. Caree Banton (University of Arkansas), Dr. Richard Gragg (Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University), Dr. Jacquelyn Mosley (University of Arkansas)

Rural Residents in the United States More Likely to Produce their Own Food During the COVID-19 Pandemic

» Dr. Ashley McCarthy (University of Vermont), Dr. Francesco Acciai (Arizona State University), Dr. Emily Belarmino (University of Vermont), Dr. Joelle Robinson (Johns Hopkins University), Dr. Meredith Niles (University of Vermont)

Rural Food Access: How Distance, Price, and Technology influence Rural Consumer Behavior

» Mr. Jimmy Esquibel (Oklahoma State University)

3:30pm **Small-scale Farmers, Big Data: Undergraduate Research on Agricultural Livelihoods in East Africa**

Davis Center Chittenden Bank

Chaired by: Dr. Daniel Tobin

Small-scale Farmers, Big Data: Undergraduate Research on Agricultural Livelihoods in East Africa

» Ms. Noorah Aldaghlis (Carleton College), Ms. Hannah Brouillard (University of Vermont), Mx. Onyx Eatchel (University of Vermont), Ms. Morgan Jablonski (University of Vermont), Ms. Anabelle Keimach (University of Vermont), Mr. John King (Tennessee State University), Ms. Valerie Lam (University of Southern California), Ms. Ladanijirah Lightner (State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry), Dr. Daniel Tobin (University of Vermont), Dr. Travis Reynolds (University of Vermont)

3:30pm **Heirs Property, Land, and Wealth**

Davis Center Jost Foundation

Chaired by: Dr. Ryan Thomson

Heirs' Property and the Wealth Gap in Central Appalachia

» Ms. Madison Mooney (Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network (LiKEN)), Mr. William Major (Livelihoods Knowledge Exchange Network (LiKEN))

Heirs' Property Across the Rural-Urban Continuum

» Dr. Ryan Thomson (Auburn University)

Heirs' Property and Rural Land Tenure

» Ms. Natasha Moodie (Housing Assistance Council), Dr. Keith Wiley (Housing Assistance Council), Mr. Lance George (Housing Assistance Council)

Greener on the Other Side or Up Against a "White Wall"? Examining the Impact of Title Clearance on Wealth Building for Former Heirs' Property Owners

» Dr. Cassandra Johnson (USDA Forest Service), Dr. Portia Johnson (Auburn University), Dr. Jennie Stephens (Center for Heirs' Property Preservation), Ms. Jasmine Simington (University of Michigan), Dr. Betsy Taylor (Livelihood Knowledge Exchange Network)

3:30pm **Teaching Tool Lightning Presentations**

Davis Center Williams Family

Chaired by: Dr. Amit Anshumali

Teaching Tool Lightning Presentations

» Prof. Sarah Walton (University of Maine), Dr. Anadil Iftekhhar (University of Missouri), Dr. Kristi Lekies (The Ohio State University), Dr. Fridah Mubichi-Kut (Cornell University), Dr. Michael Branch (Hartwick College), Dr. Gregory Fulkerson (SUNY Oneonta), Dr. Amit Anshumali (Princeton University), Dr. Amanda Crump (Associate Professor)

3:30pm **Place and Culture**

Aiken 102

Chaired by: Dr. Amanda McMillan Lequeieu



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A Situational Analysis of Water Allocation Processes and Outcomes in the Klamath Irrigation Project (USA)

» Ms. Hannah Whitley (Penn State University)

How Place Matters: Tracing Parallel Land Uses Across Rural-Urban Cases of Deindustrialization

» Dr. Amanda McMillan Lequieu (Drexel University)

Saving the Wild or Saving the Cowboy? Cultural Conflict between the Old and New West

» Mr. John Canfield (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

The Urbanormative Discipline of Rural Bodies

» Ms. Margaux Crider (University of Kentucky), Mr. Jimmy Robinson (University of Kentucky)

3:30pm

Reproductive and Family Health in Rural Areas

Aiken 110

Chaired by: Ms. Kayla Alvis

Provider-Required Contraception Use Among Reproductive-Aged Women in Rural Appalachian Ohio

» Ms. Kayla Alvis (Ohio State University), Dr. Mikaela Smith (Ohio State University), Dr. Abigail Norris Turner (Ohio State University), Dr. Maria Gallo (Ohio State University)

What Exactly Does a "Plant-Based Diet" Mean to Rural Residents? Results of a Mixed-Methods Inquiry

» Dr. Emily Belarmino (University of Vermont), Ms. Michelle Leonetti (University of Vermont), Ms. Saadatu Abdul-Rahaman (University of Vermont)

Economic Considerations Coincide with the Rise of Divorce in Rural Society

» Dr. Ahmad Ali (Assistant Professor), Dr. Sameerul Khaliqjan (Lecturer)

3:30pm

Community Development and Emerging Technologies for Engaging Youth

Aiken 112

Chaired by: Dr. Julia Miller

The Village Economic Development Solution: An Innovative Strategy for Ameliorating Rural Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa

» Dr. Abiodun Ajala (Federal University Oye Ekiti Nigeria), Dr. Olajumoke Alabi (Federal University Oye Ekiti Nigeria), Mrs. Adeola Adebimpe (Federal University Oye Ekiti Nigeria)

Assessing Rural Technology Use for Community Well-Being

» Dr. Brianna Dym (University of Maine), Prof. Sarah Walton (University of Maine)

Rural Public Library Staff as Agents of Change for Intra-Rural Inequality

» Ms. Rebecca Jonas (The Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Kelley Cotter (The Pennsylvania State University)

Machine Learning to Examine Online Messaging about STEM Education and Careers

» Dr. Stephanie Teixeira-Poit (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), Ms. Shalee Forney (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University & University of North Carolina at Greensboro), Dr. Carla Coates (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), Dr. Belinda Shipps (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), Ms. Tiffany Davis-Stewart (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), Ms. Connie Miller (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), Ms. Nadia James (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), Ms. Zhani Swailes (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), Ms. Deja Hollie (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), Ms. Dena Adams (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University)

5pm

Perspectives on Biotechnology and Gene Editing

Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Rick Welsh



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Are Intellectual Property Policies for Gene-Edited Crops Fit for Purpose? The Perspectives of German Scientists

» [Prof. Leland Glenna](#) (Pennsylvania State University)

Biotechnology and Grains in the World Economy: Explaining Divergent Patterns of Genetically Engineered Feed and Food Grains

» [Dr. Bill Winders](#) (Georgia Tech)

Unpacking Public Engagement in Emerging Biotechnology Use in Agriculture: Investigating the Role of Publics in Decision-Making and Governance

» [Dr. Theresa Selfa](#) (SUNY ESF)

On-Farm Genetic Diversity of Maize: Data and Defining the Blanks

» [Ms. Cathleen McCluskey](#) (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Dr. William Tracy (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

5pm

Breaking Down Barriers by Making and Playing Games

Davis Center Sugar Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Brianna Dym

Breaking Down Barriers by Making and Playing Games

» [Dr. Brianna Dym](#) (University of Maine), Prof. Sarah Walton (University of Maine)

5pm

Technology as a Force for Agricultural Growth

Davis Center Chittenden Bank

Chaired by: Ms. Vitoria Aparecida Cardoso

How Do Relational Values Influence Farmers' Decision-Making? A Global Review of the Empirical Literature

» [Ms. Vitoria Aparecida Cardoso](#) (University of Vermont), Dr. Daniel Tobin (University of Vermont)

Labour Transformation Across Space and Time: A Case Study of Two Villages in South India

» [Dr. Yadu C R](#) (RV University)

Covid and Collaborative Agricultural Research in Louisiana, Kenya, and Kerala, India

» [Dr. Mark Schafer](#) (LSU AgCenter), Dr. Wesley Shrum (Louisiana State University), Dr. Matthew Harsh (Cal Poly), Dr. Paige Miller (University of Wisconsin River Falls), Dr. Paul Mbatia (Multimedia University of Kenya), Dr. Antony Palackal (University of Kerala)

Analysis of System of Rice Intensification (SRI) Adoption among Smallholders: Why a Homegrown Technique Has Yet to Take Seed among Rice Farmers in Madagascar

» [Mrs. Maya Moore](#) (University of Vermont), Mr. Kimmerling Razafindrina (Kimmerling Consulting), Dr. Meredith Niles (University of Vermont)

5pm

Special Session: Heirs' Property Outreach Program Development, Delivery, and Impacts: Lessons Learned and Next Steps

Davis Center Jost Foundation

Chaired by: Dr. Becky Smith

Heirs' Property Outreach Program Development, Delivery, and Impacts: Lessons Learned and Next Steps

» [Dr. Becky Smith](#) (Mississippi State University), [Dr. Ryan Thomson](#) (Auburn University), [Dr. Sandra Thompson](#) (South Carolina State University), [Dr. Kara Woods](#) (SDFR Policy Research Center), [Dr. Robert Zabawa](#) (Tuskegee)

5pm

Teaching Race in the University Classroom

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Chaired by: Dr. Fridah Mubichi-Kut

Teaching Race in the University Classroom

» Prof. Sarah Walton (University of Maine), Dr. Anadil Iftexhar (University of Missouri), [Dr. Donielle Lovell](#) (Western Kentucky University), [Mr. Kevin Alejandrez](#) (University of Kentucky), [Dr. Daisy Rooks](#) (University of Montana), [Dr. Allezo Owens](#) (Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University)



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5pm **Collapse, Safety, and Survival in Farming Communities**

Aiken 102

Chaired by: Dr. Raymond Jussaume

The Conundrum of Childcare and Safety on the Farm

» Dr. Florence Becot (National Farm Medicine Center), Ms. Sarah Ruszkowski (National Farm Medicine Center), Dr. shoshanah inwood (Ohio State University)

Pesticide Resistance and Community Collapse: The Vicious Cycle of Rural Disintegration and Agricultural Expansion

» Dr. Samuel Mindes (Iowa State University), Dr. Katherine Dentzman (Iowa State University)

Factors Associated with Farm Survival and Exit During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Ohio

» Dr. Douglas Jackson-Smith (Ohio State University), Ms. Tiffany Woods (The Ohio State University), Dr. shoshanah inwood (Ohio State University)

5pm **Public Health Challenges in Rural America**

Aiken 110

Chaired by: Dr. Gregory Fulkerson

How Did the Expected Drivers of Vaccine Hesitancy Hold Up to Actual Behavior in Rural America?

» Dr. J. Tom Mueller (University of Kansas Medical Center), Dr. Ann Tickamyer (Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Brian Thiede (Penn State University), Dr. Alan Graefe (Penn State University), Dr. Kai Schafft (Penn State University)

Reflections on a Campus Outbreak and Distressed Students and Faculty

» Dr. Elizabeth Seale (SUNY Oneonta), Dr. Gregory Fulkerson (SUNY Oneonta), Dr. Alexander Thomas (SUNY Oneonta)

Community Educators and Caregivers Amid COVID: P-12 Teachers and Child Care Workers

» Dr. Kirsten Kemmerer (SUNY Oneonta), Dr. Gregory Fulkerson (SUNY Oneonta), Dr. Alexander Thomas (SUNY Oneonta)

5pm **Gender Dynamics and Activism in Agriculture and Rural Communities**

Aiken 112

Chaired by: Mr. Francisco Reyes Rocha

Examining Gendered Livelihood Strategies of Smallholders Served By Cacao-Centered Projects in Alto Sinu and San Jorge: Implications for the Sustainability of Alternative Development in Colombia

» Ms. Lina Tami (Pennsylvania State University)

Women's Desire to Participate in Agricultural and Households Decisions. The Case of Cashew Farmers in Honduras' Dry Corridor

» Ms. Maria Alejandra Garcia (Michigan State University), Dr. Maria Claudia Lopez (Michigan State University)

Recognizing the Power of Men in Empowerment: The Case of Honduran Lenca and the Need for a Renewed Focus on Women's Transformational Empowerment

» Dr. Rebecca Williams (Grand Valley State University)

Better than Google: Information Activism for LGBTQ+ Young Adults in a Rural Community

» Dr. Jean Hardy (Michigan State University), Dr. Anne Jonas (Michigan State University)

8pm **RIG Social Offsite - All conference participants are welcome to attend an informal social with the Gender and Sexualities Research Interest Group (RIG). People will meet and socialize offsite at the Wallflower Collective in downtown Burlington.**

Wallflower Collective

Chaired by: Dr. Jean Hardy and Ms. Hazel Velasco Palacios



Friday, 4 August

8am **RIG Meetings - All conference participants are welcome to attend Research Interest Group (RIG) meetings for: (1) Applied and Extension; (2) Natural Resources; (3) Rural Poverty; and/or (4) Teaching and Curriculum.**

Davis Center Sugar Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Stephanie Teixeira-Poit and Ms. Keia Jones and Dr. John Aloysius Zinda and Dr. J. Tom Mueller and Ms. Emma Chiaroni and Dr. Ryan Thomson and Prof. Sarah Walton and Anadil Iftekhar

8am **Registration, Exhibitors, and Diversity Committee Silent Auction**

Davis Center Livak Fireplace

Chaired by: RSS Business Office

8am **Business Office**

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9:30am **Social Constructions of Farming, pt. 1**

Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Wynne Wright

Defining Soil Health: "I Know It When I See It"

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

Moving Beyond Production: Community Narratives for Good Farming

» [Dr. John Strauser](#) (University of Wisconsin)

Lavender Farming and the Rural Idyll: Growers Who Cultivate Beauty

» [Dr. Wynne Wright](#) (Michigan State University), Dr. Alexis Annes (University of Toulouse - el Purpan)

Breaking Up the Past: When Modernizing Agriculture Meant Smaller Scale

» [Prof. Michael Bell](#) (University of Wisconsin)

9:30am **Unpacking Ideological and Material Meanings of Whiteness in PWIs, Farming, and Video Games**

Davis Center Sugar Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Lisa Pruitt

Reflections on the Process of Centering Equity in Community-Based Research at a Primarily White Institution

» [Dr. Dara Bloom](#) (NC State University), Ms. Hannah Dankbar (NC State University), Mr. Dylan Dobson (NC State University), Dr. Niesha Douglas (NC State University), Dr. Duarte Morais (NC State University), Ms. Abbey Piner (NC State University), Dr. Andrew Smolski (North Carolina State University), Ms. Robyn Stout (NC State University)

White Farmers' Understandings of Success, Colorblindness, and the Normalization of Whiteness in Agriculture

» [Dr. Kelli Jackson Russell](#) (Auburn University)

Cannibals and Chainsaws and Cousins, Oh My! Whiteness, 'White Trash', and Pollution in Resident Evil 7

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

9:30am **Water Security and Resiliency**

Davis Center Chittenden Bank

Chaired by: Dr. Thomas Safford

Problems With Water in World's Largest River Basin? Examining the Social Dimensions of Climate Impacts on Water Resources in the Amazon region

» [Dr. Thomas Safford](#) (University of New Hampshire)

Defining an Operational Framework For a Water Resilience Unit In Northern Haiti

» [Dr. Joseph J. Molnar](#) (Auburn University), Dr. Frances O'Donnell (Auburn University), Prof. Claudel Noel (University of Haiti-Limonade), Dr. Lonege Ogisma (University of Florida)



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Scaling Wild Food Plant Production and Consumption: Gendered Challenges in Northwestern Cambodia

» [Ms. Sovanneary Huot](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Leif Jensen (The Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Ricky Bates (The Pennsylvania State University), Dr. David Ader (University of Tennessee), Mr. Hans Goertz (University of Tennessee)

Water Security in Haiti: Do National Stakeholders Consider Water and Sanitation as a Priority in Development?

» [Mr. Jean Fritz Saint Preux](#) (Purdue University), Dr. Joseph J. Molnar (Auburn University)

9:30am

Causes and Consequences of Migration

Davis Center Jost Foundation

Chaired by: Dr. Richelle Winkler

Natural Disasters and Migration Responses: Evidence From the Infutur Data

» [Mrs. Yining Feng](#) (Pennsylvania State University), Prof. Guangqing Chi (Pennsylvania State University)

Dynamics of In-Migration and Return Migration to Rural Regions: A Study on Millennials in the US North Central Region

» [Dr. Zuzana Bednarikova](#) (North Central Regional Center for Rural Development/Purdue University), [Dr. Ilkay Unay-Gailhard](#) (The Pennsylvania State University (USA)/Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (Germany))

Gender, Migration, and Climate Change: Impacts of Environmental Risks on Women's and Men's Migration Patterns in Vulnerable Coastal Communities in Alaska

» [Dr. Ann Tickamyer](#) (Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Guangqing Chi (Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Heather Randell (Pennsylvania State University), Ms. Jessica Miller (Pennsylvania State University)

The COVID-19 Pandemic in the United States: Who Moved, Why, and Where?

» [Dr. Uzi Rebhun](#) (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Dr. David Brown (Cornell University)

9:30am

Exploring the Impact of Extension on Wellbeing and Attitudes Towards Agricultural Practices

Davis Center Williams Family

Chaired by: Dr. Shriya Rangarajan

Exploring the Use of Nudge Theory to Facilitate Adoption of Conservation Practices among Farmers: Insights into Land-Use Conversion

» [Dr. Lijing Gao](#) (Boston College), Dr. Matthew Nowatzke (Iowa State University), Dr. Michael Dorneich (Iowa State University), Dr. Emily Heaton (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Dr. Andrew Vanlooche (Iowa State University)

Building a Regional Assistance Network for a Diverse Farm Operator Population

» [Dr. Kenneth Robinson](#) (Clemson University), Dr. Leslie Hossfeld (Clemson University), Ms. Akanksha Rathi (Clemson University)

Estimating the Welfare Impact of Extension Services in Nigeria Using Panel Data and Extended Regression with Endogenous Treatment Effects

» [Mr. Toyib Aremu](#) (University of Vermont), Dr. Travis Reynolds (University of Vermont)

Interplay of Climate Change, Extension Communication, and Massachusetts Cranberry Grower Experiences

» [Dr. Lijing Gao](#) (Boston College), Dr. Tara Gareau (Boston College), Dr. Brian Gareau (Boston College)

9:30am

Responsible Design and Governance of Artificial Intelligence for Sustainability in Agriculture and Food Systems

Aiken 102

Chaired by: Dr. Maaz Gardezi



Continued from Friday, 4 August

Governance of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence in Precision Agriculture for Socially and Environmentally Just Food Systems Transition

» [Mr. Pablo Carcamo](#) (Virginia Tech), Dr. Maaz Gardezi (Virginia Tech)

Coupling Incentive Payments and AI-Driven Information Technologies to Regulate and Manage Non-Point Source Pollution

» [Mr. Benjamin Ryan](#) (University of Vermont), Ms. Halimeh Abuayyash (University of Vermont), Ms. Rubaina Anjum (University of Vermont), Mr. Ali Dadkhah (University of Vermont), Dr. Scott Merrill (University of Vermont), Mr. Scott Turnbull (University of Vermont), Dr. Donna Rizzo (University of Vermont), Dr. Asim Zia (University of Vermont)

Interrogating Precision Agriculture through a Design Justice Lens

» [Dr. Maaz Gardezi](#) (Virginia Tech)

Fostering Sustainability in Food Systems through Rural and Agricultural Living Labs

» [Dr. Edward Prutzer](#) (Virginia Tech), Dr. Maaz Gardezi (Virginia Tech), Ms. Megan Schaefer (Virginia Tech)

Transdisciplinary Research for Prioritizing Responsible Innovation of Precision Agriculture

» [Dr. Mary Emery](#) (University of Nebraska Lincoln)

9:30am

Barriers to Healthcare in Rural America (Session 1)

Aiken 110

Chaired by: Ms. KC Vick

Rurality Across the World: An Exploration of Access to Physicians in the Rural United States and Applications Abroad

» [Ms. Edith Marie Green](#) (University of Mississippi)

The Impact of Poverty and Rurality on Broadband Accessibility, Online Education, and Telehealth Services

» [Dr. Jessica Crowe](#) (Economic Research Service, USDA)

Expanding Rural Access and Deepening Rural Inequality: Perspectives from Appalachian Practitioners

» [Dr. Kristina Brant](#) (Pennsylvania State University)

Overcoming Barriers to Health in Rural America: A Critical Analysis of Disparities and Potential Solutions

» [Ms. Hazel Velasco Palacios](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Kristina Brant (The Pennsylvania State University), [Ms. Jorden Jackson](#) (The Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Danielle Rhubart (The Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Michael McShane (Penn State Health)

9:30am

Political Dimensions of Rural Inequality and Wellbeing

Aiken 112

Chaired by: Dr. Hiba Hafiz

The Law of Geographic Labor Market Inequality

» [Dr. Hiba Hafiz](#) (Boston College Law School)

Punishment and the Local State: County Governments, Local Politics, and Jail Incarceration across the United States

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

USDA Rural Development Investments and Wellbeing of Rural America

» [Dr. Julia Cho](#) (USDA Rural Development), [Dr. Kasey Martin](#) (USDA Rural Development)

Asset Maps and the Digitization of Rural Opportunity

» [Dr. Jean Hardy](#) (Michigan State University)

Disinvestment: Heirs' Property and Food Deserts across the Deep South and Appalachian

» [Ms. Iihyun Shin](#) (Auburn University), Dr. Ryan Thomson (Auburn University)



Continued from **Friday, 4 August**

11am **Social Constructions of Farming, pt. 2**

Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Eleanor Green

From the Mexican Countryside to the California Coast: What Immigrant Latino Farmers Think of Organic

» [Dr. Rachel Soper](#) (California State University)

What is a Good Farmer? Perspectives of Indiana Organic and Conventional Corn Farmers in a Mixed Method Study

» [Dr. Analena Bruce](#) (University of New Hampshire), [Dr. Caroline Brock](#) (Missouri)

Human and Ethical Dimensions of Antimicrobial Resistance: Decision-Making and Pharmaceutical Use Among Dairy Farmers in Pennsylvania and Kenya

» [Dr. Elizabeth Ransom](#) (School of International Affairs, Penn State University), [Dr. Erika Ganda](#) (Department of Animal Science, Penn State University)

A Phenomenological Inquiry into Organic Producers' Experiences in Surrendering Certification in the Mid-South

» [Ms. Garima Srivastava](#) (University of Missouri), [Dr. Mary Hendrickson](#) (University of Missouri), [Dr. Stephen Mukembo](#) (University of Missouri)

Making Meaning Out of Rangeland Monitoring

» [Dr. Kristal Jones](#) (JG Research and Evaluation), [Dr. Katie Epstein](#) (Cornell University), [Ms. Willow Grinnell](#) (JG Research and Evaluation)

11am **Lessons Learned from Elephant Watchers, Farmworkers, Refugee Meatpackers, and "Backward Peoples:" An Analysis of Race, Class, and Gender**

Davis Center Sugar Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Kathleen Sexsmith

Elephant Watchers To Safeguard Lives and Proprieties of Villagers: A Case Study From Western Ghats, Kerala, India

» [Dr. Lijo George](#) (PFM .Manager,Kerala forest department)

"Baptized by Fire": Occupational Health and Safety Risks to U.S.-Born and Immigrant Farmworkers on Pennsylvania Dairy Farms

» [Dr. Kathleen Sexsmith](#) (Pennsylvania State University), [Dr. Adrian Barragan](#) (Pennsylvania State University), [Dr. Veronica Villena](#) (Arizona State University), [Ms. Marcela Martinez](#) (Penn State University), [Mr. Esteban Jimenez](#) (Pennsylvania State University)

Gender Roles in the Groundnut Value Chain in Uganda

» [Dr. David Ader](#) (University of Tennessee), [Ms. Annie Carter](#) (University of Tennessee)

Making Visible the Social Reproduction Sustaining Rural Refugees in Meatpacking

» [Ms. Emily Southard](#) (Penn State University)

The Backward Peoples? Sir Harry Johnston and the Rural Sociology of Race

» [Prof. Michael Bell](#) (University of Wisconsin)

11am **Human Dignity and Women's Rights in International Development**

Davis Center Chittenden Bank

Chaired by: Dr. Joseph J. Molnar

Tea Shops in Myanmar: Micro-institutional Functions for Rural Migrants and Women

» [Mr. Zaw Lin](#) (Auburn University), [Dr. Joseph J. Molnar](#) (Auburn University)

Human Dignity in International Development

» [Dr. Lila Khatiwada](#) (University of Notre Dame)

Workplace Sexual Harassment in Waged Agricultural Employment: Structural and Cultural Contributing Factors

» [Mr. Francisco Reyes Rocha](#) (Pennsylvania State University), [Dr. Kathleen Sexsmith](#) (Pennsylvania State University)



Continued from Friday, 4 August

Navigating Life as a Woman Amidst Pandemic, Food Insecurity, and Marginalization in Rural Nepal

» Ms. Isha Poudel (University of California Davis), Dr. Amanda Crump (Associate Professor), Dr. Jonathan London (University of California, Davis)

The Impact of Mining on Women's Empowerment in Ghana and Sierra Leone

» Mr. Djeynaba Ba (The Ohio State University)

11am **Rural America's Changing Population**

Davis Center Jost Foundation

Chaired by: Ms. Jessica Miller

The Growing Age-Specific Diversity of the Nonmetropolitan Population, 2000 to 2020

» Prof. Kenneth Johnson (University of New Hampshire), Prof. Daniel Lichter (Cornell Univ), Mr. Tyrus Parker (University of New Hampshire)

"Shacking-up" in Rural America: Growth in Cohabitation and Implications for Childhood Poverty

» Dr. Matthew Brooks (Florida State University), Prof. Shelley Clark (McGill University)

Signature Patterns: Continuity & Change in Rural Counties' Migration by Age

» Dr. Richelle Winkler (Michigan Technological University), Mr. Ben Wireman (Michigan Technological University), Mr. David Egan-Robertson (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Prof. Kenneth Johnson (University of New Hampshire), Dr. Katherine Curtis (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Despair and Nonmarital Fertility

» Ms. Rebecca Luttinen (University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Demography), Mr. Drew Schaefer (University of Texas at San Antonio, Department of Demography)

11am

Community Engagement to Feed to the Community and Protect the Environment

Davis Center Williams Family

Chaired by: Dr. Sunday Ogunjimi

Evaluation of effectiveness of Indigenous Poultry Improvement Project in Irepodun Local Government Area of Kwara State, Nigeria

» Dr. Abiodun Ajala (Federal University Oye Ekiti Nigeria), Dr. Olajumoke Alabi (Federal University Oye Ekiti Nigeria), Mrs. Adeola Adebimpe (Federal University Oye Ekiti Nigeria)

Growing Food, Feeding Communities: Rural Food Justice Organizing in Michigan's Western Upper Peninsula

» Dr. Angie Carter (Michigan Technological University)

Contradictions in Organic Agriculture: Findings from a California-Wide Needs Assessment

» Dr. Shriya Rangarajan (University of California), Dr. Houston Wilson (University of California, Riverside), Dr. Mark Lubell (University of California, Davis), Dr. Margaret Lloyd (University of California, Applied and Natural Resources)

Engaging Stakeholders in Local Water Quality Planning: Pennsylvania Countywide Action Plans

» Ms. Erin Trouba (Pennsylvania State University)

11am

Water, Land, Inequity, and Contention

Aiken 102

Chaired by: Ms. Hannah Whitley

Assessing Capacity for Community-based Watershed Planning in Eastern South Dakota

» Dr. Candace May (South Dakota State University), Ms. Maryam Sahraei (South Dakota State University), Mr. Jeremiah Bergstrom (South Dakota State University), Dr. John McMaine (South Dakota State University)



Continued from Friday, 4 August

Historical Contention Over Natural Resources in the "State of Jefferson" and its Effects on Contemporary Water Governance Processes

» Ms. Hannah Whitley (Penn State University)

Rural Park Accessibility as a Determinant of Rural Sustainability

» Mr. Hans Klein-Hewett (Iowa State University)

The Role of Water Infrastructure Projects in Rural Economic Prosperity: Insights from the Rural Community Assistance Partnership

» Ms. Madelyn Verno (University of Oklahoma), Dr. J. Tom Mueller (University of Kansas Medical Center), Dr. Stephen Gasteyer (Michigan State University)

The Impact of Mining on Water Supplies and Community Action to Protect Water

» Ms. Hikmatu awuduhik@msu.edu (Michigan State University), Dr. Stephen Gasteyer (Michigan State University)

11am

Barriers to Healthcare in Rural America (Session 2)

Aiken 110

Chaired by: Ms. KC Vick

Type 2 Diabetes Disparities in Rural Counties: A Feminist Political Ecology Analysis

» Dr. Jennifer Lai (University of Vermont), Ms. Katie Pascoe (University of Vermont), Mr. Jared Kehmna (University of Vermont), Ms. Medwyn Roberts (University of Vermont)

Mapping Access to Food and Mental Health Treatment in Rural Communities

» Dr. Ashley McCarthy (University of Vermont), Ms. Malarie McGalliard (University of Vermont), Dr. Meredith Niles (University of Vermont)

Re-Imaging Healthier Hometowns? A Case Study of Possibilities and Challenges in Engaging Communities to Increase Wellbeing

» Dr. Mary Emery (University of Nebraska Lincoln)

Health Care in Rural America: A Human Capital Perspective

» Dr. Ian Flora (Kansas State University)

11am

Rural Philanthropy: Evaluating our Efforts

Aiken 112

Chaired by: Dr. Daniel Read

Rural Philanthropy: Evaluating our Efforts

» Dr. Daniel Read (LOR Foundation)

12:30pm

Lunch - Please enjoy a lunch break. Conference participants will get lunch on their own. Lunch is available for purchase in the Davis Center on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors.

12:30pm

RIG Meeting - All conference participants are welcome to attend the Youth, Education, and Rural Vitality Research Interest Group (RIG) meeting. People will meet over coffee at the Davis Center Henderson's Cafe.

Henderson's Café

Chaired by: Carolyn Reyes and Ms. Jessica Miller

2pm

Keynote Speaker W. Ralph Eubanks - Beyond the Blues: The Human Geography of the Mississippi Delta

Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom

3:30pm

More than a Sheen of Green: Organizing Agroecological Transformation — Lessons from the Grassland 2.0 Project

Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Joseph J. Molnar



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More than a Sheen of Green: Organizing Agroecological Transformation — Lessons from the Grassland 2.0 Project

» [Prof. Michael Bell](#) (University of Wisconsin), [Mx. Ana Fochesatto](#) (University of Wisconsin), [Dr. Nicholas Jordan](#) (University of Minnesota), [Dr. John Strauser](#) (University of Wisconsin), [Dr. Carl Wepking](#) (University of Wisconsin), [Dr. Loka Ashwood](#) (University of Kentucky)

3:30pm

Race and Racisms in Rural America

Davis Center Sugar Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Marcia Allen Owens

Panel: Race and Racisms in Rural America

» [Dr. Angie Carter](#) (Michigan Technological University), [Dr. Keiko Tanaka](#) (University of Kentucky), [Dr. Kenneth Robinson](#) (Clemson University)

3:30pm

Disrupting Immigration Raids, Racial Stereotypes, and Worker Marginalization for Latinxs/es and Latin Americans

Davis Center Chittenden Bank

Chaired by: Dr. Daisy Rooks

Community Resilience and Intersections Between Sociopolitical and Racial Relations in the Aftermath of Large Immigration Raids in Rural Mississippi

» [Dr. Diego Thompson](#) (Department of Sociology, Mississippi State University)

Moral Capital and Ethnicity in a Rural Town: The Role of Moral Capital in a Majority Latine/Hispanic Community in Northern New Mexico

» [Ms. Morgan Montanez](#) (Washington State University)

Reframing the Racial Contract in Rural Brazil

» [Dr. Ian Carrillo](#) (University of Oklahoma)

3:30pm

Gender, Disasters, Mental Health and Rural Development

Davis Center Jost Foundation

Chaired by: Prof. Shelley Clark

Food Insecurity and Mental Health of Women in the Chitwan Valley of Nepal

» [Ms. Emily Southard](#) (Penn State University), [Dr. Heather Randell](#) (Pennsylvania State University)

Closing Gender Gap in Rural Areas in Albania: Exploring the Role of Agricultural Extension Services

» [Dr. Merita Mece](#) (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), [Dr. Anna Jenderedjian](#) (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

The Importance of Women's Empowerment in Child Nutrition: Guatemala Case Study

» [Dr. David Ader](#) (University of Tennessee), [Ms. Catheryne Jerez-Sarceño](#) (University of Tennessee)

3:30pm

Incorporating Citizen Science into your University Course(s)

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Chaired by: Dr. Tobin Walton and Dr. Stephanie Teixeira-Poit

Incorporating Citizen Science into your University Course(s)

» [Dr. Tobin Walton](#) (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), [Dr. Stephanie Teixeira-Poit](#) (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), [Dr. Anderson Bean](#) (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University), [Dr. Kalynda Smith](#) (North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University)

3:30pm

Trust in AI and sensor-driven data to drive transitions to resilient and sustainable food and farming systems

Aiken 102

Chaired by: Dr. Maaz Gardezi



Continued from Friday, 4 August

Searching for Ethics in Artificial Intelligence for Transitioning to Sustainable and Resilient Food Systems

» [Dr. Maaz Gardezi](#) (Virginia Tech), Ms. Bhavna Joshi (Virginia Tech), Dr. Donna Rizzo (University of Vermont), Dr. Mark Ryan (Wageningen University & Research), Dr. Edward Prutzer (Virginia Tech), Ms. Skye Brugler (South Dakota State University), Mr. Ali Dadkhah (University of Vermont)

Reflections of a Graduate Student: Are Farmers Willing to Adopt Machine Learning Decision Support Tools?

» [Ms. Skye Brugler](#) (South Dakota State University), Dr. Maaz Gardezi (Virginia Tech), Mr. Ali Dadkhah (University of Vermont), Dr. Donna Rizzo (University of Vermont), Dr. Asim Zia (University of Vermont), Dr. Sharon Clay (South Dakota State University), Dr. Edward Prutzer (Virginia Tech), Dr. David Clay (South Dakota State University)

Crop Advisors as Knowledge Intermediaries: The Role of Trust, Knowledge and Risk in Driving Agricultural Sustainability through Artificial Intelligence

» [Ms. Bhavna Joshi](#) (Virginia Tech), Dr. Maaz Gardezi (Virginia Tech)

Re-Designing Smart and Resilient Landscapes: The Role of AI, Sensors, and Games to Nudge Sustainable Behavior of Farmers

» [Ms. Halimeh Abuayyash](#) (University of Vermont), Mr. Benjamin Ryan (University of Vermont), Mr. Ali Dadkhah (University of Vermont), Ms. Rubaina Anjum (University of Vermont), Dr. Sardorbek Musayev (University of Vermont), Dr. Scott Merrill (University of Vermont), Mr. Scott Turnbull (University of Vermont), Dr. Donna Rizzo (University of Vermont), Dr. Asim Zia (University of Vermont)

South Dakota Farmers' Barriers to Adoption of Machine Learning-Based Intelligent Agricultural Decision Support Systems

» Mr. Damilola Adereti (South Dakota State University), [Dr. Maaz Gardezi](#) (Virginia Tech), Dr. Tong Wang (South Dakota State University), Dr. John McMaine (South Dakota State University)

3:30pm

Rural Mental Health and Deaths of Despair

Aiken 110

Chaired by: Dr. Shannon Monnat

Rural-Urban Differences in Psychosocial Wellbeing among U.S. Working-Age Adults

» Dr. Shannon Monnat (Syracuse University), [Mr. Joshua Grove](#) (Syracuse University)

The Impact of Cumulative Rural Disadvantage upon Violent Deaths of Despair

» [Mr. Cameron McAlister](#) (University of Kentucky)

Wellbeing and Mental Health Across a Rural-Urban Continuum in Utah

» [Ms. Kristen Koci](#) (Utah State University), [Dr. Jessica Schad](#) (Utah State University)

3:30pm

Economic and Gender-Based Development

Aiken 112

Chaired by: Dr. Emily Wornell

Policy for the People: Quality of Life as Economic Development in Non-Metropolitan Counties

» [Dr. Emily Wornell](#) (Ball State University), Dr. Amanda Weinstein (University of Akron), Dr. Michael Hicks (Ball State University)

Gender, Development, and Participation in Poverty Alleviation Programs: Implications for Rural Women Workers

» [Dr. Debarashmi Mitra](#) (Central New Mexico Community College)

Western Decline? Hirschman's Responses Across Cultural Areas and the Rural/Urban Divide

» [Prof. Matteo Marini](#) (University of Calabria - Dept. of Political and Social Sciences), Prof. John Green (Southern Rural Development Center), Dr. Giampaolo Lecce (University of Groningen, Faculty of Economics and Business)



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5pm **RSS Standing Committee Meetings - All elected and appointed members of standing committees are requested to attend their committee meeting.**

Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Prof. John Green

5pm **Poster Session**

Davis Center Livak Fireplace

Chaired by: Dr. Stephanie Teixeira-Poit and Dr. Kara Woods

A Woman's Work is Never Done: Rural Women's Activism in Appalachia

» Ms. AnaLiese Mitchell (University of Kentucky)

Addressing Gender Disparities in Agriculture through Feminist Approaches to International Research-for-Development Projects

» Dr. Maria Elisa Christie (Virginia Tech), Dr. Kaitlyn Spangler (Pennsylvania State University), Mr. Daniel Sumner (ACDI/VOCA), Ms. Mary Harman Parks (Judi's House), Ms. Lumbini Barua (Virginia Tech)

Rural LGBTQ+ Distributions: National and Regional Implications for Health and Inclusion

» Mr. Evan England (University of New Hampshire)

Sustainable Agricultural Practices Support Rural Food Security Before and Through the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence from Uganda

» Ms. Emily Schalkham (University of Vermont), Dr. Travis Reynolds (University of Vermont)

Irrigated Agriculturalists' Perceptions of and Adaptations to Water Scarcity in the Klamath Irrigation Project

» Ms. Hannah Whitley (Penn State University)

Teaching as Care Work in Rural Appalachia

» Dr. Christa Moore (The University of Virginia's College at Wise)

6:30pm **Happy Hour With the Elders: Free Advice - You Get What You Pay For. Come share snacks and drinks with The Elder RIG members who will share their stories about RSS. Snacks will be provided and beverages will be available for purchase (cash bar).**

Davis Center Sugar Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Prof. Doug Constance

7:30pm **Student Social - All students are cordially invited to attend. Students will meet at the Sugar Maple Ballroom and then hang out offsite.**

Davis Center Sugar Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Ms. Hazel Velasco Palacios and Ms. Morgan Montanez

Saturday, 5 August

8am **RIG Meetings - All conference participants are welcome to attend Research Interest Group (RIG) meetings for: (1) Community, Health, and Family; and/or (2) Sociology of Agriculture and Food (SAFRIG).**

Davis Center Sugar Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Karl Jicha and Ms. Jorden Jackson and Ms. KC Vick and Anh Ly Minh and Michaela Hoffmeyer and Dr. Andrew Smolski and Kelli Jackson Russell

8am **Registration, Exhibitors, and Diversity Committee Silent Auction**

Davis Center Livak Fireplace

Chaired by: RSS Business Office

8am **Business Office**

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9:30am **Political Dimensions of Rural Climate and Environment Issues**

Davis Center Chittenden Bank

Chaired by: Dr. Cheryl Morse



Continued from **Saturday, 5 August**

Addressing Urban-Agricultural Tension in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed: Perspective on Concerns and Remedies

» Mr. Edem Avemegah (Utah State University), Dr. Jessica Schad (Utah State University)

Explaining the Relationship Between Climate Change and Solar Energy Acceptance on Different Land Uses in a Midwestern US State

» Dr. Ayorinde Ogunyiola (Murray State University)

Climate Movers to Rural Places: Imaginations, Expectations, and Planning

» Dr. Cheryl Morse (University of Vermont)

9:30am

Book Publication and the Rural Studies Series

Davis Center Jost Foundation

Chaired by: Dr. Jennifer Sherman

Book Publication and the Rural Studies Series

» Dr. Jennifer Sherman (Washington State University), Dr. Conner Bailey (Auburn University)

9:30am

Reflexivity and Rurality: Strategies for Teaching and Learning

Davis Center Williams Family

Chaired by: Dr. Michael Branch

Adaptations in Writing Intensive Course Structure During the Evolving Pandemic to Enhance Inclusive Learning

» Dr. Caroline Brock (Missouri)

Rural Sociology, Regenerative Science, Transdisciplinary Education

» Prof. Leland Glenna (Pennsylvania State University), Ms. Lina Tami (Pennsylvania State University), Ms. Keia Jones (Pennsylvania State University), Ms. Emma Chiaroni (Pennsylvania State University), Ms. Ledeebari Banuna (Pennsylvania State University)

Tapping into Community: How Rural Science Teachers Support Instruction Through Community Connections

» Mrs. Tracy Poulsen (Brigham Young University), Dr. Erin Whiting (Brigham Young University)

Decoupling, Degrowth and Dematerialization: Approaches to Teaching Sustainability & Consumption

» Dr. Jeff Sharp (The Ohio State University), Dr. Tim Jaquet (The Ohio State University), Dr. Jeremy Brooks (The Ohio State University)

Effectively Engaging First-Generation Rural Students in Higher Education: Ideas and Opportunities for Rural Sociology

» Dr. Kristi Lekies (The Ohio State University), Dr. Anjel Stough-Hunter (Ohio Dominican University)

9:30am

Critical Reflections on Food System Practice

Aiken 102

Chaired by: Dr. Angie Carter

Re-Grounding Trust: Cultivating Soil Health Knowledge Across the Political Fenceline

» Dr. Rachel Gurney (University of Wisconsin), Dr. Valerie Stull (University of Wisconsin), Prof. Michael Bell (University of Wisconsin)

Co-operation in Prairie Agricultural Production: Practices and Problematics

» Dr. Michael Gertler (University of Saskatchewan), Dr. JoAnn Jaffe (University of Regina)

Building the Civic Infrastructure for Food Justice? A Systems Analysis for Localizing the Food System

» Dr. Stephen Gasteyer (Michigan State University), Ms. Faith Saeerah (Michigan State University)

9:30am

Networks, Solidarity, and Social Capital

Aiken 110

Chaired by: Dr. Andrew Smolski



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Farmer Stress, Co-op Members and Problematic Solidity: A Qualitative Analysis of Dairy Comments

» Dr. Thomas Gray (USDA Program on Co-ops)

Market Niches for Culturally Meaningful Seed in the Northeastern US: A Seed Value Chain Analysis to Encourage Accessibility

» Ms. Claire Fischer (University of Vermont), Ms. Chanda Robinson Banks (Ujamaa Cooperative Farming Alliance), Ms. Sally Burke (University of Vermont), Ms. Carina Isbell (University of Vermont), Ms. Alexis Yamashita (Ujamaa Cooperative Farming Alliance), Ms. Bonnetta Adeeb (Ujamaa Cooperative Farming Alliance), Dr. Eric Bishop-von-Wettberg (University of Vermont), Dr. Daniel Tobin (University of Vermont)

Black Farmers and Climate Adaptation: A Comparative Study of Ohio and North Carolina

» Mx. Maritza Pierre (Ohio State University), Dr. Shoshannah Inwood (Ohio State University), Dr. Douglas Jackson-Smith (Ohio State University)

Smartphones and Peanuts: Adoption of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Groundnut Value Chains in Rural Uganda

» Dr. David Ader (University of Tennessee), Ms. Bhuvna Arora (University of Tennessee)

9:30am Rural Well-being and Ways of Life

Aiken 112

Chaired by: Dr. Kai Schafft

The Way of Life and Demographics of the Wiregrass Region in Georgia, Alabama, and Florida

» Dr. Harry Vogel (East Georgia State College)

Rural Community Well-Being in Natural Resource-Dependent Counties: A Qualitative Examination of Local Context

» Dr. Kai Schafft (Penn State University), Mr. Joshua Almes (Penn State University), Dr. J. Tom Mueller (University of Kansas Medical Center), Dr. Ann Tickamyer (Pennsylvania State University), Dr. Brian Thiede (Penn State University), Dr. Alan Graefe (Penn State University)

Envisioning Real Utopias: Strategic Action in the Struggle to Improve Farmworker Wellbeing

» Mr. Kevin Alejandrez (University of Kentucky)

Historical Boundaries, Bonding and Bridging Social Capital, and Community Resiliency in High Poverty South Carolina Counties

» Ms. Maya Gardner (Clemson University), Dr. Catherine Mobley (Clemson University), Dr. Leslie Hossfeld (Clemson University)

11am

Rural Social and Political Movements and Resistance

Davis Center Chittenden Bank

Chaired by: Dr. Margiana Petersen-Rockney

The "Right to be Rural" Newcomers, Water Claims, and New Rural Formations in Rural California

» Dr. Margiana Petersen-Rockney (University of California, Berkeley)

Elected Insurrectionists: Contextual Factors Associated with Electing Anti-Democracy Candidates in the U.S.

» Dr. Carolyn Reyes (Public Wise), Dr. Jacob Faber (NYU), Dr. Jessie Kalbfeld (Public Wise), Dr. Sara Moore (Public Wise), Dr. Ella Wind (Public Wise)

Possibilities and Limitations of Working Together: How Advocates Collaborated with Growers to Create a Ground-Breaking Resource Program from Farmworkers

» Dr. Kaitlyn Alvarez Noli (Northeastern University)

Where are the Movements?: Rural Social Movements in the Current Political Climate

» Ms. Michelle Weston (Washington State University)



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11am **Conversations about Professional Development: On Becoming a Professor in the Countryside**

Davis Center Jost Foundation

Chaired by: Dr. Gregory Fulkerson

Conversations about Professional Development: On Becoming a Professor in the Countryside

» [Dr. Gregory Fulkerson](#) (SUNY Oneonta)

11am **Policy Impacts on a Sustainable World**

Davis Center Williams Family

Chaired by: Dr. Amit Anshumali

Fostering Sustainability in Tumultuous Times: Fairtrade Certification and Agricultural Worker Resilience, Reworking, and Resistance in Latin America

» [Dr. Laura Reynolds](#) (Colorado State University)

National Food Heritage Policy and Transnational Authority: Reproducing the Hegemony of Origin Food Schemes Through Expert Discourses

» [Mr. MATTHEW ZINSLI](#) (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Sustainable Intensification and the Impacts and Possibilities of Interventions in Food Systems in Cambodia

» [Dr. David Ader](#) (University of Tennessee)

11am **Critical Reflections on Food System Scholarship**

Aiken 102

Chaired by: Prof. Doug Constance

Multispecies, Relational Methods for Just Transitions in Agroecological Animal Farming

» [Ms. Ayana Curran-Howes](#) (University of Vermont)

A New Paradigm for Agricultural Science Research: Puzzle-Solving Versus Problem Solving and Lessons for Transdisciplinarity

» [Dr. Katherine Dentzman](#) (Iowa State University), Dr. Paul Lasley (Iowa State University)

A Farm-Level Perspective on Agriculture 4.0: Insights from Produce Agriculture

» [Dr. Jason Konefal](#) (Sam Houston State University), Dr. Maki Hatanaka (Sam Houston State University)

The Ontological Chasm in Agrifood Studies: How We Got in this Mess

» [Prof. Doug Constance](#) (Sam Houston State University)

Reimagining the Relationship Between Food Security and Food Sovereignty

» [Ms. Pallavi Raonka](#) (University of Missouri), Dr. Anna Erwin (University of Texas Rio Grande Valley)

11am

Assessing Production: What and Why

Aiken 110

Chaired by: Dr. Dani Deemer

Perspectives on Algae Feed Supplements for Dairy Cows

» Ms. Michelle Tynan (Syracuse University), [Dr. Rick Welsh](#) (Syracuse University), Mr. Ryan Fitzgerald (Syracuse University), Ms. Marie Claire Bryant (Fresh Direct), Dr. Sabrina Greenwood (University of Vermont), Dr. David Conner (University of Vermont), Dr. Nichole Price (Bigelow Institute), Dr. Charlotte Quigley (Bigelow Institute), Ms. Autumn Moen (University of Vermont)

Role of Academics in the Adaptation of Production Methods to Climate and Technological Change in Morocco: Rural Areas of the Middle Atlas

» [Mr. Mustapha OUATMANE](#) (University of Moulay Ismail)

Bean Varietal Selection among Ugandan Smallholders: Perceptions of Agronomic and Organoleptic Qualities Resulting in Tradeoffs

» [Ms. Abigail Merolle](#) (Florida International University)



Continued from **Saturday, 5 August**

African Rice: Neglected and Underutilized by Science?

» Ms. Ledeebari Banuna (Pennsylvania State University)

11am

Rural Boundaries and Relations

Aiken 112

Chaired by: Dr. Eric Swanson

Social Relations, Second Homes, and the Space between "Insider" and "Outsider" in a Rural, Amenity Rich Community

» Ms. Molly Myers (University of Vermont), Dr. Cheryl Morse (University of Vermont), Mrs. Kelly Hamshaw (University of Vermont)

Chapter 6: Thriving or 'Left Behind': Economic Integration with Cities and Diverging Fortunes along the Rural-Urban Boundary

» Dr. Eric Swanson (Ohio State University)

Do Homegrown and Wild-Harvested Foods Enhance Food Security in the Global North?

» Mr. Sam Bliss (University of Vermont)

The Impacts of Moral Capital, Social Integration, and Surveillance on Rural Criminal Justice Experiences

» Dr. Jennifer Sherman (Washington State University), Dr. Jennifer Schwartz (Washington State University)

Childhood Obesity and its Effects on Civic Participation in Early Adulthood

» Ms. Nishat Tasnim koli (Texas Tech University)

12:30pm

RSS Awards Luncheon - All registered conference participants are cordially invited to attend. Lunch is provided free of charge.

Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom

12:30pm

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3:30pm

Plenary Panel: Unleashing the "Prairie Generation": Retaining Talent, Leadership, and Entrepreneurialism in Rural America

Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: Dr. Tony Pipa

Plenary Panel: Unleashing the "Prairie Generation": Retaining Talent, Leadership, and Entrepreneurialism in Rural America

» Dr. Tony Pipa (Brookings Institute), Dr. Lindsay Hastings (University of Nebraska Lincoln), Dr. Stephanie Sowl (ECMC Foundation), Mr. Michael Zakaras (Ashoka-US)

5pm

RSS Business Meeting - All registered conference participants are encouraged to attend.

Davis Center Silver Maple Ballroom

Chaired by: RSS Business Office

7pm

Departments, Partners, and Diversity Night: Building Connections through RSS - All registered conference participants are cordially invited to attend. A bus will provide transportation to and from the event free of charge.

Hula Event Center

Chaired by: RSS Business Office and Prof. John Green and Dr. Stephanie Teixeira-Poit and Dr. Kara Woods

Sunday, 6 August

8am

Business Office

Davis Center Handy Family

9am

RSS Council Meeting - This is the RSS Council meeting for incoming Council members for the 2023-2024 year.

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Chaired by: Dr. Jennifer Sherman

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.

86th Annual Meeting
Madison Concourse Hotel
Madison WI, July 24 -30 2024

