



Welcome to the Rural Sociological Society

We're glad you are here! We hope that you'll find RSS to be a welcoming, intellectually stimulating place to be no matter your primary discipline or affiliation. We are all things rural. We hope that, like many of us, you will discover you have found your "intellectual home."

All participants are welcome to attend any of the meetings, sessions, or events on the program. Some particular things we'd like to call your attention to include:

What are RIGs?

RIGs are Research Interest Groups. They reflect the substantive interests of RSS Members and serve as an important avenue for connecting members with similar interests. You are welcome to join any of the RIG business meetings, socials, or happy hours. You don't have to be a formal member. You can find out more about what each RIG is on the ruralsociology.org website under RIGs. Engaging with RIGs is a great way to meet people working on issues you're interested in with a smaller group.

Presidential Reception

Wednesday, July 29th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm – Join us for a welcome party with free food in the room Atrium. At the end of the presidential address, there will be an opportunity for folks who are new or don't know many people to meet, connect, and find a dinner group. ***All are welcome!***

Student & New Member Breakfast

Thursday, July 30th from 7:30 am to 9:00 am – Don't miss this welcome breakfast on Thursday morning for undergraduate students, graduate students, and new members. Pick up complimentary breakfast in the hotel lobby and then join us in room Blowing Rock where you can meet new colleagues, mentors, friends, and collaborators and chat with RSS leadership. Breakfast will be followed by a panel session where you can learn more about RSS; how RSS functions; and how to make the most of the RSS annual meeting. ***All students and new members are encouraged to attend!***

Celebrating RSS: Annual Awards Mixer

Friday, July 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm – ***Everyone is welcome*** to this general RSS celebration in room Tanglewood & Pinehurst + Blowing Rock. This will be a mixer with free food. This is a chance to mingle, chat informally, meet new colleagues and friends, and connect with people you may already know. Several awards will be presented.