

SOUTHERN RURAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

*"Changes in Rural America: Producer and Community
Strategies"*



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**SRSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
MEETING**

East 102

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION

East 103

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

PAPER SESSION 1

East 102

Industrial Agriculture: Poultry and Quality of Life

President: Quentin Jenkins, Louisiana State University

From Goldschmidt to Globalization: The Socio-Economic Impacts of Large-Scale Poultry Production in East Texas

Daniel Argo, Sam Houston State University

Caron Cates, Sam Houston State University

Mirenda Harris, Sam Houston State University

Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

Farmland, Feathers, and Fowl: Corporate Chickens and Property Values in East Texas

Caron Cates, Sam Houston State University

Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

30 Years of Broiler Production: The Louisiana Experience

William D. Heffernan, University of Missouri-Columbia

David Lind, University of Missouri-Columbia

PAPER SESSION 2

Augusta Ballroom E

Public Interest in Private Forest Decision Making: Controversies Over Hardwood Chip Mills in the South

Organizer: Sarah T. Warren, North Carolina State University

President: Donald E. Voth, University of Arkansas

Public Interests in Private Property: Conflicts Over Wood Chip Mills in North Carolina

Sarah T. Warren, North Carolina State University

A Comparative Analysis of the Impacts of Chip Mills in North Carolina on the Timber and Tourism Industries

P.B. Aruna, North Carolina State University

Social Factors in Policy Initiation: The Case of Chip Mills in Missouri

Bernard J. Lewis, University of Missouri

Discussant: Donald E. Voth, University of Arkansas

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Opening Address

East 102

Presider: Jack Thigpen, North Carolina State University

Keynote Address: The Devil’s Bargain: The Structural Transformation of Rural America

Keynote Speaker: Don Albrecht, Department of Rural Sociology, Texas A&M University

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

SAAS Board Meeting

To Be Announced

4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

SAAS General Session

To Be Announced

Serving a Changing Food System

Sponsored by the Farm Foundation and the Southern Agricultural Economics Association

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

SAAS Reception

To Be Announced

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Conference Center, East 103

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM

PAPER SESSION 3

East 102

The Rural-Urban Continuum and Rural Communities

Presider: D. Clayton Smith, Western Kentucky University

Decomposing Population Change in the Rural-Urban Continuum: A Spatial Visualization of County, Place, and Nonplace Territory Growth in the United States

Frank M. Howell, Mississippi State University

Shu-Chuan Lai, Mississippi State University

Gregory A. Works, Mississippi State University

Using Visitor Employed Photography to Examine the Relevance of Lynch's Urban Theory of Small Rural Communities

Dorothy Jenkins, Louisiana State University

Sustainable Rural Communities

Donald E. Voth, University of Arkansas

John Ikerd, University of Missouri - Columbia

PAPER SESSION 4

East 103

The Big Bend (West Texas) People and Goat Development Project

Organizer: George K. Floro, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University

Presider: Paul A. Wright, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University

Assessing the Impact of a Positive Public Presence for Goat Raisers and Their Animals

George K. Floro, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University

Paul A. Wright, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University

Members of Big Bend People and Goats, Inc.

What Grassroots Goat Raisers in the Three Municipal (County) Border Area in the Mexican State of Chihuahua Have Going For Them.

George K. Floro, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University

Paul A. Wright, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University

Sergio Gallegos Ochoa, Rural Development District No. 9, Chihuahua, Mexico

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

PAPER SESSION 5

East 102

Urban Agriculture, Environmentalism, and Alternative Food Systems

Presider: Mirenda Harris, Sam Houston State University

Socio-Geographical Patterns of Urban Agriculture

Frank M. Howell, Mississippi State University

John K. Thomas, Texas A&M University

Mediation-Fostered Quality: An Examination of Environmental Negotiations from a Power Process Perspective

Carla Norris-Raynbird, Texas A&M University

Foundationalism, Multiculturalism, Emancipation, and Alternative Food Systems

Alessandro Bonanno, Sam Houston State University

PANEL SESSION 1

East 103

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Organizer: George K. Floro, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University

Introducing the Mini-Vidas Equipment Being Tested in the Texas Department of Health Laboratory.

Po Chang, MT (ASCP), Ph.D., Texas Department of Health

Members of Big Bend People and Goats, Inc.

Introducing Goat Racing as a Public Youth Activity in the Big Bend Regional Area

George K. Floro, Big Bend People and Goats, Inc. and Sul Ross State University

Members of Big Bend People and Goats, Inc.

11:00 AM – 12:45 PM

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS/AWARDS LUNCHEON

To Be Announced

Presider: Donald R. McDowell, North Carolina A&T University

Presenter: Rosalind P. Harris, University of Kentucky

Presidential Address: Jack Thigpen, North Carolina State University

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

PLENARY ADDRESS

East 102

Sustaining Rural Communities through Sustainable Agriculture

Organizer: Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

Presenter: Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

Presenter: John Ikerd, Professor Emeritus, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Missouri-Columbia

2:30 PM – 5:15 PM

PANEL SESSION 2

East 102

Sustainable Food Systems

Organizer: Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

Presenter: Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

The View from the Activists

Mary Hendrickson, Food Circles Networking Project Co-Director, University of Missouri- Columbia

Michelle Stephens, Public Policy and Rural Development Director, Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture

Sue Johnson, Director, Texas Organic Growers Association

The View from the Producers

Russell Kremer, Osage Independent Pork Producers Association, Bonnots Mill, Missouri

Richard and Peggy Sechrist, Homestead Healthy Foods, Fredericksburg, Texas

Kim Barker, Oklahoma Agriculture Leadership Alumni Association, Waynoka, Oklahoma

Sustainable Food Systems: Institutional Barriers and Opportunities

William D. Heffernan, Professor, Department of Rural Sociology, University of Missouri - Columbia

Jim Horne, President, Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture

John Ikerd, Professor Emeritus, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Missouri-Columbia

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

PAPER SESSION 6

East 103

Satisfaction Issues and Social Indicators

Presider: Fisseha Tegegne, Tennessee State University

Determinants of Farmers' Satisfaction with Quality of Life: A Comparison of Small and Limited Resource Farmers by Race

E. Annette Bitto, Auburn University

Joseph J. Molnar, Auburn University

Community Satisfaction Among Residents of the Florida Parishes, Louisiana

Bonnie L. Lewis, Southeastern Louisiana University

Kellen A. Gilbert, Southeastern Louisiana University

F. Dale Parent, Southeastern Louisiana University

Alabama Farm Operators' Attitudes Toward Local Law Enforcement for Property Crimes: Your County Sheriff's Office

Quita J. Rosser, Auburn University

John E. Dunkelberger, Auburn University

Social Indicators for Environmental Choices

Dreamal I. Worthen, Florida A&M University

4:00 PM – 5:15 PM

PAPER SESSION 7

East 103

Business Issues and Globalization

Presider: Conner Bailey, Auburn University

The Diffusion-Adoption Model: Southeastern Beef and Peanut Farmers' Use of Personal Computers and Internet When Making Farm Business Decisions

Laura Hall, Auburn University

John E. Dunkelberger, Auburn University

Wilder Ferreira, Auburn University

Assessment Training and Information Needs for Enhancing Entrepreneurship in Rural Tennessee and Mississippi

Surendra P. Singh, Tennessee State University

Ruthie Raynolds, Tennessee State University

Safdar Muhammad, Tennessee State University

Enefiok Ekanem, Tennessee State University

Fisseha Tegegne, Tennessee State University

Horse Logging in Rural America

Shanna Thomas, Auburn University

Effects of Globalization on the Distribution of Returns from North Carolina Crops

Godfrey Ejimakor, North Carolina A&T University

3:15 PM – 5:00 PM

SYMPOSIUM

To Be Announced

Agricultural Commodity Organizations and Future Agricultural Policies (Joint SAEA/SRSA Session)

Organizers: Walter J. Armbruster, Farm Foundation and Louis E. Swanson, Colorado State University

Moderator: Walter J. Armbruster, Farm Foundation

Challenges and Opportunities for Agricultural Commodity Organizations

Louis E. Swanson, Department of Sociology, Colorado State University

Perspectives from an Internationally-Traded Commodity

Michelle Huffman, National Cotton Council

Perspectives of a Non-Program Industry

Chuck Lambert, National Cattlemens Beef Association

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

SRSA BUSINESS MEETING

East 103

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION

Conference Center, East 103

8:00 AM – 9:15 AM

SYMPOSIUM

East 102

Government Policies and Social Issues in the South

Presider: John Verburg, Georgetown College

Impact of Government Payments on Select Non-Metro and Farm Dependent Counties in Alabama

Blondel A. Brinkman, Alabama A&M University
Duncan M. Chembezi, Alabama A&M University

A Preliminary Analysis of Alabama Cooperative Extension Programs in Relation to Forestry and Natural Resource Issues

Laura Robinson, Auburn University
Mark Dubois, Auburn University
Conner Bailey, Auburn University

Individual and Contextual Factors Associated with Welfare Caseload Composition in Kentucky

Patricia H. Dyk, University of Kentucky
Julie Zimmerman, University of Kentucky

The Black Belt South's Worst Places for Socioeconomic Quality of Life

Ronald C. Wimberley, North Carolina State University
Libby V. Morris, North Carolina State University

PANEL SESSION 3

East 103

Survival of the Fittest: Perceived Direction of Small Farms in North Carolina

Organizer: Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem, Extension Economist/Small Farms Management Specialist, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension

Presider: Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem, Extension Economist/Small Farms Management Specialist, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension

Arthur Purcell, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension
Daniel M. Lyons, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension
Alton Thompson, North Carolina A&T State University
Larry Atkinson, USDA-Risk Management Agency, Raleigh Regional Office

9:30 AM – 10:45 AM

PAPER SESSION 8

East 102

Latino Issues: Education, Farmers, and Transnational Migration

Presider: Rosalind P. Harris, University of Kentucky

Latino Education in the South

Cruz Torres, Texas A&M University

Old and New Latino Farmers: Facts and Findings

Juan Martinez, National Farm Worker Coordinator, USDA

Victor Garcia, University of Indiana in Pennsylvania

Though the Hole to Climb the Ladder: Peripheral Small Holder Agriculture and Transnational Migration

Diane C. Bates, Sam Houston State University

PAPER SESSION 9

East 103

Food Assistance and Economic Concentration

Presider: Duncan Chembezi, Alabama A&M University

Assessing Use of Non-Profit Food Assistance Centers in Nashville, Tennessee

F. Tegegne, Tennessee State University

E. Ekanem, Tennessee State University

S. Muhammad, Tennessee State University

S. Godwin, Tennessee State University

L. Henderson, Tennessee State University

Public and Private Forms of Food Assistance

Alison M. Gogue, Auburn University

Joseph J. Molnar, Auburn University

Patricia A. Duffy, Auburn University

Conner Bailey, Auburn University

Whither an Alternative? Why Retailer Concentration in the Food Sector Threatens Farmers and Eaters

Mary Hendrickson, University of Missouri-Columbia

William D. Heffernan, University of Missouri-Columbia

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM

SYMPOSIUM

East 102

Food Assistance Needs: A Southern Perspective (Joint SAEA/SRSA Session)

Organizers: Lynn Reinschmiedt, Clemson University and Bo Beaulieu, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University

Moderator: Bo Beaulieu, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University

Can Religious Congregations Satisfy Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Justice? An Assessment of Faith-Based Food Assistance Programs in Rural Mississippi

John P. Bartowski, Mississippi State University

Helen A. Regis, Mississippi State University

Neil R. White, Mississippi State University

Food Stamp Utilization Patterns in Rural Counties in Texas: A Multilevel Analysis of the Micro- and Macro-Level Determinants of Caseload Dynamics

Steve H. Murdock, Texas A&M University

Tami Swenson, Texas A&M University

Steve White, Texas A&M University

Linked TANF and Food Stamp Program Participation Decisions: Understanding the Direct and Indirect Impacts of Welfare Reform

Bradford Mills, Gautam Hazarika, and Everett B. Peterson, Virginia Tech University

Food Stamp Caseload Changes in South Carolina and Mississippi: An Analysis of Rural and Urban Differences

Mark Henry, Willis Lewis, Lynn Reinschmiedt, Darren Hudson, Clemson University

11:00 AM – 12:15 PM

PAPER SESSION 10

East 102

Toxics and Environmental Justice

Presider: Alessandro Bonanno, Sam Houston State University

A Decade of Toxic Releases in Texas

John K. Thomas, Texas A&M University

Impacts of Education and Information Sources on Awareness of Environmental Justice: The Cases of the Southern Black Belt

Donald R. McDowell, North Carolina A&T University
Raphael Okafor, North Carolina A&T University

Common Cause: A Comparative Study of Three Alabama Communities Organizing Against Landfills

Lani Merritt, Auburn University

Toxics, Environmental Justice, and the South's Pulp and Paper Industry

Conner Bailey, Auburn University
Christopher Newland, Auburn University
Shanna Thomas, Auburn University

PANEL SESSION 4

East 102

Genetically Modified Organisms in the Agrofood System: The Intersection of Science, Economics, Ethics and Policy for Trade and Rural Development

Organizer: Enefiok Ekanem, Cooperative Agricultural Research Program (CARP), Tennessee State University

Moderator: Enefiok Ekanem, Cooperative Agricultural Research Program (CARP), Tennessee State University

C.S. Prakash, Director of the Center for Plant Biotechnology Research, Tuskegee University

Drew Kershen, Earl Sneed Centennial Professor of Law, Oklahoma University College of Law

Gregg Hillyer, Senior Editor, Progressive Farmer, St. Peters, MO

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Safdar Muhammad, Cooperative Agricultural Research Program/Dept. of Agricultural Sciences Tennessee State University

Surendra Singh, Cooperative Agricultural Research Program/Dept. of Agricultural Sciences Tennessee State University

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

PAPER SESSION 11

East 102

Social Capital and Development

Presider: Gae Broadwater, Kentucky State University

The Role of Social Capital in the Re-Opening of a Rural Community School
John Verburg, Georgetown College

Social Capital, Transaction Costs and Collaborative Problem Solving: Implications for Community Development

Terrance Thomas, North Carolina A&T University
Anthony Yeboah, North Carolina A&T University

Community, Community Capacity, and Decentralization in Vietnam

Sanh Nguyen, University of Arkansas
Frank Farmer, University of Arkansas
Donald E. Voth, University of Arkansas

A Comparative Analysis of Sociological and Neoclassical Models of Development

Kenneth L. Robinson, Cornell University
Thomas Lyson, Cornell University
Ralph D. Christy, Cornell University

PAPER SESSION 12

East 103

African American Agriculture: The Literature, Politics and the Land, and Social Movement Strategies

Organizer: Spencer D. Wood, University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Decline of Black Farmers and Landowners in the Rural South: A Review of the Literature

Jess Gilbert, University of Wisconsin-Madison
M. Sindy Felin, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Gwen Sharp, University of Wisconsin-Madison

What's Civil About Civil Society in Mississippi

Spencer D. Wood, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Title to be announced

Jerry Penick, Federation of Southern Cooperatives

2:30 PM – 3:45 PM

PAPER SESSION 13

East 102

Education and Schools: Jobs, Violence, and Endowments

Presider: Safdar Muhammad, Tennessee State University

Educated Workforce, Quality Jobs: Still Elusive Goals in the Rural South

Lionel J. Beaulieu, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University
Melissa A. Barfield, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University
Katherine L. Stone, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University

High School Teacher's Perceptions of School-Related Violence: Effects on Fear of Victimization and Perceived Risk

Brandon H. Ungetheim, Western Kentucky University
D. Clayton Smith, Western Kentucky University

Labor Force Experiences of Southerners Over A Ten Year Perspective: The Importance of Educational Endowments

Lionel J. Beaulieu, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University
Melissa A. Barfield, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University

2:30 PM – 5:15 PM

PANEL SESSION 5

East 103

The North Carolina Small Farms Predicament

Organizer: Mary Mafyai-Ekanem, Extension Economist/Small Farms Management Specialist, North Carolina A&T University

Moderator: Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem, Extension Economist/Small Farms Management Specialist, North Carolina A&T University

Marketing Risk

John M. O'Sullivan, Marketing and Farm Management Specialist, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension, Agricultural and Technical State University

Environmental Risk as It Relates to Human Safety

J. M. Ibrahim, Energy, Environmental and Safety Specialist, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension

Where Do We Go from Here: Risk Management Products?

Scott W. Lucas, David Wiggins and Pamela Kiessling, Insurance Management

Specialists,USDA-Risk Management Agency, Raleigh North Carolina Regional Office.

Financial Risk

David Warren Hepler, District Director, USDA-FSA Duplin County, Kenansville, NC.

Developing a Risk-handling Record

Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem Extension Economist/Small Farms Management Specialist, North Carolina A&T University, Cooperative Extension