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Achieving Sustainable Communities through Social
Science”***



**February 6- February 8, 2011
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

REGISTRATION

Marina Ballrooms Lobby

8:15 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

SRSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Marina Riviera 4

9:45 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Marina Riviera 4

Gas Drilling and Water Resources

Organizer:

Gene Theodori, Sam Houston State University

Participants:

This is All New to Us: Rural Residents' Views on Gas Drilling and Water Resources in an Emerging Energy Hotspot

Gene L. Theodori, Sam Houston State University

Abby J. Kinchy, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Leanne M. Avery, State University of New York – Oneonta

PAPER SESSION

Marina Riviera 5

Rural Development in Developing Countries

Moderator:

Tom Gray, USDA Rural Development

Poverty and Agricultural Child Labor in the Niger Delta: Dilemma of Economic Growth and Development in Nigeria

Chioma Joseph-Obi, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Large Scale Irrigation Projects and the Nigerian Small Farmers

Zacchaeus O Ogunnika, State University, Petersburg, Virginia

The Adoption of Orange Flesh Sweetpotatoes (OFS) by Ghanaian Small Farmers for Nutritional and Economic Well-Being

Robert. Zabawa, Tuskegee University

E. Bonsi, Tuskegee University

C. Bonsi, Tuskegee University

P. Doamekpor, Tuskegee University

E. Kebede, Tuskegee University

D. Mortley, Tuskegee University

Rural Development Through Collective Action in the Ecuadorian Highlands: A Case Study

Marta M. Hartmann, University of Florida

Indigenous Women and Access to Land in the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria: A Feminist Intervention.

Chioma Joseph-Obi, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

PAPER SESSION

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Black Communities and the HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Moderator:

James Bukenya, Alabama A & M University

Perceived Causes of High HIV Infection Rates in Black Communities among Women Living

with HIV/AIDS in the Deep South

Andrew A. Zekeri, Tuskegee University
Rueben Warren, Tuskegee University
Tsegaye Habtemariam, Tuskegee University
Berhanu Tameru, Tuskegee University
David Nganwa, Tuskegee University
Gemechu B. Gerbi, Tuskegee University
Vinaida Robnett, Tuskegee University

The influence of religious affiliation and frequency of attendance at religious services on HIV/AIDS risky behaviors among People Living with HIV/AIDS

Gemechu B. Gerbi, Tuskegee University
Tsegaye Habtemariam, Tuskegee University
Berhanu Tameru, Tuskegee University
David Nganwa, Tuskegee University
Vinaida Robnett, Tuskegee University

Depressive Symptoms, Low-Income, and Participating in Food Stamp Program Are Associated with Food Insecurity among Women Living with HIV/AIDS in Rural Alabama

Andrew A. Zekeri Tuskegee University
Reuben Warren, Tuskegee University

Sustainability and Economic Development Issues

PAPER SESSION

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Moderator:

Nii Tackie, Tuskegee University

Formative Experiments as a Tool for Sustainability Research

Brooklynn J. Wynveen, Corpus Christi, TX

Achieving Sustainable Communities through Social Science: Bioethical Considerations

Stephen Olufemi Sodeke, Tuskegee University

The Mississippi Blues: Exploring Psycho-Social Stress in the Delta and Gulf Coast Regions of Mississippi

John Green, Delta State University
Anna M. Kleiner, Southeastern Louisiana University
JoLynn P. Montgomery, University of Michigan
Dana Thomas, University of Michigan
Donald R. Vereen, University of Michigan

Leadership Conceptual Ambiguities: A Sociological Critique and Resolution

Billy Brocato, Sam Houston State University

The Miss-Lou – Using Regionalism and Resource Utilization to Create Sustainable Economies

Rachael Carter, Mississippi State University
Cynthia Pilcher, Louisiana State University

12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M. - Lunch (on your own)

1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

PAPER SESSION

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Rural Development and Educational Issues

Moderator:

Gemechu B. Gerbi, Tuskegee University

Effective Strategies for Engaging Rural Volunteers

Jenna Fehr, Appalachian Coal Country Team (ACCT)

The Effects of Computer Ownership, Internet Accessibility and Broadband Access on Educational Assessments

Danny Jackel and D. Clayton Smith
Western Kentucky University

Returns to Education in the Appalachian States, 1990 – 2000

Edward B. Reeves, Professor of Sociology
Timothy Hare, Morehead State University
Steven Parkansky, Morehead State University

Collaboration: Investigating the Extent of Convergence Between Theory and Practice

Terrence Thomas North Carolina A&T State University
Cihat Gunden, North Carolina A&T State University
Benjamin Gray, North Carolina A&T State University
Paula Faulkner, North Carolina A&T State University, C:

PAPER SESSION

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Rural Land Food Issues

Moderator:

Ntam, Baharanyi, Tuskegee University

Social and Economic Impacts of Timberland Sales by Alabama's Forest Products Industry

Dr. Conner Bailey, Auburn University
Dr. Larry Teeter, Auburn University

Perplexity of Connection between People and Land in Greene County, Alabama

Buddhi Raj Gyawali, Alabama A&M University
Swagata "Ban" Banerjee, Alabama A&M University
James Bukenya Alabama A&M University

Exploring Income Growth in Southeastern United States

Anquinette Hill, Alabama A&M University
Buddhi Gyawali, Alabama A&M University
Swagata 'Ban' Banerjee, Alabama A&M University
James Bukenya Alabama A&M University

Food Environment: Availability and Affordability of Fruits and Vegetables in Guilford County, North Carolina

Ismail Mintah, School: North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

3:00 PM – 3:30 P.M.

Southern Rural Sociology Editorial Board

Marina Riviera 4

4:00 – 6:00 P.M.

SAAS Opening Session

Bayfront Tower Ballroom

5:00 P.M. - Onward

SAAS Annual Super Bowl Party/Reception Brewster Street Icehouse

Monday February 7

7:45 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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8:00 A.M. – 9:15 A.M.

PAPER SESSION

Marina Riviera 4

Community Development Issues in Rural Areas

Moderator:

Robert Zabawa, Tuskegee University

Exploring Local Knowledge and Community in Rural Science Education

Leanne M. Avery, Ph.D., State University of New York

Community Contributions by Immigrant Latin American Entrepreneurs in a “New Destination” State

Frank L Farmer, University of Arkansas

Zola K Moon, University of Arkansas

Cristina Abreo, Wayne P. Miller, University of Arkansas

Stacey McCullough, University of Arkansas

Socioeconomic and Environmental Impacts of Irrigation Water Shortage

Babatunde A. Obembe, Swagata “Ban” Banerjee,

Buddhi R. Gyawali, and James O. Bukenya

Alabama A & M University

The Impact of Socioeconomic Factors on Amount of Earned Income Tax Credit Received Among Low-Income Rural Residents

Nii O. Tackie, Alabama A&M University

Deborah Yeboah, Alabama A&M University

Ntam Baharanyi, Alabama A&M University

Robert Zabawa, Alabama A&M University

Mudiayi Ngandu, Alabama A&M University

Henry J. Findlay, Alabama A&M University

Eunice Bonsi, Alabama A&M University

Oluwagbemiga Ojumu, Tuskegee University Tuskegee

PAPER SESSION

Marina Riviera 5

Sustainable Agriculture and Small Farmers

Moderator:

Tom Gray, USDA, Rural Development

The Predictors of Organic Adoption by Agricultural Commodity: The Case of Texas

Jin Young Choi, Sam Houston State University

Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

Michael Lau, Sam Houston State University

Roger Hanagriff, Texas A&M University - Kingsville

Governance and Sustainable Agriculture: The Case of the Leonardo Academy Initiative

Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

Jason Konefal, Sam Houston State University

Maki Hatanaka, Sam Houston State University

Tennessee Small farmers 'perception of the importance of bioenergy crops and their willingness to produce them

Fisseha Tegegne, Tennessee State University

Surendra Singh, Tennessee State University

Enefiok Ekanem, Tennessee State University

Achieving more Civility in the Agriculture Sector

George Floro, Sul Ross State University

9:15 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

BREAK

Hallway by Marina Riviera 4 and 5

9:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.

PAPER SESSION

Marina Riviera 4

Disaster Experiences and Community Social Capital

Moderator:

Anna, Kleiner, Southeastern Louisiana University

Coping with Hurricane Katrina: Psychological Resilience among Africa American Families in Rural Alabama

Andrew A. Zekeri, Tuskegee University

Rueben C. Warren, Tuskegee University

The shake felt round the world: an examination of framing of social inequality in local media in the wake of the earthquake in Haiti

Colleen Wynn, Western Kentucky University

Involuntariness in Development-Induced Uproot Resettlement

Fayin Xu, University of Kentucky

The Influence of Community Capital toward a Community's Capacity to Respond to Food Insecurity

Dr. Jessica Crowe, University of North Texas at Dallas.

Cowboy Churches: A Blast From the Past or Gallop into the Future

Katy F. Williams, Texas A&M University

PAPER SESSION

Marina Riviera 5

The Global Commodity Chain Analysis

Moderator:

Douglas Constance, Sam Houston State University

11:15 A.M. – 12:45 P.M.

SRSA LUNCHEON AND PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Bayfront Bayview

From Vulnerability to Resiliency: Achieving Sustainable Communities through Social Science

SRSA President:

Anna M. Kleiner, Southeastern Louisiana University

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

PAPER SESSION

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Family Farm and community Education

Moderator:

Andrew Zekeri, Tuskegee University

From Family Farm to Urban Table

Brislen, Lily, University of Kentucky

Alicia Fisher, University of Kentucky

Justin Mullikin, University of Kentucky

Keiko Tanaka, University of Kentucky

Going Out by Going In: Achieving Sustainability through Education in Rural Communities

Professor Kimora, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, NYC

The global regulation and changing - or not changing - economic prospects for local mango growers: A case of a fruit fly eradication program in the state of Sinaloa, Mexico

Kiyohiko Sakamoto, University of Kentucky

Kentucky's Part in Developing the Animal Health Network: the CASHN Project

Marion Simon, Kentucky State University

Kenneth Andries, Kentucky State University
Louie Rivers, Jr., Kentucky State University

2:30 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.

Break

Hallway by Marina Riviera 4 and 5

2:45 P.M.—4:00 P.M.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Marina Riviera 4

Organizing for Asset Building

Moderator:

Ntam Baharanyi, Tuskegee University;

A Preliminary Assessment of Organizing for Asset Building

Panelists:

Ntam Baharanyi, Tuskegee University;
Alice Paris, Tuskegee University;
Robert Zabawa, Tuskegee University;
Jerry Pennick, Federation of Southern Cooperatives;
Dreamal Worthen, Florida A&M University

PANEL DISCUSSION

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Innovations in Community Development

Organizers:

Rachael Carter, Mississippi State University
Cheryl Hudec, Sam Houston State University
Gene L. Theodori, Sam Houston State University

Cowboy Churches: A Blast from the Past or Gallop into the Future

Katy F. Williams, Texas A&M University