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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

Chioma Joseph-Obi, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria

11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

PAPER SESSION
Marina Riviera 4

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

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.
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:

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

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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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
Involuntaryness 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

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SRSA President:
Anna M. Kleiner, Southeastern Louisiana University

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

PAPER SESSION
Marina Riviera 4

Family Farm and community Education

Moderator:
Andrew Zecker, 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
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

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

Innovations in Community Development

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

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