



You are invited to attend
**The 80th Annual Meeting of the
 Rural Sociological Society**

RURAL PEOPLES IN A VOLATILE WORLD: DISRUPTIVE AGENTS AND ADAPTIVE STRATEGIES

For more information see www.ruralsociology.org Abstracts due by Feb. 12th



The conference theme focuses on the ways in which rural peoples cope with a wide range of disruptive events, including economic downturns, severe storms and droughts, the arrival of outside investors, or wars. The strategies and resources for coping can vary, making some groups much more vulnerable to the effects than others. An important subtheme will be the politics of change during crises and the role of rural peoples in the politics of state and national elections. Come and discuss what shapes human activity and how that information can be used to design strategies to help individuals and communities.

July 27-30, 2017 Columbus, Ohio Hyatt Regency

We welcome scholars and practitioners with interests in a broad range of areas related to rural populations, communities, policies, and issues.

Join Us For:

- Keynote speakers on rural politics, food and agriculture, and human responses to natural disasters
- Paper and poster presentations
- Panel discussions and special sessions
- Field trips to locations in Columbus and Central Ohio
- Networking opportunities
- Evening reception at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center and Scioto Audubon Metro Park



and exciting activities in & around Columbus!

- Columbus Zoo and Aquarium
- Columbus Museum of Art
- Ohio State Fair
- COSI Science Center
- Ohio History Connection
- Bicentennial Park
- Metroparks

Research Interest Groups at www.ruralsociology.org:

- Natural Resources
- Sociology of Agriculture and Food
- Applied and Extension
- Community Health and Family
- International Development and Studies
- Teaching and Curriculum
- Rural Policy
- Rural Poverty
- Rural Racial Ethnic Minorities
- Youth, Education and Rural Vitality
- Senior Rural Sociologists
- Rural Studies
- Rural Gender Issues

Attendees with an interest in energy development should also plan to present or attend the [Energy Impacts Symposium](#) being held in Columbus in the days preceding RSS. More information is available at www.energyimpacts.org

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