

Southern Rural Sociological Association
Peabody Hotel
Little Rock, AR
February 6-8, 2005

Sunday, February 6, 2005

8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Executive Council Meeting

Grampas

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration

Poinsett

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Session 1a – Panel

Chicot

A Question of Authentic Engagement: Universities and Community
Groups Working the Black Belt Initiative

Facilitator: Rosalind P. Harris, University of Kentucky

Panelists: Ntam Baharanyi, Tuskegee University

H. Dreamal Worthen, Florida A&M University

Sokoya Finch, Florida Family Network

Veronica Womack, Georgia College and State University

Terrence Thomas, North Carolina A&T University

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Session 1b – Papers

Grampas

Issues in Rural Education

Chair: Douglas Constance, Sam Houston State University

Rural-Urban Differences in Social Capital Effects on Early Childhood
Educational Achievement

Glenn Israel, University of Florida

Why are Rural High School Seniors Less Likely to Earn the Bachelor's
Degree? The Effects of School, Family, and Student Resources

Edward Reeves, Morehead State University

Migration of Recent College Graduates: Rural Origins, Rural Destinations,
and Reasons for Migrating

Ruth Heuer, Research Triangle Institute

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Session 2a – Panel

Chicot

The Southern SARE (Sustainable Agriculture Research Education Grants Program

Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

Jeffrey Jordan, University of Georgia - Griffin

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Session 2b – Papers

Grampas

Health Policy

Chair: H. Dreamal Worthen, Florida A&M University

Beliefs of African Americans Regarding Health Disparities in Alabama's Black Belt: Results from Focus Group Methodology

Andrew Zekeri & Tsegaye Habtemariam, Tuskegee University

An Examination of the Affect of Rural Health Policy and the Black Belt Region of the United States

Benjamin Gray & Terrence Thomas, North Carolina A&T University

Victor Oforio-Boadu, Greensboro, NC

Accessibility of Health Care and Economic Self-Sufficiency Among Southern Low-Income Rural Families

Patricia Hyjer Dyk, University of Kentucky

Frances Lawrence, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

SAAS General Session

Conway

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

SAAS reception

Statehouse Convention Center Ballroom

Monday, February 7, 2005

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration

Poinsett

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Session 3a – Papers

Grampas

Poverty in the Rural South

Chair: Don E. Albrecht, Texas A&M University

Thinking It Over: Conceptualizing Poverty and Reconceptualizing Rural Poverty

Rosalind P. Harris and Julie Zimmerman, University of Kentucky

Location Specific Poverty Programs and Policies

Deborah M. Tootle, Louisiana State University

Vision of Postmodern Extension: A Catalyst for Wealth Creation in the Black Belt Region

Terrence Thomas, Benjamin Gray, Victor Ofori-Boadu, North Carolina A&T University

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Session 3b – Papers

Chicot

Community Issues

Chair: Glenn Israel, University of Florida

Social Capital, Linking Behavior, and Economic Development in Communities

Jeffrey L. Jordan, University of Georgia – Griffin

Past and Anticipated Community Involvement of Master Gardener Trainees

Chyrel A. Mayfield and Gene L. Theodori, Texas A&M University

Exploring the Interaction of Psychological Sense of Community, Community Leadership, and Social Capital within a Viable Community in Florida: A Case Study

Kristina G. Ricketts and Howard W. Ladewig, University of Florida

Measuring the Impacts of Large-Scale Swine Operations on Quality of Life in Rural Communities in Missouri: A Test of Unit Analysis

Anna M. Kleiner, Southeastern Louisiana University

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Session 4a – Papers

Grampas

Small Business

Chair: Gene Theodori, Texas A&M University

Examining the Profile of Small Business in the Alabama Black Belt Region

Derek L. Allen and James O. Bukenya, Alabama A&M University

Economic Impact of Agribusiness Industry in Alabama: An Employment Multiplier Analysis

Shedra C. Rakestraw, Derek L. Allen, and James O. Bukenya, Alabama A&M University

The Impact of Black Farmers' Class Action Lawsuit on Participants' Farming Business and Social Well-Being

Esperance Namugabo, Ntam Baharanyi, Robert Zabawa, and Andrew Zekeri, Tuskegee University

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Session 4b – Papers

Chicot

Small Farms and Sustainability

Chair: Robert Zabawa, Tuskegee University

Building Agricultural Sustainability: An Evaluation of Southern SARE Research Projects, 1988-2003

Keiko Tanaka, Victoria Bhavsar, and Alissa Meyer, University of Kentucky

What Factors Affect Diversification of Small Farm Operations?

Fisseha Tegegne, Safdar Muhammad, Enefiok Ekanem, and Sundra Singh, Tennessee State University

Identifying Public Policies that Strengthen Farming as a Livelihood Strategy

Harwood D. Schaffer and Daryll E. Ray, University of Tennessee

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Presidential Luncheon/Awards

Riverview

“Income, Wealth, and Equity Issues in Southern Rural Communities”

Ntam Baharanyi, SRSA President, Tuskegee University

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Session 5a – Papers

Grampas

Food Politics

Chair: Patricia Hyjer Dyk, University of Kentucky

The Views of Organic Food Consumers in Texas

Douglas H. Constance, Sam Houston State University

Striving at Interface: A Pilot Study on Actors' Perspectives in Local Agri-Food Movement in Central Kentucky

Yong-ju Choi and Kiyohiko Sakamoto, University of Kentucky

Food Needs and Food Pantry Use Among the Older Population in East Alabama

Kiley Harper, Patricia A. Duffy, Joseph Molnar, and Conner Bailey, Auburn University

An Analysis of Factors Affecting the Food Security Status of Low-Income Households

Latersa Hampton, Odili Onianwa, and G. Wheelock, Alabama A&M University

Andrew Zekeri, Tuskegee University

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Session 5b – Panel

Chicot

Challenges and Opportunities for Rural Education

Organizers: Glenn Israel, University of Florida

Bo Beaulieu, Southern Rural Development Center

Panelists: Naccaman G. Williams, Walton Family Foundation

Mark Schafer, Louisiana State University

Doug Smith, Western Kentucky University

Glenn Israel, University of Florida

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Session 6a – Papers

Grampas

Agricultural Issues

Chair: Deborah M. Tootle, Louisiana State University

Sociological Imagination and the Study of Passionate Commitment in Agriculture

George K. Floro, Sul Ross State University

Assessing the Viability of the Inland Shrimp Farming as a Viable Enterprise in Alabama

Anthony S. Deanes, Tuskegee University

Keeping Up the Urban Forest: Predictors of Exemplary Tree Maintenance Programs in Southern Small Towns

Bonnie Lewis, Southeastern Louisiana State University

Communicating Agricultural Biotechnology to Stakeholders: What are We Missing?

Enefiok Ekanem, Fisseha Tegegne, Safdar Muhammad, Surenda Singh,
Tennessee State University

Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem

3:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Session 6b – Panel

Chicot

Education's Role in Promoting Economic and Social Vitality

Moderator: Glenn Israel, University of Florida

Reactor: Ed Reeves, Morehead State University

Panelists: Bo Beaulieu, Southern Rural Development Center
Mike Woods, Oklahoma State University
Frank Beck, Illinois State University

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

SRSA General Business Meeting

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6:00 p.m.

SRSA Social Hour

TBA

Tuesday, February 8, 2005

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

SAAS Board Mtg. Breakfast

Fulton

9:00 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.

Session 7a – Panel

Chicot

State Matching Fund Requirement at 1890 Institutions and Tuskegee University: Is it the Solution to Research and Extension Level Funding at the Land Grant HBCUs?

Moderator: Ntam Baharanyi, Tuskegee University

Panelists: Alfred Parks, Prairie View A&M University

Alton Thompson, North Carolina A&T University

Stephen Kolison, Tennessee State University

Jaqueline McCray, University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff

Marvin Burns, Langston University

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Session 7b – Panel

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Health Insurance and Well-Being in Rural America

Chair: James W. Grimm, Western Kentucky University

Effects of Managed Health Insurance on Physical and Emotional Well-Being in South Central Kentucky

D. Clayton Smith, Western Kentucky University; James W. Grimm, Western Kentucky University; Zachary W. Brewster, North Carolina State University

Effects of Managed Health Insurance on Physical and Emotional Well-Being in Rural Pennsylvania

Shonreh Doss, Western Kentucky University; D. Clayton Smith, Western Kentucky University; James W. Grimm, Western Kentucky University; Gene Theodori, Texas A&M University; and A.E. Luloff, The Pennsylvania State University

Health Insurance, Health Care, and Well-Being in Rural America

Jennifer Marlowe, D. Clayton Smith and James W. Grimm, Western Kentucky University

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Poster Presentations Poinsett

10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Executive Council Meeting Grampas

1:00 p.m.
SRSA Task Force on Rural Education Workshop Chicot
Organizer: Glenn Israel