**Minutes of the 2nd annual W3001 meeting, September 5-6, 2014, San Antonio, TX**

Participants:

Laszlo Kulcsar, Kansas State

Matt Foulkes, Missouri

Ken Johnson, New Hampshire

David Brown, Cornell

John Green, Mississippi

Joachim Singelmann, Texas at San Antonio

Tim Slack, Louisiana State

Leif Jensen, Pennsylvania State

Shannon Monnat, Pennsylvania State

John Cromartie, ERS-USDA

Eddy Berry, Utah State

Katherine Curtis, Wisconsin

Christiane von Reichert, Montana

Nina Glasgow, Cornell

Dudley Poston, Texas A&M

Shaun Golding, Bowdoin

Scott Sanders, Brigham Young

**Friday, September 5**

Scott Saunders called the meeting to order at 9:10. Introductions were made; local arrangements chair Joachim Singelmann provided details of meeting logistics; John Cromartie described the annual report procedures and Scott read a message from the committee’s administrative adviser, Lou Swanson. The rest of the day was taken up with presentations of papers by committee members related to project objectives. The goal was to generate ideas for collaboration and to assess how our collective research was contributing to the goals of W-3001:

Presentations:

Hua Qin "Comparing Newer and Longer-term Residents' Perceptions and Actions in Response to Forest Insect Disturbance on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula: A Longitudinal Perspective"

Sarah Kemp and Katherine Curtis “Projecting presidential election results in Wisconsin”

John Green “Deepening Explorations of Socioeconomic Change and Population Studies: An Argument for Meta-Study”

Brian Theide and Shannon Monnat “The Great Recession and America’s Geography of Unemployment”

Christiane von Reichert and Eddy Berry “Disability in Rural America: Spatial and Mobility Patterns”

Scott Sanders “Healthcare Utilization Among Rural Retirement-age Migrants: How the “Wal-Mart effect” influences rural healthcare selection”

David L. Brown, Tony Champion, Mike Coombes, Colin Wymer (Univ. of Newcastle UK).Examining the Migration-Commuting Nexus: Migration and Commuting in Rural England, 2002-2006: A Longitudinal Analysis

Laszlo Kulcsar and Nina Glasgow "Conceptualizing Natural Decrease in Rural Areas"

Dudley Poston, “The Results Will Vary Depending on How the Issue of Missing Data is Addressed: Examples from Statistical Models of Pregnancy and Fertility

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

**Saturday, September 5**

Scott called the meeting to order at 9:00. The committee reviewed research questions that were proposed at last year’s meeting and discussed potential next steps. Several on-going projects seemed to tie together under the heading “emerging rural inequalities,” including research addressing:

* Demography
  + Consequences of the economic recession
  + Birth outcomes
  + Natural decrease
  + Immigration to new destinations
* Health care
  + Accessibility
  + Disability
  + Health outcomes
* Income, poverty, underemployment
* Environmental sustainability
* Housing

The committee agreed to hold a mini-conference at next year’s meeting, titled: Exploring Inequalities in Rural America. John Cromartie and John Green agreed to send out a prospectus and invite submissions.

Vice-chair John Green agreed to chair next year’s meeting for chair Scott Saunders. John Cromartie agreed to work with John Green to cover local arrangements for next year’s meeting in Boulder, CO.

Joachim Singelmann concluded the meeting with a presentation on the Department of Demography at the University of Texas at San Antonio. They are the only free-standing PhD-granting Department of Demography in the country. Joachim described ties with Mexico’s social science system and recent funding acquired for Latino demographic training.

Scott adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Cromartie