**Minutes of the 3rd annual W3001 Meeting, September 18-19, 2015, Boulder, CO**

List of Participants

Berry, Eddy – Utah State University

Brown, David – Cornell University

Cromartie, John – Economic Research Service, USDA

Curtis, Katherine – University of Wisconsin

Glasgow, Nina – Cornell University

Johnson, Ken – University of New Hampshire

Kulcsar, Laszlo – Kansas State University

Lichter, Dan – Cornell University

Monnat, Shannon – Pennsylvania State University

Qin, Hua – University of Missouri

Singelmann, Joachim – University of Texas at San Antonio

Swanson, Lou – Colorado State University

Winkler, Richelle – Michigan Technological University

Ziebarth, Ann – University of Minnesota

**Friday, September 18**

Eddy Berry (acting chair) called the meeting at 9:15. Dr. Myron Guttmann, director of UC’s Institute for Behavioral Sciences (IBS), welcomed the group and described the work of IBS as strongly focused on applied, real-world issues and policy implications. The group was also welcomed by Lori Hunter, director of CU’s Population Center. Lori described the Center’s research centered on migration, health and the environment. They sponsor an annual migration/climate/health workshop.

Members of the group introduced themselves. The remainder of the day was taken up with a mini-conference on Rural Inequalities:

**Session 1: Population**

*The Impact of the Great Recession on Demographic Trends in Rural America,* Kenneth M. Johnson and Katherine Curtis

*Diversifying or Segregating? A Spatial Analysis of the Effects of Age-Specific Net Migration on Age and Race-Based Segregation in Nonmetropolitan Counties,* Richelle L. Winkler

*Do Migrant-Nonmigrant Classification Approaches Matter in the Study of In-migration Impacts in Rural America?* Hua Qin

**Session 2: Income and employment**

*The Impact of Population Ageing on Service Availability in Rural America, 1990-2010*, Brian Thiede, David Brown, Scott Sanders, Nina Glasgow, and Laszlo Kulcsar

*The Toll of the Great Recession: Racial-Ethnic Unemployment Disparities and What they Mean for County Variation in Income Inequality and Poverty,* Marybeth J. Mattingly, Justin R. Young, and Shannon Monnat

*The Return-on-Education Gap between Hispanics and Non-Hispanic Whites in U.S. Metro and Nonmetro Areas,* Gabriela Sánchez Soto, Joachim Singelmann, and Andrea Bautista León

*Do the Predictors of the Annual Wages of Rural Workers Vary in their Significance and their Relative Importance According to How the Problem of Missing Data is Addressed?* Dudley L. Poston, Jr. and Eugenia Conde

**Session 3: Health care and housing**

*Rural/Urban Differences in Hispanic Health Care Access in New and Established Destinations,*

Shannon M. Monnat

*Second Homeownership in Minnesota: Inequalities and Community Impacts*, Ann Ziebarth

*Rural-Urban Trends in Rental Housing Affordability Since the Great Recession,* John Cromartie

**Saturday, September 20**

Eddy Berry (acting chair) called the meeting at 9:00. The committee debated the best options for publishing research results. Pros and cons of various options were discussed, including a book project, a special issue of a journal, outlets through established institutions such as the Population Reference Bureau, the Carsey Institute, or the Economic Research Service, or a series of self-published policy briefs.

The committee agreed to launch a policy brief series based on the project’s research agenda, beginning with a set to be completed in the Spring of 2016:

\* Johnson, Curtis & Egan-Roberston: recession migration   
\* Winkler: net migration   
\* Monnat: health insurance   
\* Cromartie: housing   
\* Soto & Singelman: Hispanic population trends

Briefs would typically be summaries of longer articles, chapters, or reports published elsewhere, with the original work always cited in the brief. Ann Ziebarth agreed to send a template based on briefs for state and local policy audiences. Shannon Monnat said briefs would be excellent for publicizing research through social media—a big bang for the buck. Ken Johnson suggested a procedure where group members participate in the process by helping edit other researcher’s briefs. Dan Verloff, Katherine Greene, and John Cromartie agreed to coordinate the project.

Lou Swanson reported to the committee on efforts underway at land-grant colleges to improve knowledge-sharing and public engagement. All public universities are under pressure to “re-engage the public” and these efforts are of great interest to both “urban-serving” extension and rural policy-makers. Lou also mentioned that he will be nominating this committee for a national award meant to recognize excellence in both research and outreach—for moving knowledge into public discussion.

The meeting concluded with election of officers. John Green will serve one more year as chair. Laszlo Kulcsar agreed to serve as vice-chair for one year, then take over as chair. John Cromartie will continue to serve as secretary. The group agreed to hold next September’s meeting in Memphis. Eddy Berry adjourned the meeting at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

John Cromartie