**W-4001 Meeting**

**Zoom meeting: September 27-28, 2020**

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**Welcome and Introductions**

Shannon opened the meeting at 12:00 EST. She thanked all who contributed to the write-up that led to W4001 winning the 2020 Multi-state Excellence in Research National Award. Shannon will accept the award on behalf of the project during the APLU BAA annual awards ceremony on October 28.

Brett Hess, Executive Director of WAAESD, described his role and the role of his organization. He also provided a snapshot of NIFA federal budget status.

Brent Elrod gave an update on the NIFA move to Kansas City, which caused serious staffing challenges. He recommended contacting him for helop navigating the new NIFA.

Anton Bekkerman, former AA, introduced his replacement, Vicki McCracken, Associate Dean of Extension at Washington State. Vicki served as an AA for our predecessor group, W2001.

**Presentations**

The rest of the zoom meeting was recorded and is still available (as of January 4, 2021):

<https://syracuseuniversity.zoom.us/rec/play/b92k6Q1xxfpIrfIWF873t6N6iHHih_rt5wiBURKshHf3K4T2VMCN8GxG73Qy_5SyT8h0gblfQH2Xtomq.7u7jCexbc5P-QEtu>

Time points for the recording are included below:

0:00:00

Dudley Poston and John Green provided analysis of three critical 2020 Census issues: 1) Counting College Students; 2) Consequences of Excluding Undocs from the 2020 Census; and 3) Differential Privacy.

0:25:41

Leif Jensen provided an update on the NIA Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging. The network is now up to 119 members and has made great progress in promoting and supporting the development of NIA grant proposals.

00:42:35

Several committee members made flash presentations from recent journal special issues:

00:43:18

Leif Jensen and Tim Slack (Guest Editors). Overview of Special Issue in Population Research and Policy Review on “Changing Demography of Rural and Small-Town America.”

00:46:52

Daniel Lichter and Kenneth Johnson. “A Demographic Lifeline? Immigration and Hispanic Population Growth in Rural America.”

00:54:07

Shannon Monnat. “Trends in U.S. Working-Age Non-Hispanic White Mortality: Rural-Urban and Within-Rural Differences.”

00:59:10

Shaun Golding and Richelle Winkler. “Tracking Urbanization and Exurbs: Migration across the Rural-Urban Continuum, 1990-2016.”

01:04:10

Ankit Rastogi and Katherine Curtis. “Beyond the City: Exploring the Suburban and Rural Landscapes of Racial Residential Integration across the United States.”

01:10:22

Jaclyn Butler, Grace Wildermuth, Brian Thiede, and David Brown. “Population Change and Income Inequality in Rural America.”

01:17:10

Lori Hunter, Catherine Talbot, Dylan Connor, Miriam Counterman, Johannes Uhl, Myron Gutmann, Stefan Leyk, and Taylor Jaworski. “Change in U.S. Small Town Community Capitals, 1980-2010.”

01:25:05

José Pacas and David Rothwell. “Why is Poverty Lower in Rural America according to the Supplemental Poverty Measure? An Investigation of the Geographic Adjustment.”

01:31:08

Katherine Curtis, Marcy Carlson, and Malia Jones (Guest Editors). Overview of Special Issue in Population & Environment on “Demographic Response to Changes in the Natural Environment.”

Several members provided updates on COVID-19 related research:

[not included on the recording]

John Green reported on work from the Delta Directions Consortium on impacts of COVID in Mississippi.

Craig Gundersen discussed Map the Meal Gap and Projections of Food Insecurity in the U.S. Jessica Schad and Jennifer Givens discussed surveys conducted in NH and UT on attitudes toward COVID-19.

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Peter Nelson and John Cromartie discussed research on migration, local mobility, and the spread of COVID-19 into rural areas.

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The meeting concluded with discussions of several administrative issues:

01:52:57 John C. led a discussion of annual report instructions.

02:02:35 Shannon provided a review the W4001 project objectives timeline.

02:15:00 Shannon led a discussion regarding future annual meeting locations.

02:32:20 The committee made suggestions on how to spend our $15,000 national award winnings.

The committee thanked Eddy Berry for several years of dedicated service as our “listserv maven.”

Respectfully submitted,

John Cromartie

Addendum: The following summary was provided by Shannon Monnat and Danielle Rhubart—many thanks!

Service roles and assigned committee member for 2020-21

Chair: Shannon Monnat

Vice Chair: Shaun Golding

Secretary: John Cromartie

Publication Manager: Joe Molnar

Listserv Coordinator: Jennifer Givens (If someone wants to be added to the listserv, email Jennifer at jennifer.givens@usu.edu)

Becoming an Official Member of W4001

Our Administrative Advisor is Vicki McCracken. If someone wants to become an official member of W4001, please email Vicki (mccracke@wsu.edu), who will give you instructions on what you need to do to join. Please remember that official members must submit an annual report every year.

Decision about 2021 Annual Meeting

Assuming things are under control with COVID-19, we will plan to hold the 2021 annual meeting in Las Vegas but to also have a virtual option for at least some parts of the meeting. We do not yet have a date. I will be in touch early this Spring to poll members about dates for the meeting.

We have several tasks ahead of us this year. I will provide more details about these tasks with next steps and prompts for discussion in separate emails.

1. **Organize a Congressional Briefing.** This is one of our deliverables in our current 5-year project. We will use the listserv to generate ideas for the focus of our congressional briefing. To get us started, I will reach out to Mary Jo Hoeksema at PAA to ask if they are willing to assist/co-sponsor.
2. **Start planning our next 5-year project proposal.** The final proposal is due to Vicki McCracken by Jan. 15, 2022. We need to make substantial headway on the proposal prior to next year’s annual meeting. We will begin conversations about thematic areas and objectives over the listserv, organize a meeting for individuals interested in discussing ideas and assisting with writing sometime early summer, and then fine tune at next year’s annual meeting.
3. **Determine how to spend our $15,000 national award winnings.** We have 2 years to spend this money. Several ideas were generated during the meeting, including covering costs of travel to the congressional briefing, pilot research grants for junior scholars; supporting graduate student travel to the annual meeting; developing and disseminating a national survey of rural areas.

Finally, here are some fun facts from the meeting. If you made it this far in the email, you deserve some fun facts.

* Attendees spanned 4 generations (from Glenn Fuguitt to several graduate students).
* Differential privacy is both a buzz kill and a way to get demographers riled up.
* Ken Johnson appears to be in the lead for the most COVID-19 tests (with seven as of the meeting date, all up the nose!)
* Dudley wants to do research on “The Demography of Heaven “