

Dear Colleagues,

The Rural Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers seeks papers from undergraduate and graduate students, junior faculty, and researchers new to topics in the field of rural geography to include in one or more *New Voices in Rural Geography* paper sessions for the 2018 meeting in New Orleans. *New Voices in Rural Geography* paper sessions offer the opportunity for students, junior faculty, and those new to research topics in rural geography to present their work and receive feedback from knowledgeable people in the field and members active within the specialty group.

The Rural Geography Specialty Group (RGSG) promotes research and education related to contemporary rural landscapes, societies, and economies in the developed and developing world. Specialty group members conduct research across an array of topics, including agriculture; land use; environmental governance; population; rural health, crime, and poverty; food systems; indigenous peoples; and rural restructuring processes.

To take part in the *New Voices in Rural Geography*, interested participants should send their abstracts to Avantika Ramekar (avantika@ksu.edu) by October 25th 2017. These emails should contain the presenter's PIN number (obtained after registering at www.aag.org), whether he/she is a student, junior faculty, or new researcher to rural topics, paper title, and abstract. Each session will have a discussant familiar with the topics being presented. We encourage all prospective participants to be on the lookout for news about RGSG awards to be sent to all members of the specialty group in early 2018.

Thank you for your assistance in advertising this call for papers for the *New Voices in Rural Geography* sessions at the 2018 meeting of the American Association of Geographers.

Sincerely,
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