



## Items of Interest

### Registration Open for Understanding Heirs' Property at the Community Level Workshops

**Target Audience:** This workshop is designed for Land-Grant professionals, attorneys, and non-profit organizations who will use the curriculum materials to provide training to families and communities in their home states. Please feel free to share this opportunity with other LGU professionals. **Priority will be given to first-time attendees.**

#### Workshop: Advanced in Oklahoma

**Dates:** November 4 & 5, 2025

**Location:** The Ellison, Oklahoma City, 6201 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

**Schedule:** Begins at 8:30 AM on November 4 and concludes at 3:30 PM on November 5

**Focus:** We will explore Land Use and Heirs' Property Navigator.

[Advanced Training Registration Link](#)

#### Workshop: Fundamentals in Oklahoma

**Dates:** November 6 & 7, 2025

**Location:** The Ellison, Oklahoma City, 6201 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

**Schedule:** Begins at 8:30 AM on November 6 and concludes at 3:30 PM on November 7

**Focus:** We will explore the three core modules of the curriculum.

[Fundamentals Training Registration Link](#)

Don't miss out – The National Policy Research Center at Alcorn State University will cover registration, materials, and your hotel, plus breakfast and lunch on the days of training. Just plan your travel and dinners – register now to secure your place.

[Visit the program page for Heirs' Property](#)







## Understanding Heirs' Property at the Community Level



Please join us for training at  
The Ellison, Oklahoma City  
6201 North Western Avenue,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

<p><b>Advanced</b></p> <p>November 4th and 5th, 2025</p>	<p><b>&amp;</b></p>	<p><b>Fundamentals</b></p> <p>November 6th and 7th, 2025</p>
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The National Policy Research Center at Alcorn State University covers registration, materials, and hotel for participants. Breakfast and lunch are covered on training days only. Participants are responsible for their own travel and dinner expenses. More information can be found at <https://srdc.msstate.edu>  
**Registration ends on October 28th!**

INRPHA Webinar: Panel to Present on Publishing on Rural Population Health and Aging  
On Friday, October 3, at 10 AM PT, 11 AM MT, 12 PM CT, and 1 PM ET, the [Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging](#) will host a webinar with a panel of journal editors from across the country who will share their insights and tips for publishing research related to rural population health and aging.

Panelists include:

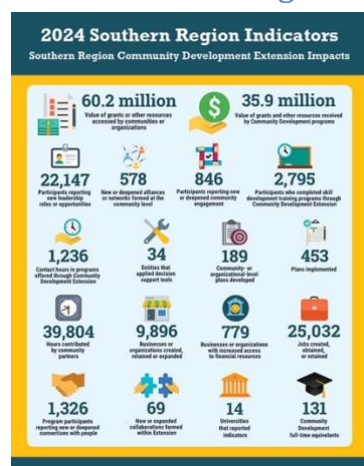
- Elizabeth Crouch (University of South Carolina), *Journal of Rural Mental Health*
- Ty Borders (Texas Christian University), *Journal of Rural Health*
- Joseph Gaugler (University of Minnesota), *The Gerontologist*
- Leif Jensen (Pennsylvania State University), *Rural Sociology*

The moderator will be John Green from the Southern Rural Development Center and editor of the *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*.

Webinar registration: <https://msstateextension.zoom.us/meeting/register/BlfhGQnTSkaEHxRtWejzEQ>



## 2025 Southern Region Community Development Extension Impacts



The Regional Rural Development Centers (RRDCs) are undertaking an effort to review, update, and expand the set of impact indicators used to capture Extension's Community, Resource, and Economic Development work at the national level.

Beginning in 2025, 13 new indicators were added, bringing the total to 20 measurable impact areas. These indicators will strengthen the ability of Land-Grant Universities and Extension professionals to share compelling stories at local, state, and national levels, highlighting the collective impact of their community and economic development efforts.

- [2025 Southern Region Impacts](#) (Previous year's data)
- [Previous Impacts](#)

## Call for Proposals: Professional Agricultural Workers Conference (PAWC)

The College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences at Tuskegee University invites proposals for the 83rd PAWC, to be held November 16–18, 2025 in Montgomery, AL.

The 2025 conference theme is "Strengthening Our Legacy & Advancing the Land-Grant Mission: Innovations in Research, Education, & Extension". For details, contact [pawc@tuskegee.edu](mailto:pawc@tuskegee.edu) or 334-724-4524.

Proposal Deadline: October 3, 2025. Link to apply: <https://form.jotform.com/pawc/2025-pawc-call-for-proposals>

## Call for Proposals - JCEP Extension Leadership Conference

The 2026 Extension Leadership Conference Planning Committee is pleased to announce the Call for Proposals for oral and/or poster presentations at the 2026 Extension Leadership Conference, scheduled for February 4–5, 2026, at The DeSoto Savannah in Savannah, Georgia.

Complete details and submission instructions are included in the attached Call for Proposals document, which contains the Oxford Abstracts submission link.

Submission Deadline: October 17, 2025. Submission information is also available on the JCEP website at [www.jcep.org/elc](http://www.jcep.org/elc).

## Delta Scholars 2026 Cohort Application Now Open



The [Delta Scholars Program](#) (DSP) is now seeking applications for the 2026 cohort, bringing another year of future leaders together!

**Application:** The application portal opened September 1, and is set to close on February 5 at 11:59 p.m.

The Summer Research Institute and Delta Innovation Tour Dates are June 1-12, 2026, and applications must be available to attend entire session. Apply now using the [Delta Scholar Program Application](#)

**Eligibility:** Students who are currently enrolled full-time in a two-or four-year college or university not expecting to graduate in Spring 2026 with a grade point average of 3.4 are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to students who have completed two years of coursework and are from or attending school in the Multi-State Delta Region (which includes Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, and Tennessee) or a partner institution.

**About DSP:** This two-part academic and engagement experience selects outstanding students for their achievements and commitment to service, guiding them through pre-sessions in the spring, a two-week Summer Research Institute and Delta Innovation Tour, and a Capstone Project where they partner on solutions that extend far beyond the program itself. The experience culminates in a fall conference bringing together partners to continue to build community and collaboration.

Participation in DSP includes engagement with and learning from diverse partners brought together under the umbrella known as the Delta Directions Consortium. This involves researchers from universities, outreach practitioners from nonprofit organizations and the Extension Service, leaders from philanthropic foundations, and many others. Scholars also build their networks to include an array of other leaders from community and regional organizations.

The program is led through the Shackouls Honors College at Mississippi State University in collaboration with many partners. These include the Southern Rural Development Center hosted at Mississippi State University, Brandeis University, the University of Mississippi, Rutgers University, and Harvard University including Harvard College, Harvard Law School, and the T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

## Job Opportunity

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### Director, Alabama Cooperative Extension System

Auburn University invites nominations and applications for the position of Director of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, who serves as Alabama Extension's chief academic and administrative officer, providing vision and leadership to enhance the system's tradition of excellence in education, research, service, and educational outreach. The director reports directly to the presidents of Auburn University and Alabama A&M University.

View more information and access the application for the director's position at

<https://ssl.acesag.auburn.edu/posannc/files/Alabama-Extension-Director-20250604.pdf>

## Conferences, Workshops, Trainings

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### Rural Grocery Transition Specialist Program

**Virtual: Sept. 1, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Nov. 4, Nov. 30, 2025**

[ACCESS COURSE INFORMATION](#)

### 2025 Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) National Conference

**In-person: October 6-9, 2025, Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown, Fort Worth, Texas**

[ACCESS CONFERENCE INFORMATION](#)

### 2025 NETtra Conference

**In-person: October 7-10, 2025, Mill Falls at the Lake Resort, Meredith, New Hampshire**

[ACCESS CONFERENCE INFORMATION](#)

### 2025 Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU) Annual Meeting

**In-person: November 9-11, 2025, Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

[VIEW ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION](#)

### 2025 Professional Agricultural Workers Conference (PAWC)

**In-person: November 16-18, 2025, Renaissance Montgomery Hotel and Spa, Montgomery, Alabama**

[ACCESS CONFERENCE INFORMATION](#)

### 2026 Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA) Conference

**In-person: February 1-2, 2026, Omni Louisville Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky**

[VIEW ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION](#)

### 2026 Extension Leadership Conference (ELC)

**In-Person: February 4-5, 2026, Savannah, Georgia**

[ACCESS CONFERENCE INFORMATION](#)

### 2026 Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) Conference

**In-person: April 20-21, 2026, in Bethesda, Maryland**

[CONFERENCE INFORMATION COMING SOON](#)

## 2026 National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) Conference

**In-person: June 15-18, 2026, in Wichita, Kansas**

[ACCESS CONFERENCE INFORMATION](#)

## 2026 Community Development Society (CDS) Annual Conference

**In-person: July 19 – 22, 2026, Georgia Southern University, Savannah, Georgia**

[ACCESS CONFERENCE INFORMATION](#)

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