POSTERS

The 2013 Rural Futures Conference featured a juried poster competition for undergraduate and graduate students. Thirty-four abstracts were accepted for the competition. Additional abstracts were submitted by faculty, partners and other professionals and are listed after the student sections.

Competition prize winners were determined by a team of judges who evaluated the posters during the conference. Monetary prizes were awarded for both the undergraduate and graduate divisions.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT POSTERS

Adventures in Red Cloud, Nebraska
Jana Steiner and Nicole Partusch, UNO Goodrich Scholarship Program

Are Farmers Good Environmental Stewards? Debunking the Traditional Myth of Bad Environmental Stewardship by Farmers and Ranchers
Douglas Cole Fenske, UNK

Building Community Capacity Through a Fifteen-Week Interdisciplinary Service-Learning Studio in Rural Nebraska and Lessons Learned
Heather Tomasek, UNL

A Daily Graphic Narrative of the 2011 Missouri River Flood Levels: Building Community Capacity with Accurate Flood Data
Nathaniel Marvin Krohn, UNL

The Effects of Mitigating Factors on the Relationship Between Socioeconomic Status and Children’s Academic Success
Claire Tolstedt and Jody Van Laningham, UNK

Exploring the Value of Rural Life: Providing Curricula Opportunities
Adam Ripp and Shelby Rowan, UNK

Green Waste
Ashley Buescher, Amy Hauver, Kelli Doeschot and Toni Rasmussen, UNL Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Leadership Learning Community

Historical Population Shifts and Architectural Implications
Kylie Kusleika, Jenna Krueger and Brianna Murphy, UNL

Holdrege, Nebraska Marketing Project
Jordyn Lechtenberg and Sydney Hansen, UNL

How Can a Community Create Awareness Among High School Students About the Entrepreneurial Opportunities Available in a Rural Community?
Morgan Netz and Bethany Blackburn, UNL Rural Community Service ship Program

Issues in the Livestock Industry
Britton Troyer, Brody Vorderstrasse, Andrew Stanek, Eleanor Wagner, Nick Green, Skyler Adamek and Tyler Haun, UNL

Microbial Diversity in High Alkaline-Saline Lakes Present in Sheridan County and Garden County
Parth Chaudhari and Julie Shaffer, UNK

Nemaha County Welcomes the CHANCE
Allie Buesing, Lindsey Toman and Preston Sunneberg, Peru State College

One Day - Many Minds - Infinite Opportunities
Elizabeth Lutz and Kelsey Foster, UNL Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Leadership Learning Community

Public Transportation – Solutions Between East and City Campus
Kyle Sayers, Jeff Hornung and Colton Lopez, UNL Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Leadership Learning Community

Relationship Between Eating Behavior and Food Choice Within a Rural Mexican-American Mother Population
James T. Kuster and Trina Aguirre, UNMC College of Nursing

Rural Futures Institute Internship in Red Cloud, Nebraska
Jeff Story and Jared Knobbe, UNL

Teaching to Serve Agriculture
Autumn Lemmer, Emily Long, Harlee Phillips and Hayley Bledsoe, UNL

UNK ENACTUS Teams Rural Revitalization Poster
Michael Lechowicz, UNK

WINNERS

1st Place Tie:
Heather Tomasek, Building Community Capacity Through a Fifteen-Week Interdisciplinary Service-Learning Studio in Rural Nebraska and Lessons Learned
Michael Lechowicz, UNK ENACTUS Teams Rural Revitalization Poster

3rd Place:
Jordyn Lechtenberg and Sydney Hansen, Holdrege, Nebraska Marketing Project
GRADUATE STUDENT POSTERS

Advancing Rural Education Research: Importance of Interdisciplinary Research Partnerships
Mary A. Hellwege, Maureen A. O’Connor, Gwen C. Nugent, Gina M. Kunz and Susan M. Sheridan, Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools

Characteristics of Work Time Allocation Among Nebraska Behavioral Health Professionals
Sarbinaz Bekmuratova and Marlene Deras, UNMC

Do Rural Backroads Lead to Competitively Priced Grocery Stores?
Krystal Drysdale and Hikaru Peterson, Kansas State University

Elementary and Secondary Teachers Attitudes Towards the Education of English Language Learners in the Mainstream Classroom in Rural Schools
Adam N. Sempek and Jeanne Surface, UNO

Ethnic and Racial Diversity: A Detriment to Social Capital and Community Improvement in Nebraska Communities
Stefani Perez-Zamarripa, UNK

The Impact of Teacher Motivation for Intervention on Rural Student Behavioral Outcomes
Amanda L. Witte, Michael J. Coutts, Shannon R. Holmes and Susan M. Sheridan, Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools

Innovations in Rural Health Care: CAPTUREing the Challenges and Successes of Implementing Interprofessional Fall Risk Reduction Programs in Nebraska’s Critical Access Hospitals
Victoria Kennel, Katherine Jones, Roni Reiter-Palmon, Anne Skinner, Dawn Venema and Regina Nailon, UNO

Mental Health Challenges and Parenting Attributes in a Rural Early Head Start Sample
Amanda L. Moen, Shannon R. Holmes, Sonya A. Bhatia and Susan M. Sheridan, Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools

Pharmacist Shortage Areas in Nebraska: Current Status and Future Implications for Rural Areas
Aastha Chandak, Soumitra S. Bhuyan, Marlene Deras and Jim P. Stimpson, UNMC

Providing Specialized Services to Rural Educators: An Introduction to Conjoint Behavioral Consultation via Distance Delivery (CBC-D)
Michael J. Coutts, Shannon R. Holmes, Tyler E. Smith and Susan M. Sheridan, Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools

A Quantitative Synthesis of Family Engagement Interventions: A Preliminary Examination in Rural Context
Tyler Smith, Amanda Moen, Zach Myers, Elizabeth Kim, and Susan Sheridan, Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools

Shared Experiences Beyond the Border: A Look at Vulnerability in Rural Ethiopian and Armenian Households from a Gendered Perspective
Anne M. Cafer, Gary Glass Jr. and Amanda Sims, University of Missouri Rural Sociology Graduate Student Association

Spatial and Social Determinants of Access to Primary Care: Evidence from Nebraska
Soumitra Bhuyan, Wen Neng and Jim Stimpson, UNMC

Supporting Family-School Partnerships in Rural Communities: Preliminary Results of a Randomized Trial
Shannon R. Holmes, Amanda L. Witte, Michael J. Coutts, Tyler E. Smith, Susan M. Sheridan and Gina M. Kunz, Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools

Using Case-Based Learning to Develop Leaders in Rural Nebraska
Stephanie Sands, Dave Kocsis, Roni Reiter-Palmon, Gina Scott-Ligon, Douglas Derrick, Lynn Harland, Gert-Jan de Vreede, Susan Jensen and Abdulrahman Alothaim, UNO

Women and Health in Rural Uganda: Understanding How Collective Action Impacts Health Perspectives
Andrew Fritz and Elliot Meador, University of Missouri

WINNERS

1st Place:
Amanda L. Witte, Michael J. Coutts, Shannon R. Holmes and Susan M. Sheridan, The Impact of Teacher Motivation for Intervention on Rural Student Behavioral Outcomes

2nd Place:
Shannon R. Holmes, Amanda L. Witte, Michael J. Coutts, Tyler E. Smith, Susan M. Sheridan and Gina M. Kunz, Supporting Family-School Partnerships in Rural Communities: Preliminary Results of a Randomized Trial
**FACULTY & PARTNER POSTERS**

2013 Dakota County Workforce Development Assessment: An Analysis of Skill Gaps, Thomas P. Krumel Jr., South Sioux City Area Chamber of Commerce

Beyond Boundaries in Regional Economic Development: Honoring the Cultural Boundaries of Hutterite Colonies and Karen People During Stronger Economies Together Work in the James River Valley Region of South Dakota, Kenneth Sherin, South Dakota State University Extension

Building Resilient Rural Communities in Nebraska with Diverse Agriculture Systems, Elizabeth Sarno, UNL

Building Small Town Social Capital Through Youth Engagement and Youth Voice, Elaine Johannes and Bryant Miller, Kansas State Research and Extension

Clues to Rural Community Survival, Milan Wall and Vicki Luther, Heartland Center for Leadership Development

Co-parenting for Successful Kids: Supporting Nebraska Families Through Online and In-Person Divorce Education, Rebecca Swartz and The Learning Child Team, UNL Extension

Communities Creating Their Own Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Entrepreneurial Communities Activation Process (ECAP), Connie Hancock, Phyllis Schoenholz, Nancy Eberle, Charlie Narjes, Diane Vigna, Dennis Kahl, Rebecca Vogt, Carroll Welte, Randy Cantrell and Anita Hall, UNL Extension

Demographic Challenges Facing Rural Nebraska, Jerome Deichert, Robert Blair and David Drodz, UNO Center for Public Affairs Research

Developing a Partnership to Implement a Weight Maintenance Study Targeting Rural Midlife Women to “Keep It Off”, Teresa Barry Hultquist, Carol Pullen, Kay Oestmann, Sarah Williamson and Fallon Leahy, UNMC College of Nursing

Entrepreneurship Based Economic Development, Robert E. Bernier, UNO


ESI & Beyond: A Continuum of Entrepreneurship Education for Youth from Third Grade through Their University Degree, Diane Vigna, Tom Field, Nancy Eberle, Kim Pickering, Dennis Kahl, Marilyn Schlake, Phyllis Schoenholz and David Ulferts, UNL

Focus on Citizenship - Youth Engaged in Community Change, Megan Burda and Linda Dannehl, UNL Extension

Justin Smith Morrill Scholars: Leadership for a Sustainable Future Deepak Keshwani, Andrew Uden and Sue Ellen Pegg, UNL Extension

Keys to Create Digitally Connected Communities: A Nebraska Broadband Initiative Update, Charlotte Narjes, Connie Hancock, Roger Terry and Becky Vogt, UNL

Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture & Nebraska Community Foundation Partner in Promotion of Rural Community Career Development Curriculum to Rural Nebraska Communities, Krystle Friesen, Paul Clark and Jeff Yost, UNL – NCTA

Nebraska Regional Labor Shed Pilot Study, Melissa Trueblood, Nebraska Department of Labor, NDED

Parenting Information in the Palm of Your Hand: UNL Extension’s UR Parent Mobile App, Rebecca Swartz and The Learning Child Team, UNL Extension

Partnering with Rural Nebraska to Understand How the Air We Breathe Affects Lung Health, Lisa Chudomelka, Debra J. Romberger, Jill A. Poole and Todd A. Wyatt, UNMC Pulmonary, Critical Care, Sleep & Allergy Division and Central States Center for Agricultural Health & Safety

Preserving Nebraska’s Rural Schools Through Alternative Teacher Certification, Wendy McCarty, UNK

Renewable Energy Development and Wildlife in Nebraska: Striving for Coexistence, Caroline Zepierski, Eric Zach, Craig Allen, Michelle Koch, Joseph Fontaine, Rick Schneider, Tim McCoy and Ben Larson, UNL Nebraska Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit

Rural Sourcing: A Pilot Project in Nebraska - UNK, Xpanxion LLC, and Nebraska Alumni Association Seek to Draw Out-of-state Professionals Back to Rural Roots Using RFI Grant, Abbie Wecker and Shawn Kaskie, UNK Center for Rural Research and Development

Strengthening Our Communities - Ripley County, Sharon Gulick and Terry Hackney, University of Missouri Extension

Technology-Based Support for Rural Teachers’ Science Classroom Instruction, Gina M. Kunz, Gwen C. Nugent and Jon E. Pedersen, Nebraska Center for Research on Children, Youth, Families and Schools

Transportation-Oriented Development: Flattening the World for Rural Nebraska, Steven A. Schulz and Rod L. Flanigan, UNK

The Water for Food Challenge and the Role of Rural Nebraskans, Dana Ludvik, Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Institute at the University of Nebraska

We Need Lawyers! Increasing Access to Justice in Rural Places, Brett C. Stohs and Jessica A. Shoemaker, UNL College of Law

Working Towards Rural Community Resiliency and Sustainability with the Assistance of Boundary Organizations, Jessica G. Jones, UNL Extension