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This 2019 issue of the *Journal of Rural Social Sciences* (JRSS) marks major changes for the Southern Rural Sociological Association's (SRSA) official publication. Originally published under the name *Southern Rural Sociology*, the journal was first released in 1983. It was renamed the *Journal of Rural Social Sciences* for the 25th volume, and in 2019 we are releasing the 34th volume.

The first major change is that we are leading a new editorial office through the University of Mississippi Center for Population Studies, affiliated with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and with support from the College of Liberal Arts. In this capacity we are honored to move forward with JRSS. In making the transition, we want to thank former Editor Douglas Clayton Smith (Western Kentucky University), the JRSS Editorial Board, and the SRSA Board of Directors for their leadership and assistance. Additionally, we want to recognize the authors who have submitted manuscripts for their patience during this time of change.

The second major change is that we are now publishing JRSS through the University of Mississippi Library's eGrove institutional repository with Digital Commons powered by bepress. This provides us with innovative management and communication technology to handle manuscript submissions, manage the peer-review process, publish accepted articles, and disseminate them to the wider world. Updated submission information and published articles can be found at <https://egrove.olemiss.edu/jrss/>. Over time, we will import past issues of the journal to the repository. For now past issues are available through the archived site <http://journalofruralsocialsciences.org/pages/pastissues.html>. We are pleased to help with these improvements in light of the SRSA Board of Directors having reaffirmed commitment to publishing an open-access journal.

We hope you enjoy the collection of items here in JRSS volume 34, issue 1.