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As the year 2020 draws to a close, we are pleased to share this collection of articles in Volume 35, issue 2 of the Journal of Rural Social Sciences (JRSS). Addressing topics including energy, sustainable agriculture, well-being among aging populations, and survey methods, they showcase the scholarly rural-focused work important for shaping the future. Once again, we believe you will find these articles relevant to your teaching, research, practice, and policy endeavors.

This has been a tumultuous year, especially given the challenges posed by the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health pandemic and economic crisis. Additionally, massive social protests against racial violence and counter efforts, elections at multiple levels, and the 2020 Census all shared the stage. We are in an era of rapid and far-reaching changes, many with disparate outcomes between and with social groups and geographic spaces. Scholars attending to life across the rural-urban continuum will be essential to helping the public in general and diverse leaders in particular to develop more nuanced understandings of the complex challenges, opportunities, and policy options needed to advance dialogue for the common good. The Journal of Rural Social Sciences seeks to be involved in such pursuits.

We close by wishing you what we hope will be a safe, healthy, and peaceful New Year in 2021.