



**RSS Oral History Project**  
**Potential Additional Questions**

As the Oral History Project could be the only time this person is interviewed, all participants are encouraged to go beyond the 5 common questions as much as is feasible.

Below is a set of potential additional questions that can be used as follow-up questions, prompts, or as inspiration for other, more interesting questions.

**Ideas for other discipline-related questions**

- Who do you see as being among the most influential people in rural sociology?
- What would you consider to be the most controversial time or issue that has been faced by RSS and/or rural sociology?
- Who were the notable women and minorities in rural sociology?
- Are there moments or events in our history that need to be remembered?
- There have been analyses of the changing nature of research scholarship in rural sociology, how have teaching and extension changed over the years?
- How has rural sociology at colleges and universities changed?
- What questions does our field have yet to ask, or need to ask, that we haven't?

**Ideas for other questions particular to the person's time in RSS**

- When did you first join RSS?
- What were the principal concerns of RSS members when you first joined?
- What do you recall of the major figures in RSS/rural sociology when you first became active in RSS/rural sociology?
- Not everyone becomes president or desires to. Are there individuals that you see as being among the unsung heroes of rural sociology/RSS?
- Were there any controversies or hot issues that erupted among the membership?
- How have the roles of president/vice president/council changed?
- How have the roles of graduate students and junior professors in RSS changed?
- There are a number of previous leaders that we don't know much about (ask about specific past presidents or past officers).

**Ideas for other career-related questions**

- Did anyone in particular figure prominently in your decision to go into rural sociology?
- Who was the most influential in your own work?
- Looking back, what would you say has given you the most satisfaction as a rural sociologist?
- If you were active in other associations (e.g. ASA, PAA, Regional associations), what was the nature of your role(s)?
- What have been some of the career-related challenges that you have faced?
- Did any of the projects you were involved in generate controversy or were covered by the media?