Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging (INRPHA)

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INRPHA Annual Meeting

March 30, 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM ET via Zoom

Register in advance:
https://syracuseuniversity.zoom.us/meeting/register/XID99pnnQQWWjesloguqWw

11:00-12:00 **PANEL: The Rural Health Transformation Program: What Could it Mean for Rural Working-Age and Older Adults?**

Moderator: **Shannon Monnat**, Director, Center for Policy Research and Professor of Sociology, Syracuse University | INRPHA Co-PI

Panelists:
Carrie Cochran-McClain, Chief Policy Officer, National Rural Health Association
Kathy Greenlee, Senior Director at ADvancing States | Former Assistant Secretary for Aging, HHS
Kevin J. Bennett, Director, South Carolina Center for Rural & Primary Care | Professor of Family and Preventive Medicine, University of South Carolina

12:00-12:15 **Updates from the National Institute on Aging**
Frank Bandiera, NIA Program Official | INRPHA's Program Official

12:15-1:30 **Presentations from INRPHA's 2025 Pilot Grantees**

Moderator: **Leif Jensen**, Distinguished Professor of Rural Sociology and Demography, Penn State University | INRPHA Co-PI

Presenters:
Paige Kelly, Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology, Penn State University
Ryan Thombs, Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology, Penn State University

"Older Adults' Quality of Life in Rural Communities: Differences by Aging-in-Place and Retirement Destinations"

Yifan Lou, Associate Professor of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University

"Beyond Geography: Health and Social Contextual Determinants of Rural-Urban End-of-Life Care"

Hanamori Skoblow, Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Family Policy and Research, University of Missouri

"Adult Family Relationships and Cognitive Health in Urban and Rural Communities"

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