

Title of the session: <i>Social and Human Capital: Session 7</i>				
Day and time: Day 2 (Saturday July 16) Session 7: Afternoon (assuming 60 minutes)				
Rationale of the session Policy implications of social capital assets in rural places. This presentation would provide a brief introduction to the research on social capital, examples to illustrate its importance for community capacity, and implications for policy.				
Objectives				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduce the key concepts and historical context of “social capital” - Provide illustrations of its importance for community capacity - Consider its implications for policy development - Learning outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A better understanding of the strengths and limitations of social capital perspectives o Ability to critically evaluate its use in community development and policy discussions o A more expanded perspective on its use for rural policy 				
Sequence	Name	Affiliation	Subject	Time
Speaker	Bill Reimer	Concordia and Brandon Universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction • Historical perspectives of social capital • The importance of social capital for community capacity • A comprehensive perspective of social capital • Implications of social capital for policy 	40 (40)
Q&A				20 (60)
Reading material:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 1996 the World Bank established a research program on the topic that supported considerable research and discussion (http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTSOCIALDEVELOPMENT/EXTTSOCIALCAPITAL/0,,contentMDK:20194767~menuPK:401035~pagePK:148956~piPK:216618~theSitePK:401015~isCURL:Y,00.html, and http://web.archive.org/web/20071111000750/http://www1.worldbank.org/prem/poverty/scapital/index.htm). • This discussion has tapered off over the last few years although there is a very active network with related resources that has been very effective at advancing our understanding and evidence relating to the topic (http://www.socialcapitalgateway.org/, http://lists.repec.org/mailman/listinfo/nep-soc, • Beckley, Thomas M., Diane Martz, Solange Nadeau, Ellen Wall, and Bill Reimer (2008) Multiple Capacities, Multiple Outcomes: Delving Deeper into the Meaning of Community Capacity, <i>Journal of Rural and Community Development</i> 3, 3:56-75. http://journals.brandonu.ca/jrcd/article/view/217 • Reimer, Bill, Lyons, Tara, Ferguson, Nelson, and Polanco, Geraldina, (2008) “Social capital as social relations: the contribution of normative structures” <i>Sociological Review</i>, 56:2, pp 256-274. http://billreimer.ca/research/files/ReimerEtalSocialCapitalAsSocialRelationsPublicV01.pdf • Reimer, Bill and Masashi Tachikawa (2008) <i>Capacity and Social Capital in Rural Communities</i>, Chapter 6 in Apedaile, Peter and Nobuhiro Tsuboi, <i>Revitalization: Fate and Choice</i>, Brandon: Rural Development Institute, 15 pp: http://revitalization.brandonu.ca/ • Chandler, Lalonde, Sokall, Hallett, (2003:43) <i>Personal Persistence, Identity Development, and Suicide: A Study of Native and Non-Native North American Adolescents</i>. 				
Equipment required (i.e. projector, speakers, board etc.): Projector				