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Anderson,
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of
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will be
speaking
on
February
3rd.

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Dr.
Katherine
Jellison
will be
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Wealth and Poverty Week brings experts and community together to discuss rural America

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Rural America's unique challenges and opportunities will be the topic of Ohio University's Wealth and Poverty Week [<http://www.ohio-forum.com/?p=32415>] from February 3 – 10.

Organized by the University's Wealth and Poverty theme [<https://www.ohio.edu/cas/undergrad/themes/wealth-poverty/>], one of several topical themes designed to provide ways for small groups of students and faculty to get involved in solving 21st century issues, Wealth & Poverty Week: Rural America will feature experts to discuss six major topics:

- **"Appalachia's New Rural Economy: Industry, Employment, and Economic Well-Being"** [<http://www.ohio-forum.com/2017/01/wealth-poverty-appalachias-rural-economy-industry-employment-economic-well-feb-3/>] from 1 to 2 p.m. on **Friday, February 3** in Alden Library 319. The speaker will be **Dr. Cynthia Anderson**, OHIO professor of sociology.
- **"Rising Tides and Leaky Boats: Economic Development Strategies That Work for Those That Need Help Most"** [<http://www.ohio-forum.com/?p=32425>] from 3 to 4 p.m. on **Monday, February 6** in Alden Library 319. The speaker will be **John Molinaro**, the president and CEO of the Appalachian Partnership for Economic Growth.
- **"A Home on the Range and a Range in the Home: Farm Women's Acquisition of Modern Household Technology"** [<http://www.ohio-forum.com/?p=32429>] from 9 to 10 a.m. on **Tuesday,**

February 7 in Alden Library 319. Ohio University Professor of history and Department Chair **Dr. Katherine Jellison** will speak.

- ***“Comprehensive Patient Navigator Program for Rural Appalachia”*** [<http://www.ohio-forum.com/?p=32432>] from 2 to 3 p.m. on **Wednesday, February 8** in Alden Library 319. **Dr. Elizabeth Beverly**, an assistant professor of family medicine at OHIO's Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, will speak.
- ***“Growing Old in Rural Appalachia: Looking Back and Thinking Forward”*** [<http://www.ohio-forum.com/?p=32435>] from 3 to 4 p.m. on **Thursday, February 9** in Alden Library 319. University of Kentucky Professor of gerontology **Dr. Graham Rowles** will speak.
- ***“The Little Cities as a Classroom”*** [<http://www.ohio-forum.com/?p=32438>] from 1 to 2 p.m. on **Friday, February 10** in Alden Library 319. **Dr. Rachel Terman**, an assistant professor of Sociology at Ohio University, and Lead Staff Associate at Sunday Creek Associates **John Winnenberg**.

In addition to the lecture series, Alden Library will be hosting an exhibit on Wealth and Poverty in Rural America February 6 through March 10. The exhibit will display photos, maps, books and other symbols of the contributions and challenges of rural areas in the United States.

“Rural America Week will bring the Ohio University community together to discuss core issues in rural America and look for ways to strengthen it,” said Dr. Yeong-Hyun Kim, an associate professor of geography at Ohio University. “The week aims to draw our students’ attention to the stories of rural people, places and issues in the US and to highlight the importance of rural areas to Ohio University and to the country.”

All events are free and open to the public.

Related Links

Wealth & Poverty Week: Rural America [<https://www.ohio.edu/cas/undergrad/themes/wealth-poverty/rural2017.cfm>]
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