



The Rural Policy Research Institute (RUPRI), with the support of the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, invites you to join us for *Collaborations in Rural Arts & Cultural Wealth Practice and Scholarship*, a virtual convening between rural arts & cultural wealth innovators and entrepreneurs and research scholars from higher education institutions from across the country. **This virtual event will be held on March 23 & 24 from tentatively 12:30-4:30 EST.**

During these two half-day conversations, participants will have an opportunity to explore the mutual benefits that can be attained through collaborative research between rural arts and cultural wealth community practitioners and research scholars. In plenary sessions and panel presentations and discussions, community practitioners will engage in conversation with research scholars on questions that will inform and impact the field, such as:

- What has worked for you that researchers can study and share with the field?
- What often gets in the way of your effectiveness that researchers should examine for potential solutions?
- How would you like your work to connect to research?
- What approaches have researchers conducting participatory action research developed that make community collaborations successful?

We hope that you will offer your insights on these questions through a short presentation and contribution to the discussion.

You will have the chance to hear keynote sessions, and moderated discussions with both practitioners and scholars. Our goal is that both community practitioners and scholars will leave the conversation with an interest in joining in collaborations to conduct participatory action research on new research topics that will benefit and strengthen the rural arts and cultural wealth community.

More details will follow but we hope that you are able to join us. Please reach out with any questions.

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