

## 2016 Kentucky Rural-Urban Exchange Matches

### Agriculture and Community Health Cohort

- **Environmental Advocacy and EcoTourism Team:**  
**Jason Forson**, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Southeast Community and Technical College  
**Alex Gash**, Georgetown, Owner/Founder of Sheltowee Hammock Co.  
**Gerry Seavo James**, Frankfort, the Explore Kentucky Initiative  
**Caitlin Sparks**, Covington, AmeriCorps VISTA serving at Children, Inc.  
**Christian Torp**, Lexington, Esq. PLLC
- **Agriculture and Land Use Team:**  
**Christy O'Connell**, LaGrange, Owner of Pure Pollen Flowers  
**Emily Owen**, Marion, Student at University of Southern Indiana  
**Storey Slone**, Lawrenceburg/Lexington, Agriculture Associate at Sterling College
- **Women's Health Team:**  
**Nicole Brown**, Paducah, Doula/Instructor at the Living Arts Center/Paducah Yoga Center/McCracken County Public Library Storyteller  
**Elana Scopa Forson**, Harlan, Associate Professor Biological Sciences at Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College/ Empower Project  
**Lindsay Rasche**, Louisville, Doula/Certified holistic wellness coach/Yoga Instructor  
**Tanya Torp**, Lexington, Program Director at Step By Step Lexington/ CEO of Be Bold
- **Community Supported Agriculture and Community Health Team:**  
**Hannah Hammonds**, Paducah, Owner of Koru Gardens CSA  
**Sarah Morgan**, Louisville, Americorps VISTA for Louisville Grows  
**Jeremy Porter**, Lexington, Director of Tweens Nutrition and Fitness Coalition
- **Culture of Health Team:**  
**Megan Epperson**, Environmental Education VISTA for Pine Mountain Settlement School  
**Myron Hardesty**, Louisville, Herbalist/Owner of Weeds of Eden and Patient Advocacy of Louisville  
**Sarah Talbott**, Lexington, Area Extension Agent for Nutrition Education Program at University of Kentucky

### Arts & Culture Cohort

- **Filmmaking Team:**  
**Tyler McDaniel**, Louisville, Independent Filmmaker  
**Tim Morton**, Louisville, Independent Filmmaker  
**Brandon Pennington**, Harlan, Executive Director of Harlan Tourism  
**Alexander F. Udis**, Louisville, Organizer for Louisville Old Time Square Dance Association
- **Community Arts Team:**  
**Alexia Ault**, Harlan, Higher Ground Stage Manager  
**Donald Mason**, Lexington, Executive Director of the Lyric Theatre and Cultural Arts Center  
**Kim Popa**, Covington, Executive Director of Pones Inc.

- **Kentucky Community and Technical College Humanities Team:**  
**Amelia Martens**, Paducah, Professor of English, WKCTC  
**Brett Eugene Ralph**, Hopkinsville, Professor of English, HCTC  
**Jenny Williams**, Hazard, Professor of English, HCTC
  
- **Communications and Storytelling Team:**  
**Amy Brooks**, Whitesburg/Norton, VA, Communications Director of Roadside Theater  
**Michelle Eigenheer**, Louisville, Associate Editor of Louisville.com  
**Samantha Johnson**, Lexington, Director of Communications & Events of NoLi CDC  
**Cassidy Wright**, Harlan, Higher Ground and Southeast Community and Technical College
  
- **Development and Programming Team:**  
**Dixie Lynn**, Murray/Paducah, Underwriting Representative at WKMS 91.3fm  
**Marissa Rutherford**, Harlan, Higher Ground and Southeast Community and Technical College  
**Ashley C. Smith**, Lexington, Development Coordinator at Lyric Theatre & Cultural Arts Center  
**Sara Soltau**, Louisville, Education Programs Manager at Classical 90.5fm
  
- **Media Production Team:**  
**Devyn Creech**, Harlan, Americorps VISTA for Higher Ground, Executive Producer for SHEW BUDDY!: Higher Ground Radio  
**Maria Lewis**, Harlan/Berea, Bonner Scholar at Berea College and Higher Ground  
**Cameron Whaley**, Louisville, Freelance Photographer
  
- **Cartography and Visual Storytelling Team:**  
**Michael Braaksma**, Louisville, Visual Artist, Storyteller  
**Jessica Breen**, Lexington, PhD Fellow at the New Mappings Collaboratory at the University of Kentucky  
**Izzy Broomfield**, Hazard, AmeriCorps VISTA at Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky
  
- **Visual Arts Team:**  
**Jamie Madden**, Harlan, Visual Artist, Southeast Community and Technical College and Higher Ground  
**Michaela Miles**, Lexington, Visitor Services Manager at the University of Kentucky Art Museum  
**Pam Newman**, Louisville, Visual Artist, Jefferson Community and Technical College and Organizer for Team Reunite
  
- **Community Storytelling Team:**  
**Shaylan Clark**, Harlan, Actress in Higher Ground and Student at Southeast Community and Technical College  
**Megan Duff**, Harlan, Writer and Student at Southeast Community and Technical College  
**Kelsi Wermuth**, Louisville, Photographer and Student at University of Louisville

### Local Economies and Small Business Cohort

- **Community Development and Planning Team:**  
**Robert Donnan**, Hazard, Independent Community Development Consultant  
**Tara Johnson**, Covington, Manager of Development Services at The Catalytic Fund  
**Teresa Mimes**, Harlan, Eastern Kentucky Social Club and Southeast Community and Technical College  
**Candice Rider**, Lexington, Project Assistant at Thomas P. Miller & Associates
- **Cultural Tourism and Public Policy Team:**  
**Sarah Allan and Kate Esarey**, Covington, The Center for Great Neighborhoods  
**Cynthia Allison**, Harlan, Attorney at the Department of Public Advocacy  
**S. Brandon Coan**, Louisville, District 8 Louisville Metro Councilman  
**Laura Oswald**, Paducah, Marketing Director at the Paducah Visitors Bureau
- **Entrepreneurship and Innovation Team:**  
**Ryan Fenwick**, Louisville, Atty/Owner of Law Office of Ryan Fenwick and KFTC, Steering Comm. Representative  
**Geoff Marietta**, Harlan, Co-founder of Mountain Tech Media and Executive Director at the Pine Mountain Settlement School  
**Salvador Sanchez**, Lexington, Owner of A Cup of Common Wealth and Magic Beans Coffee Roaster
- **Creative Placemaking Team:**  
**Ashley Bledsoe**, Harlan, Harlan County Tourism and Convention Commission Delegate  
**Jim Guthrie**, Newport, Principal at Hub + Weber Architects  
**Isaac Kremer**, Middlesboro, Executive Director of Discover Downtown Middlesboro  
**Kristofer Nonn**, Lexington, Director of Design & Construction at North Limestone CDC