

Legislative Legacy

Professor describes importance of Morrill Act of 1862 to NPR

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Sandy Rikoon. (<http://cafnrnews.com/2012/07/legislative-legacy/web-rikoon-s/>)

Sandy Rikoon, professor and Curators Distinguished Teaching Professor of Rural Sociology in the Division of Applied Social Sciences at CAFNR, was interviewed by NPR (<http://www.npr.org/2012/07/05/156301146/land-grant-universities-and-future-of-agriculture>)'s Talk of the Nation about the importance of the Morrill Act of 1862 (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Morrill_Land-Grant_Acts).

In this act, Congress donated 30,000 acres of public land for each member of congress the state had as of the census of 1860 to establish what became known as land-grant colleges and universities. Now, with looming economic challenges, land-grant institutions are more important than ever.

Rikoon was interviewed in Washington DC at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival (<http://www.festival.si.edu/>).

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