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CDS 2012 Conference
July 23-25, Cincinnati, OH
"Sustaining Community through Innovation and Entrepreneurship"
Focus on local foods and arts, community engagement and learning, campus-community partnerships, and comprehensive community initiatives

More information on the 2012 Conference
More information and call for presentations

President's Update

The merging of community theory and the practice of community development has been the legacy of the Community Development Society (CDS). Throughout the year, community developers work within their communities to create meaningful and sustainable change. A tradition of excellence has emerged and underlies the Principles of Good Practice upon which CDS has been founded.

The Annual Conference of the Community Development Society provides opportunities for students, practitioners, researchers, and policymakers to share experiences, expertise, and/or research findings on innovative strategies to improve the process and practice of community development. The conference will be held July 21-25, 2012 in Cincinnati, OH at the Kingsgate Marriot Hotel at the University of Cincinnati. The theme of the annual conference is Sustaining Community through Innovation and Entrepreneurship.
The call for presentation abstracts has been put out, and I am inviting community developers from across the globe to participate in this conference. The Program Planning Committee will accept abstracts for proposed presentations for the conference through October 31, 2011. Abstracts involving partnerships between practitioners and academics are especially encouraged. This is an excellent opportunity for community developers to highlight their work in a safe, collaborative environment.

Each year, our conference has a unique flavor with a particular emphasis being the locale of the conference. This year, the conference travels to Cincinnati. Located on the confluences of the Little Miami, Great Miami, and the Ohio rivers, the city represents a merging of cultures, identities, and ideologies. It is also a city of firsts. Cincinnati was the first city in the Northwest Territories during the settling of what we know now as the United State of America to open its doors to truly diverse peoples. The first Jewish hospital and Jewish theological colleges in the U.S. were established there. It was the first U.S. city to establish a municipal fire department. It hosted the first professional baseball team, the Cincinnati Red Stockings and later hosted the first major league night game. It hosted the first licensed public television station. It is fitting that Cincinnati be the host of a society with a similar history of firsts and a similar mission of bringing together diverse peoples.

I would invite you to be part of a dynamic conference and to plan on participating in what could arguably be the best CDS conference yet. I look forward to seeing you in the "City of the Seven Hills" in 2012.

Respectfully,

Brent Hales
President

News from CDS
Meet your Board of Directors

Community Development: Journal of the Community Development Society Is Searching for a New Editor

The CDS Board Recently Approved By-Laws Revisions

CDS Website: Blog and Other Social Networking Features
A new blog has been installed on the CDS website. Click on the tab "Easyblog" to get started. To learn more about
open Board Member positions.

Board members serve three-year terms. Nominations (including self-nominations) of current CDS members should be sent to John J. Green via email at jjgreen@olemiss.edu. Please include each nominee's name, title, organizational affiliation and contact information.

CD Resources

Resilience Circles
The economy and environment are going through a deep transition, leaving many of us feeling anxious and economically insecure. In response, people are forming small "Resilience Circles" (also called "Common Security Clubs") to get to know their neighbors and explore a new kind of security based in mutual aid and community support.

Celebrate Co-op Month in October
Co-op Week is Oct. 16-22, 2011. The slogan is the same as that for the International Year: "Cooperative enterprises build a better world."

ASLA Healthy and Livable Communities Guide
This updated version of the American Society for Landscape Architects' Healthy and Livable Communities Resource Guide with a dozen online topical resource guides offers links to hundreds of vetted websites, research studies, and projects showing how communities can become healthier and more livable.

Breaking New Ground: Promoting Environmental and Energy Programs in Local Government
According to an International City/County Management Association (ICMA) sustainability survey of over 2,000 local government officials, more than 80% of localities reported recycling, transportation, and building energy conservation initiatives. Adoption rates were much lower for other sustainability initiatives such as alternative

how the blog works, and all of the feature and functions, you can view a video tutorial. If you have suggestions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact Communications Committee Co-Chair Paul Lachapelle.

CDS UpFront

Compiled by Timothy Collins, Assistant Director, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs

Income, Poverty and Health Insurance in the United States: 2010 - Highlights
The data presented here are from the Current Population Survey (CPS), 2011 Annual Social and Economic Supplement (ASEC), the source of official poverty estimates. The CPS ASEC is a sample survey of approximately 100,000 household nationwide. These data reflect conditions in calendar year 2010. Full Report

- The official poverty rate in 2010 was 15.1 percent - up from 14.3 percent in 2009. This was the third consecutive annual increase in the poverty rate. Since 2007, the poverty rate has increased by 2.6 percentage points, from 12.5 percent to 15.1 percent.
- In 2010, 46.2 million people were in poverty, up from 43.6 million in 2009 - the fourth consecutive annual increase in the number of people in poverty.
- Between 2009 and 2010, the poverty rate increased for non-Hispanic Whites (from 9.4 percent to 9.9 percent), for Blacks (from 25.8 percent to 27.4 percent), and for Hispanics (from 25.3 percent to 26.6 percent). For Asians, the 2010 poverty rate (12.1 percent) was not statistically different from the 2009 poverty rate.¹
- The poverty rate in 2010 (15.1 percent) was the highest poverty rate since 1993 but was 7.3 percentage points lower than the poverty rate in 1959, the first year for which poverty estimates are available.
- The number of people in poverty in 2010 (46.2 million) is the largest number in the 52 years for which poverty estimates are available.
- The number of people in poverty in 2010 (46.2 million) is the largest number in the 52 years for which poverty estimates have been published.
- Between 2009 and 2010, the poverty rate increased for children under age 18 (from 20.7 percent to 22.0 percent) and people aged 18 to 64 (from 12.9 percent to 13.7 percent), but was not statistically different for people aged 65 and older (9.0 percent).²

Footnotes:
¹ The poverty rate for Blacks was not statistically different from that of Hispanics in 2010.
energy generation and workplace alternatives. The report presents seven action steps that local governments can take to develop a long-term, integrated approach to environmental, economic, and social sustainability.

Launching National Coalition for Dialogue & Deliberation's Idea Incubator
NCDD is known for being an open community of innovators who are genuinely interested in working together to increase the impact of dialogue and deliberation in our communities. The Idea Incubator is a new feature on the NCDD site that makes it easier for to collaborate.

County Health Rankings
The County Health Rankings developed by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin show that place matters for health. The health of a community depends on many different factors - ranging from health behaviors, education and jobs, to quality of health care, to the environment.

Food Security in the United States
New data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture provide information about publicly available national surveys that include questions from the U.S. Food Security Survey Module.

This page provides information about the following surveys:

- Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement (CPS-FSS)
- Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey, Birth Cohort of 2001 (ECLS-B)
- Early Childhood Longitudinal Survey, Kindergarten Class of 1998-99 (ECLS-K)
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) Food Security Files
- Survey of Program Dynamics (SPD)
- Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)

2 Since unrelated individuals under 15 are excluded from the poverty universe, there are 422,000 fewer children in the poverty universe than in the total civilian noninstitutionalized population.

SNAP Redemptions per Store Grew Most in Nonmetro Counties
The economic hardships of the recent recession increased the number of Americans needing food assistance.

Nonmetro Families in Deep Poverty Reached a 20-Year High in 2009
The 2007-2009 recession was particularly severe in the depth of poverty it engendered. The number of nonmetro residents living in poverty increased more than 8 percent between 2007 and 2009 to 8.1 million (a 16.6-percent poverty rate).

Immigration and Poverty in America's Suburbs
Recent Brookings research shows that at the end of the Great Recession a majority of the nation's poor in the 100 largest metropolitan areas lived in the suburbs.

Population Change from the 2010 Census
Persistent outmigration of youth and natural decrease (an excess of deaths over births) fuel severe population loss throughout the Great Plains and in the Mississippi Delta; suburban expansion and amenity-based migration explain rapid population growth in the South and West.

San Francisco Incubator Launches Street Food Entrepreneurs
La Cocina's mission is to transform talented home cooks into successful businesswomen by removing obstacles to entrepreneurship.

Study Assesses Potential for Urban Agriculture in New York City
Columbia University recently conducted a comprehensive assessment of the potential for urban agriculture in New York City. The study identified almost 5,000 acres of vacant urban land likely to be suitable for farming, and also found that city rooftops are a vast, underused resource that could be transformed for food production. The study also identified benefits that urban agriculture provides in terms of green urban infrastructure, community development and food security.

The Emotional Landscape of Vacancy
Vacancy has left parts of the Midwest shattered, resulting in an insecurity which invokes a diluted "fight or flight" response. Restoring the psychological landscape of cities is a difficult, but essential first step.
Sociology of Development
The American Sociological Association (ASA) has approved a new section on the sociology of development. Sociology Professor Samuel Cohn of Texas A & M University and other ASA members signed up over 300 dues paying members to garner ASA recognition for a full section. The section hopes to recruit at least 400 members by next summer and is working on several initiatives including: creating a journal, sponsoring regional and national conferences, and developing a website. If you are an ASA member and are interested in joining the new section, please visit the section website or contact recruitment committee member Jeff Jackson, jacksonj@olemiss.edu.

Conference and Meetings
Missouri Extension Community Development Program
Community Development Academy
September 19-23, 2011 St. Louis, MO
March 26-30, 2012, St. Louis, MO

Financing Sustainable Housing & Community Development
September 19-20, 2011, San Francisco, CA

Art of Community: Creating Sustainable Culture through Cooperation
September 23-25, Occidental, CA

Tamarack's Communities Collaborating Institute: Leadership That Transforms Communities
October 3-7, 2011, Calgary, AB, CA

NCBA's Annual Meeting and Cooperative Conference: The Power of Cooperative Principles
October 5-7, 2011, Minneapolis, MN

The Canopy of Health Care for Rural and Underserved Populations: Strengthening the Root System
October 5-7, 2011, Binghamton, NY

University Economic Development

To Save Our Cities, Put Children First
What's the universal design principle that can make our cities great? Kid-friendliness.

Universal Principles for Creating a Sustainable City
Freiburg, Germany has become a stunning model of sustainability, thanks in part to Wulf Daseking, the city's Head of Urban Planning since 1984.

HUD Awards New Neighborhood Implementation Grants
Chicago, Boston, New Orleans, San Francisco and Seattle will receive the first-ever Implementation Grants awarded under U.S. Housing and Urban Development's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative, a new strategy and tools to support local leaders in transforming high-poverty, distressed neighborhoods into neighborhoods with healthy, affordable housing, safe streets, and access to quality educational opportunities.

Rural Trust Launches Regional Center
The Rural Trust announced the launch of the Center for Midwestern Initiatives (CMI), which will work to build a regional infrastructure to support rural schools and communities. The center is based in Missouri and will serve school and communities in several Midwestern states.

Closing a Rural P.O. Can Be a K.O. Punch
No community has ever accepted a post office closure quietly. Some communities win and keep a post office. Many more communities lose.

Council on Foundations Partners with USDA to Improve Economic Opportunities for Rural Americans
The Council on Foundations, a nonprofit membership association of grantmaking foundations and corporations, has signed a memorandum of understanding with USDA to address philanthropic concerns in rural communities nationwide.

Small, Local Businesses Speed Income Growth
Researchers at Penn State University have found that smaller, locally owned businesses are better for growing incomes in a county than the presence of larger companies or big box stores owned outside the county.

Area Health Education Centers Help Bring Providers to Rural Areas
The program started as a federal initiative in 1971 and was
Less Work, More Living

Working fewer hours could save our economy, save our sanity, and help save our planet.

Strengthening Workers: A Challenge for the Green Economy in Latin America

This is the first in a series of podcasts and viewpoints around the UN Research Institute for Social Development conference, Green Economy and Sustainable Development. En español: Capacitar a los trabajadores: Un reto para la economía verde en América Latina.

Who's Building the Do-It-Ourselves Economy?

Corporations aren't hiring, and Washington is gridlocked. Here's how we take charge of our own livelihoods.

Germany Hits New Green-Power Milestone, But...

While it may be true that many Germans don't mind a few extra euros on their electric bill, they are increasingly unwilling to tolerate infrastructure projects in their neighborhoods.

Outsourcing the local library can lead to a loud backlash

Three public libraries in the Los Angeles suburb of Santa Clarita ditched the L.A. County public library system, the biggest in the nation. To save money, they turned instead to a little-known but fast-growing private competitor.
Application deadline: October 17, 2011.

U.S. Department of Agriculture: Northeast SARE Sustainable Community Grants
Application deadline: October 19, 2011.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development: Funds for Supportive Housing Projects
Application deadline: October 28, 2011.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Rural Health Network Development Planning Efforts Funded
Application deadline: October 31, 2011.

Corporation for National and Community Service: AmeriCorps State and National Planning 2012
Application deadline: January 18, 2012.

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