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CDS/RSS Joint International Conference

July 28-31 2011 • Boise, Idaho, USA

"Being" Boise, Idaho, USA

**Alive After Five - Free Outdoor concert
Wednesdays, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.**

Held in the Grove Plaza, downtown Boise.
Live music, cool beverages, vendor booths and
delicious food. Cool off in the fountain...dance 'til
you drop...or just sit back and watch! *FREE.*

Conference Registration Opening Soon

President's Update

By many indicators, the economy is continuing its recovery although, unfortunately, we are not seeing job increases to the extent that we might like. Nevertheless, continued expansion opens the doors for our communities to rebuild and regain their employment base. Those of us practicing community and economic development can, and must, help lead local recovery efforts. The CDS can assist us in these initiatives.

We are half way through the year, and in New Orleans, I suggested that CDS would undertake several initiatives to help in your daily work. We have made some progress and CDS now provides a regular series of [Webinars](#), along with other organizations, to bring this programming to our members. Check the [CDS website](#) to find other educational programs that might help.

The Journal continues to expand in page count, content, and number of issues. The numbers of manuscripts and quality of articles have increased substantially with more international submissions. CDS is unique in its strong links between academic or scholarly research and practical applications. The CD-Practice series is underway with one issue scheduled for

74TH ANNUAL MEETING RURAL SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

in conjunction with the
Community Development Society

July 28-31, 2011
**The Grove Hotel &
Boise Convention Center**
Boise, Idaho, USA

with additional rooms available at the Hampton Inn

THE RURAL SOCIOLOGIST

A journal published by the
Rural Sociological Society

Free of charge

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CDS Spotlights Members

As part of the CDS membership campaign, the Membership and Marketing Committee has initiated its Member Spotlight on the CDS website. Located under JOIN, this page puts the spotlight on CDS members, and their interests and areas of expertise in the community development profession. Each month the CDS will spotlight new members, gathering the information from the [membership survey located here](#). If you have not already completed this survey, please do so, and maybe you will be the next member in the spotlight!

[Click here to view the CDS Member Spotlight](#)

Grant Opportunities

[Corporation for National and Community Service: Learn and Serve America: School-Based Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories Grants](#)

Application deadline: March 3, 2011

publication and another under review. Consider submitting a successful program in which you are involved to share your successes with peers.

The CDS/RSS Conference in Boise promises to be a really unusual and exciting event. Interesting Mobile Learning Workshops are being arranged, and the interactions with the Rural Sociological Society promise to be educationally stimulating. In the next several months, look into opportunities to learn from the experiences in Boise and see how you can participate in the conference. The [Call for Abstracts](#) is underway. The deadline is today, February 15.

Plans are underway for the 2012 meeting in Cincinnati, an urban community development setting with extensive collaboration among development groups. We can learn much from the experiments underway there.

Expanded programs take resources, but the Society is also cutting costs. We have reduced administration costs, and Board members have traveled to recent meetings at their own expense. We understand the impact of the adverse economy on members and want to provide high-quality member benefits at a cost comparable with other professional societies.

The most important part of belonging to a professional society is the opportunity to learn new ideas and grow in the profession. To do that, however, means that you must take advantage of services and opportunities provided. Consider joining a CDS Committee and become more directly involved in something that is useful to your professional efforts but also fun to do!! Check the [CDS web page](#) to see opportunities for greater involvement.

[Norman Walzer](#)
President

News from CDS

Call for Conference Papers: Now Is the Time!

[Department of Justice: Services to Advocate for and Respond to Youth Program](#)

Letter of intent deadline (optional): March 1, 2011.
(Applications: March 16, 2011)

[Department of Health and Human Services: Delta Health Initiative](#)

Application deadline: March 15, 2011

[Department of Education: Native American and Alaska Native Children in School Program](#)

Application deadline: March 21, 2011

[Environmental Protection Agency: Community Action for a Renewed Environment Program](#)

Application deadline: March 22, 2011

[US Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program Grant](#)

Application deadline: March 31, 2011

[US Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Justice Small Grants Program Grant](#)

Application deadline: March 31, 2011

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Today is the deadline for submitting [paper proposals](#) for the joint CDS / RSS Joint International Conference.

Vanguard Seeking to Expand Readership

The Vanguard is on its way to becoming a CDS marketing tool based on a board decision to make it available to a broader audience beyond CDS members. If you have friends and colleagues who might be interested in subscribing, please invite them to sending their names and e-mail to [Lori Landry](#). Or you can send their contact information to her so we can send an invitation letter to them. *Vanguard* is one of the few luxuries of life that's free to CDS members and nonmembers alike.

We Asked for It!

The CDS Membership and Marketing Committee conducted a member survey. Here is a highlight:

Suggestions to Change CDS Conference

Topic	Percentage
Increase connections to grassroots organizations	44.6%
More CD activities, networking, training	42.2%
Hold conference in less expensive places	34.9%
Increase international offerings	26.5%
Provide more webinars	27.7%
Expand social networking	19.3%

CDS Scholarship Application Deadline is March 1

The CDS Endowment Fund will distribute three scholarships in 2011 to CDS members and student members presenting at the CDS Annual International Conference in Boise, Idaho, July 28-31, 2011, or at a major community development conference outside the member's home continent.

[More Information](#)

Awards and Recognition Committee

Please consider nominating a member or program to help recognize our colleagues who have made special achievements in the field of community development. CDS recognizes members and activities in nine categories: *Student; Outstanding Program; New Professional; Innovative Program; Friend of CD; Distinguished Service; Current Research; Outstanding Research; and CD Achievement.* Complete information is available on the [CDS website](#). Awards are announced at the CDS annual conference. Send nominations by March 15, 2011 to: Gisele Hamm, chair, CDS Awards and Recognition Committee (GF-Hamm@wiu.edu). ***Please indicate "2011 CDS Awards Nomination" in the subject line.***

[More Information](#)

CDS Professional Development Webinar Series

All sessions are from 2:00-3:00 p.m. CDT

- Feb 17** - Build Partnerships to Leverage Additional Resources - 1-2 case studies - CPI Case Study with Connie Loden; SET with Bo Bealieu
- Feb 24** - Being an Effective Fund Raiser for Your Non-Profit - tips you should know - National Association of Non-Profits
- March 3** - *Rescheduled from Jan. 20* - What's Your Hook? - How to Make Your Grant Proposal Stand out from the Rest - Carey Kallenbach

Please print the registration form, complete and email the CDS Business Office at mallory@assnoffices.com or fax to 614.221.1989. When you register, you will be given the web address, password information, and telephone number of the session, which also will allow time for interaction with the speakers.

[Register Here](#)

CDS UpFront

Compiled by Timothy Collins, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University

A Strategy for American Innovation: Securing Our Economic Growth and Prosperity

President Obama's Strategy for American Innovation seeks to harness the inherent ingenuity of the American people to ensure that our economic growth is rapid, broad-based, and sustained.

[Read the Report](#)

Investors Continue To Fund New Web-Based Businesses

The two Chicago investors who provided the startup money for Web sensation Groupon are still incubating what they hope will be the newest online success story.

[Chicago Sun-Times](#)

Vauban District, Germany: When Environmental Planning Gives Birth to Sustainable Communities

The Vauban district was created through cooperative decision-making, becoming a model of holistic environmental planning and eco-friendly living.

[The Cereplast Blog](#)

EcoTipping Points: Strategies for Shifting from Decline to Restoration

The EcoTipping Points Project has documented more than 100 stories of environmental recovery in communities around the world. What do these success stories have in common?

[Yes! Magazine](#)

Low-income Families and Banks and Other Information

The Kansas City Fed is enhancing its community outreach efforts using research findings on why millions of low-income families fail to use banks to manage their money. Other articles: how low- and moderate-income families fare during the economic recession and recovery and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's efforts in Oklahoma to preserve its history while taking an entrepreneurial approach to the future.

[KC Fed's Community Connections](#)

Farm Debt Rising

Farmers have significantly increased their debt levels in recent years. Since 2004, real farm debt has risen nearly 5 percent annually, the fastest increase since the prelude to the 1980s farm debt crisis.

[Main Street Economist](#)

Food Stamp Rolls Reach Record Highs

Nationwide, one in seven Americans currently receives help from the government to put food on the table.

[Stateline.org](#)

Canada's Cities Working to Reduce Poverty

Across Canada, many cities and regions are forming collaborative community roundtables - bringing new voices to poverty reduction from the business, government, citizens and community sectors.

[Tamarack Engage!](#)

Business Sustainability in Canada

Might suggest some questions community developers could be asking.

[Read the Report](#)

Pennsylvania Organizations Secured More Than \$3.1 Billion In Benefits for Underserved Communities

Advocacy by nonprofit organizations over the last five years has brought more than \$3 billion in benefits to poor people, public school students, people with disabilities and other underserved populations, according to a new study on philanthropy.

[National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy](#)

Community Organizing Essential to Long-Term Education Reform, Report Finds

Community organizing plays an important role in maintaining the momentum of school and district reform efforts and sustaining improvements over the

long term, a new report.

[Nellie Mae Education Foundation](#)

5 Ways to Help Your Community Go Local

Buy Independent and Buy Local campaigns have a big effect, according to a new survey of independent businesses.

[Yes! Magazine](#)

energyshare: A New Social Network in the UK

Find out how you can generate your own renewable energy or support others to get a project off the ground.

[Find Out More](#)

Are Some Rustbelt Cities the Next Retirement Hot Spots?

Cleveland, Detroit, Anyone?

[Reuters](#)

CDS Resources

The Aspen Institute

The institute's mission is twofold: to foster values-based leadership, encouraging individuals to reflect on the ideals and ideas that define a good society, and to provide a neutral and balanced venue for discussing and acting on critical issues.

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National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC)

NSAC is an alliance of grassroots organizations that advocates for federal policy reform to advance the sustainability of agriculture, food systems, natural resources, and rural communities.

[More Information](#)

Caledon Institute

Established in 1992, the institute is a private, nonprofit organization with charitable status. Located in Ottawa, Ont., Canada, Caledon is an independent and critical voice that does not depend on government funding and is not affiliated with any political party.

[More Information](#)

The Value of Green Infrastructure: A Guide to Recognizing Its Economic, Environmental and Social Benefits

[Center for Neighborhood Technology](#)

The Secret to Programs That Work: New Tools for

Do you have
something to
share?

We welcome member input and articles for our Vanguard e-news bulletin. If you have something that you would like to get out to the entire membership, or if you have comments or suggestions, send them to CDS@assnoffices.com with subject e-news bulletin. We will do our best to accommodate your articles in a timely manner.

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