President's Update

Happy New Year!

There were a few days in December when I wondered if the "fiscal cliff" stalemate was the cataclysmic event that the Mayan Calendar predicted. Congress managed to address part of the challenge, but huge, looming issues will have long-term impact on our economy and the programs that many of us believe are important.

Congress also managed to address a small portion of the Farm Bill, but we
CDS -- Get Involved

The Community Development Society furthers community work through teaching, practice, and research. CDS provides those who do community work with best practices, networking opportunities, tools, and other resources.

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Still do not have a Farm Bill, only an extension. For those of us who work in rural areas, the Farm Bill is important, and the continued unknown on program funding and supports is challenging. In the Daily Yonder, Richard Oswald, a fifth-generation farmer from Langdon, Missouri, and president of the Missouri Farmers Union, makes the following observation about rural voters:

Rural Americans' inability to judge issues clearly on the facts has allowed political campaigns based mostly on rhetoric to pass judgment for them. He goes on to state: Our failure to focus on our own best interests combined with low voter turnout could amount to too little, too late. By the time we start looking for old support again, after the way we've voted in two elections, that help might not come from anybody.

I think that Mr. Oswald's comments are relevant to everyone, not just rural voters.

Others have suggested that the inability to pass the Farm Bill is an indication of the growing loss of support for rural issues, brought on by declining population and legislative representation. If that is true, then the future could be bleak. What do you think? If you are in a rural area, what do you see happening? If you are in a suburban or urban area, do you see support for and/or an understanding of "rural" issues?

2013 CDS Conference, Charleston, SC - Deadline for abstract submissions is quickly approaching (February 15th) so be sure to get your abstracts submitted. Planning is well underway and it looks to be a great conference!
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Sincerely,
Sharon Gulick
President, Community Development Society

News from CDS

Save the Date!
The annual CDS conference will be held July 20-24 in historic Charleston, SC
Charleston is noted for its planning and historic preservation. The 2013 conference promises to be a time of learning and reconnecting with your fellow CDS members. The local planning committee is working hard to develop another great conference. Watch for registration information soon.

Call for Conference Presentations:
Submission Deadline February 15, 2013
The 2013 CDS Annual Meeting will showcase effective approaches that are creating win/win situations for local communities as a result of reaching beyond their traditional geographic boundaries. Be it in the areas of economic development, health, education, local facilities/services, transportation, natural resources management or more, the Charleston conference will provide an ideal setting
• Retirees are attracted to locations with natural and manmade amenities
• Nonmetro real wages fell in 2010 and 2011
• Access to healthful, affordable food limited in some U.S. tribal areas
• Farm real estate values are highest close to population centers
• Farm household income is diverse in sources and levels
• Natural gas extraction creates local jobs in the short term
• Nonmetro high poverty areas are regionally concentrated
• Population trends in U.S. nonmetro counties vary by age group and natural amenity/accessibility levels
• Healthfulness of grocery store food purchases differs across geographic markets
• Farmers’ markets concentrated in metro counties
• Transfer payments to residents in nonmetro areas outpace payments to metro residents
• Residents of low-income countries devote a greater share of their total spending to food
• Off-farm business ventures generate more income than onfarm diversification
• Share of income from government transfer payments varies by region
• Opportunities for rural wealth creation depend on location and timing of investment

Conferences and Meetings

12th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference
February 7-9, 2013, Kansas City, MO

National Rural Assembly
June 23-26, 2013, D.C. Metro Area

NACDEP Galaxy IV
September 16-20, 2013, Pittsburgh, PA

International Association for Community

for increased understanding of important ways to innovate in times of uncertainty. Interested in submitting a proposal for a Workshop, Paper/Program Presentation, Panel Session, or Poster? This is the place to start.

2013 Professional Development Webinar Series
Webinar No. 2: Wednesday February 13, 12:00-1:00 p.m. (Central) is entitled "Measuring Neighborhood Distress: A Tool for Place-Based Urban Revitalization Strategies," offered by James Jennings of Tufts University.
Webinar No. 3: Wednesday March 13, 12:00-1:00 p.m. (Central) is entitled "Political and Social Incorporation of Public Housing Residents: Challenges in HOPE IV Community Development," offered by Joanna Lucio, Arizona State University. CDS and the Heartland Center for Leadership Development co-sponsor the series. Registration.

Nominees for CDS Board: Watch Your Mailbox for More Information
The CDS Board Nominations Committee has recommended a slate of candidates for the board. CDS members will be receiving information about the candidates and procedures for voting in February. Please watch your mailbox for the information and then vote!

The nominees are:
Board of Directors (3-year term expires 2016)
Jim Cavaye
Brian Fier
Stanley Green
Dave Ivan
Kurt Mantonya
Whitney McIntyre-Miller
Write-in:
Grant Opportunities

**EPA: Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities**
Each of the four participating organizations has its own deadline and offers a different set of tools.
*Application deadlines: October 25, 2012 - February 2013.*

**HUD: Continuum of Care Program Competition**
Application deadline: January 18, 2013

**NEH: Digital Humanities Implementation Grants**
Application deadline: January 23, 2013

**HUD: Strong Cities, Strong Communities National Resource Network**
Application deadline: January 28, 2013

**NSF: Interdisciplinary Research in Hazards and Disasters**
Application deadline: February 4, 2013

**NSF: Small Business Technology Transfer Program Phase I Solicitation FY-2013**
Application deadline: February 6, 2013

**AmeriCorps: State and National Grant Competitions**
Application deadline: February 6, 2013

**USDA Tribal Colleges Research Grants Program**
Application deadline: February 14, 2013

**USDA: Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program (FRTEP)**
Application deadline: February 15, 2013

**NOAA: Projects of Special Merit Competition - FY2013**
Application deadline: February 15, 2013

**NOAA: FY 2013 Coastal and Marine Habitat**

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**CDS Current Issues Series**
Editor: Rhonda Phillips
The Community Development Society and Routledge/Taylor & Francis are developing book series on current issues in community development. Titles from last year were *Community Development Approaches to Improving Public Health* and *Tourism, Planning, and Community Development.*

Titles scheduled this year, along with projected publication dates, are:

1. *Community Leadership Development: A Compendium of Theory, Research, and Application.* Edited by Mark A. Brennan. To Be Published February 26th 2013

2. *Community Economic Development.* Edited by Rhonda Phillips, Terry Besser. To Be Published April 14th 2013

3. *Local Food and Community Development.* Edited by Gary Paul Green, Rhonda Phillips. To Be Published February 28th 2013

4. *Developing Sustainable Agriculture and Community.* Edited by Lionel J. "Bo" Beaule, Jeffrey Jordan. To Be Published April 2nd 2013

5. *Cooperatives and Community Development.* Edited by Vanna Gonzales, Rhonda Phillips. To Be Published April 14th 2013

6. *Sustainable Rural Development: Sustainable Livelihoods and the Community Capitals Framework.* Edited by Mary Emery, Isabel Gutierrez-Montes, Edith Fernandez-Baca. To Be Published...
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**Journal of Rural Social Sciences**

Special Issue Focuses on Community-based Research

Guest editors Anna Kleiner, Katie Kerstetter, and John Green worked to develop this collection of original peer-reviewed articles. JRSS is the official publication of the Southern Rural Sociological Association. The issue coincides with the 10th anniversary of the University of Mississippi's Institute for Community-Based Research. Center Director John Green is an Associate Professor of Sociology at UM and Editor-in-Chief of Community Development: The Journal of the Community Development Society.

**Latest Issue of Community Development available online**

The release of Community Development: The Journal of the Community Development Society, Volume 43 No. 5, 2012, is now available online for CDS members. Please contact the CDS Business Office if you have problems logging in.

**CD Practice: Calling All Scholarly Community Development Practitioners!**

CD Practice is an on-line publication of the Community Development Society. Its purpose is to describe and promote appropriate and useful tools, resource and practice for all aspects of community development. Readers of CD Practice papers should be able to use tools, resources or practice discussed, knowing they are grounded in methods that have been examined empirically and/or proven to be a success.

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CDS UpFront

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

Uncertainty from Washington Continues for States

As many states open their 2013 legislative sessions this month, they still don't know how much money to expect from Washington for the coming year. The budget deal that Congress and President Obama reached in early January halts the most severe tax increases slated to take effect without an agreement. But it postpones action on spending cuts—a crucial question for states since the federal government provides about 30 percent of their revenue.

Wells Fargo Announces $100 Million Environmental Initiative

Wells Fargo & Company is building a $15 million relationship with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) with an environmental grant program to award $100 million to nonprofit organizations and universities by 2020. The program is intended to promote environmental stewardship in communities across the U.S., including sustainable agriculture and forestry; conservation of land and water resources; restoration of urban ecosystems; and clean energy.
Tech Innovation Increasingly Seen as Driver of Nonprofit Impact

Google's December announcement of grants totaling $23 million to spur innovation in the nonprofit sector is illustrative of a funder who sees technology as an instrument for social change.

Philanthropy and the Social Economy: Blueprint 2013

Big shifts in philanthropy that matter for both donors and "doers" are data-related. They include data-sharing practices embraced by foundations, the rise of mobile payments, and the increased emphasis on transparency and privacy concerns.

Concentration of Poverty Is a Growing Rural Problem

While the 2001 and 2007-09 economic recessions increased the incidence of poverty throughout the nation, perhaps more troubling was the increasing concentration of poverty in certain regions, counties, and neighborhoods.

Rural Poverty Rate Reaches 18.3% in 2011

Poverty increased faster in urban counties than in rural counties from 2007 to 2011. But poverty rates in rural America remained higher.

Exodus to Suburbs Continues Through 2012

The latest US Census Bureau migration data shows that people continue to move from principal cities (which include core cities) in metropolitan areas to what the Census Bureau characterizes as suburbs.

Aging America: The Cities That Are
Graying The Fastest
For the most part, the oldest metropolitan areas tend to be clustered in the old industrial regions of the country. These metro areas now make up eight of the 10 oldest among the nation’s 51 largest metropolitan statistical areas.

Non-White Gentrification Changes a Neighborhood, But Not Its Perception
Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood has seen a dramatic rise in incomes and property values over the past decade, but the historically black neighborhood's non-white gentrification tends to be viewed differently from other areas.

Top Twelve Neighborhoods for Creative Placemaking for 2013
America's Top Twelve ArtPlaces is a new annual ArtPlace initiative recognizing neighborhoods in the largest 44 metropolitan areas in the country where the arts are central to creating places where people-residents and visitors-want to be. The group also developing indicators for smaller metropolitan areas, with a list promised for later this year.

We Can't Shop Our Way to a Better Economy
Buying local isn't enough. If we're going to get our economy back on track, we have to re-center on communities.

Markese Bryant: From Mean Streets to Green Economy
After spending time in jail for selling drugs, Markese Bryant reformed, went back to school, and started to convince his fellow student leaders that they needed to pursue environmental careers.
2012's Top 5 Wins for Affordable Housing
The legacy of 2012 is one of local communities enacting some common sense changes to improve affordable housing opportunities for their neighbors.

'Taking Stock' of Rural Housing
While the recent housing crisis is not to be overlooked, far too many rural residents have struggled with housing problems and inadequacies for years, if not decades, before the national crisis hit.

The Politics of Living Shorter
In a large number of rural counties, people, on average, are living shorter lives than a decade ago. If we want to turn those trends around, we'll have to do the work ourselves.

The Importance of Community Development
Ingrid Burkett, president of the International Association for Community Development, blogs about the "The Growing Importance of Community Development."

Hardly Outdated: The Invaluable Value of Rural Landlines
While maintaining rural telephone landlines may seem costly to communications companies, there are consequences to eliminating them.

A Fair Deal for the Frontier
All of us depend on the U.S. frontier's agriculture, energy, mining and timber. But in important ways it remains invisible, not truly seen, its special needs overlooked.
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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