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President's Update

Brent Hales, VP for Programs this year, has worked hard with RSS on the conference program in Boise this year. The response to the Call for Presentations was really great with nearly 350 abstracts submitted between CDS and RSS. The abstracts cover a wide range of issues both metro and rural. We can look forward to some really interesting discussions and learning experiences. Interacting with groups such as the RSS is exciting when it broadens our perspectives regarding the applied research behind some of the practices that we currently use.

Priscilla Salant and the local host committee have organized 7 Mobile Learning Workshops including natural resources, downtown Boise and cultural walking tours interacting with local groups, interactions in a leadership exercise from Australia, and other opportunities to learn from our days in Boise, Idaho. I think you will find these really interesting learning experiences that hopefully you can take back home and implement.

The CDS conferences are also known for good-natured events such as the auctions, award dinner, and other events that bring people together who might otherwise not have met. Projects are discussed and productive relationships are formed during these activities.

From a professional advancement and growth perspective, don't miss the opportunity to increase your involvement. Serving as a moderator for a session is a great way to meet colleagues and make new friends. Each committee will meet during the conference and this

CDS / RSS Joint International Conference

***Reshaping Rural America in an Urban
Society:***

***Innovative Approaches for
Community Change***

July 28-31, 2011, Boise, ID

[Registration is now open](#)

Claude Fischer from Cal-Berkeley will conduct the first plenary session on Friday, July 29 from 10:30 a.m.-Noon. Mr. Fisher will talk about his newly published social history of 20th century America (*Made in America: A Social History of American Culture and Character*).

This year, there are 7 Mobile Learning Workshops to choose from:

- Community-Level Impacts of Idaho's Large-Scale Dairy Industry
- From Timber to Recreation and Tourism: Two Development Approaches
- Diversity in the Desert: A Collaborative Approach to Workforce Development
- Caldwell Downtown Revitalization
- Local food systems: From Farm to Plate
- Boise Walking tours
- Futures Game with Innovative Leadership Australia / USA

Click [description](#) for additional information on each tour.

Be sure to make your hotel room reservation at the **Grove Hotel**:

245 South Capitol Boulevard

Boise, ID 83702

888-961-5000

www.grovehotelboise.com.

The rate is \$114 per night plus tax.

The hotel reservation deadline is July 6.

Connect to the Google Calendar feature on the [CDS website](#) for the schedule.

"Being" Boise, Idaho, USA
Capital City Public Market

is a great way to become involved in a worthwhile professional activity. You can attend a committee meeting and then decide to join. Check them out.

During the next 10 weeks, you will receive a series of notices about the conference, how it will be organized, and ways in which you can participate more actively. The conference and the journal were cited during the 2010 membership survey as the two most valued services provided by CDS. How much the conference can help your professional activities depends on how much time and effort you can invest. We all struggle with difficult financial times and must make hard choices about where to deploy our resources. With a little organization and effort in advance, the conference can be an excellent learning experience and a wise investment in your career. By all means, however, participate in many professional opportunities including the blogging activities about sessions, topics, and development strategies.

The conference setting in Boise provides a great opportunity to combine fun with professional and personal growth. We look forward to seeing you there!

[Norman Walzer](#)
President

News from CDS

CDS Website now has New Blog and other Social Networking Features

We have a new blog to use! A new blog has been installed on the CDS web site and it will allow individuals to share information, network and provide postings on a host of issues. Click on the tab "Easyblog" to get started. To learn more about how the blog works, and all of the feature and functions, you can view a video tutorial: <http://youtu.be/qJ4OcvgsCts?hd=1>

The Social Networking Sub-committee spent several months figuring out how to construct and organize this networking tool. To make it work most effectively, the subcommittee asks that members voluntarily provide their own professional social networking sites to assist with networking for members. This will be part of the password protected folders at the CDS website, so it's an added benefit of membership. Among the information that members can provide and view includes email addresses, professional web site addresses, other professional social media / networking sites (Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Flickr, blog sites, wiki sites, etc.), and a short description of work (50-100 words). Members

or
"Saturday Market"
Downtown Boise 8th Street, Every
Sat, 9:30am-1:30pm, April -
October.

The [Market](#) is an on-going, centrally located gathering place where local farmers and producers can sell their products to community residents and visitors. The Market upholds the age-old tradition of allowing the consumer to meet the producer while encouraging the production and consumption of agricultural products in the Treasure Valley.

[Conference Registration](#)



[CLICK HERE for CASNR Online Programs.](#)

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

will be able to search key words to help them connect with other professionals in the field. Members can also upload photos. We've integrated the questions in the membership renewal process, so please provide the information when you renew, or you can go to the website and update your membership information directly.

We are continually looking for ways to improve the social networking opportunities for members; if you have suggestions or ideas, please do not hesitate to contact the Social Networking Sub-committee Chair [Paul Lachapelle](#).

CDS Silent Auction at the conference

Donate an item for the Silent Auction to benefit the CDS Endowment, which provides scholarships and other kinds of grants to support the professional development of CDS members. Contact [Alan Kirk](#) if you can donate an item.

2012: Off to the "Land Where Pigs Fly!" Mark your calendar

Planning is underway for the CDS 2012 conference - July 23-25, 2012, in Cincinnati, OH. The theme, "Sustaining Community through Innovation and Entrepreneurship," will have a particular focus on local foods and arts, community engagement and learning, campus community partnerships and comprehensive community initiatives.

Conference Hosting Opportunities

Have you thought that your city would be a great place to host the CDS conference? The conference allows the local region to highlight the community development initiatives underway and to bring an international spotlight on your work. If you are interested in hosting a future conference, please email [Sharon Gulick](#), CDS Vice President for Operations.

The CDS Board encourages **contributions in memory of past President Harold Baker**, who died in March, to the CDS Endowment that Harold faithfully supported. You may send a check or credit card payment to CDS Endowment, 17 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215, or [contribute online](#). Please indicate **Harold Baker Tribute** on the check or on-line pull down menu.

We Asked for It!

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

THE RURAL SOCIOLOGIST

A journal published by the
Rural Sociological Society

Free of charge

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT RSS ONLINE.](#)

Donate an Item for the Silent Auction to Benefit the CDS Endowment!

If you're planning to come to the CDS Annual Conference in Boise, please support the CDS Endowment by bringing an item to donate to our Silent Auction!

We are asking for unique items produced in your local community or region, which exemplify the local culture or economy, such as handmade crafts, art works, clothing, music, foods, or local manufacturers' merchandise. Please say YES and pack a small item for the auction! We will be receiving those items at the registration area and asking you to state a value of the item for bidding purposes and for tax deduction purposes (US residents only). If you plan to donate something for the auction, please contact Alan Kirk. (See below contact information)

Your donation of a locally made product is a great way to make a lasting contribution to the CDS Endowment! The Endowment provides scholarships and other kinds of grants to support the professional development of CDS members.

The CDS Roots & Wings Subcommittee thanks you!

To Donate:

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phone/text: 541-602-2110

Survey - Benefits vs. Services from CDS

Benefits	Value from CDS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about useful best practices 36%• Keep up with current trends 30.3%• Learn about latest research (JCDS) 29.2%• Network about professional issues 27%• Learn new CD tools and techniques 24.4%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Networking with colleagues 51.6% (4.08)• Annual Conference 47.3% (4.23)• CDS Journal 47.3% (4.23)• Vanguard Newsletter 20.5 (3.47)• Professional development webinars 20% (3.34)• CD Practice series 15.6% (3.26)• Website 14.1% (3.64)

(Value) : 5 = high, 1= low

CDS UpFront

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

"Regional Food Hubs": Preliminary results of a USDA survey

USDA provides a [working definition](#): "A centrally located facility with a business management structure facilitating the aggregation, storage, processing, distribution, and/or marketing of locally/regionally produced food products."

The Public Library Manifesto

[Why libraries matter](#), and how we can save them.

USDA Charts of Note:

[Prevalence of food insecurity varies from state to state](#)
[Poverty does not drive outmigration in most nonmetro counties](#)

"Livable cities in a rapidly urbanizing world"

The Philips Center for Health and Well-Being Think Tank identifies a [framework for livable cities](#).

Americans favor walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods, survey finds

Well over half of the respondents preferred smart growth

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](#)

Vanguard to accept advertising again

In the past, the Vanguard has accepted advertising that complements the mission and goals of the Community Development Society. The board has decided to continue this practice. Square ads will be run in the smaller left hand column of the Vanguard. The single issue ad rate will be \$45. Ads for four issues will be discounted to \$40 each. For more information, contact [Lori Landry](#).

Grant Opportunities

[National Endowment for the Arts: Local Arts Agencies: Grants for Arts Projects: Challenge America Fast-Track](#)
Application deadline: May 26, 2011

[Department of Health and Human Services: Planning Grants for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families](#)
Application deadline: June 2, 2011

[National Science Foundation Small Business Innovation Research Program Phase I Solicitation FY-2011 \(Release 2\)](#)
Application deadline: June 10, 2011

[Economic Development Administration: Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Program](#)
Application deadline: June 10, 2011

[Orton Foundation Community Planning Grants](#)
Application deadline: July 20, 2011.

Conferences and Meetings

[International Symposium for Society and Resource Management \(ISSRM\)](#)
June 4-8, 2011, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

neighborhoods over neighborhoods that require more driving between home, work and recreation, according to a recent study, the [Community Preference Survey](#), by the National Association of Realtors®.

America's most segregated cities likely to stay that way

The recent U.S. Census report that [America's most segregated cities](#) are just as segregated - if not more - than they were a couple of decades ago is hardly a revelation.

American Ghost Towns Of The 21st Century

There are several counties in America, each with more than 10,000 homes, which have [vacancy rates](#) above 55%. The rate is above 60% in several.

How Immigration Works for America

For decades, the United States has been the world leader in attracting [skilled immigrants](#) who, until recently, had few good alternatives. Today, other destination countries increasingly recognize the economic benefits of these workers and are designing policies to attract them.

Consolidation of schools and districts

A review of research suggests that a [century of consolidation](#) has already produced most of the efficiencies obtainable. Research also suggests that impoverished regions in particular often benefit from smaller schools and districts, and they can suffer irreversible damage if consolidation occurs.

"13 Ways to Kill a Community"

A helpful list to, looking at it another way, [keep your community alive](#).

Living economies: Learning from the biosphere

How we humans can redesign our failing systems by turning back to nature-and learning to [live by the rules of life](#).

Accessing wisdom through social presencing theater

[Social presencing theater](#) uses awareness-based methods and events to enable social systems, large or small, to collectively see themselves and enact emerging futures. It is based on an assumption that one's own body is an access point for wisdom.

Check out Tamarack's Engage! newsletter

Articles of interest include [Improving Evaluation Uptake](#) and [Platforms for Community and Transformation](#).

Community Development Program Expanded

[Heartland Center for Leadership Development: Helping Small Towns Succeed Annual Institute](#)

June 6-8, 2011, South Haven, Michigan.

[Online Registration](#)

Credit card payments must be made through the online registration system

To register by phone call (517) 353-3175

[Food and Agriculture Under the Big Sky](#)

June 9 - 12, 2011, University of Montana - Missoula.

[The 13th Annual Illinois Leadership Conference: The Power of Collaborative Solutions](#)

June 15, 2011, Champaign, IL

[Summit on Sustainability - 2011](#)

June 21-22, 2011,
New York, NY

[Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences 2011 Conference, "Confronting Complexity"](#)

June 23-26, 2011, Burlington, VT

[ALIA Summer Institute](#)

June 24 - July 1, 2011, Columbus, OH

[Value-Added Agriculture Conference](#)

June 26-28, 2011, Pittsburgh, PA

[2011 National Rural Assembly Gathering](#)

June 28-30, 2011, St. Paul, MN

[25th Annual Community Development Institute Central](#)

August 1-5, 2011, Conway, AR

[Midwest Community Development Institute](#)

August 8-11, 2011, Moline, IL

[Financing Sustainable Housing & Community Development](#)

September 19-20, 2011,
San Francisco, CA

[NCBA's Annual Meeting and Cooperative Conference: The Power of Cooperative Principles](#)

October 5-7, 2011, Minneapolis, MN

[Tamarack's Communities Collaborating Institute: Leadership That Transforms Communities](#)

October 3-7, 2011, Calgary, AB, CA

[Green Economy and Sustainable Development Conference: Bringing Back the Social Dimension](#)

The Government of Canada has made changes to the [Community Development Program, Building Rural and Northern Partnerships](#), an initiative designed to improve economic opportunities. The addition of a new program component will let rural communities move forward and actually implement local initiatives and strategic activities.

A perspective on the state spending crisis

In the third edition of [Rich States, Poor States](#), authors Arthur B. Laffer, Stephen Moore, and Jonathan Williams explain why the economic crisis has been so rough on the states, what states should do to alleviate the fiscal pain, and what they should avoid.

Low Census counts will cost big cities precious funds

The U.S. Census Bureau's official count for 2010 is [dramatically lower](#) in many urban areas than the estimates the Bureau had been providing year-by-year. We may never know which version is closer to reality.

How History Killed the Suburb

Times have changed, and the [key assumptions](#) that encouraged decades of urban sprawl no longer hold true.

From the Kansas City Fed

The Spring 2011 issue of [Community Connections](#) showcases an effort by 13 Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) in Colorado to band together to increase their impact; collaboration in Kansas City to transform vacant properties into affordable housing; and efforts in New Mexico to curtail foreclosure rescue scams. The newsletter also describes a new executive succession-planning toolkit, tailored to nonprofit organizations.

Federal tax policies and low-income rural households

The authors analyze the increasing use of refundable [tax credits](#) targeted to low- and moderate-income households in the Federal individual income tax and determine their implications for rural America. The analysis finds that expansions to both the refundable and nonrefundable portions of the Earned Income and Child Tax credits have provided a major source of income support for low-income workers and their families. This is especially true in the South, where the rural poor are concentrated.

Startup America Announces New Partnerships

Launched earlier this year in response to President Obama's call to celebrate, inspire, and accelerate high-growth entrepreneurship, the [Startup America Partnership](#) has announced commitments from more than

October 10-11, 2011, Geneva, Switzerland

[International Forum on the Social Solidarity Economy \(FIESS\)](#)

October 17-20, 2011, Montréal, QC, CA

[Future Cities 2011](#)

December 15-16, London, UK

fifteen companies and nonprofits to provide resources valued at approximately \$400 million to U.S. entrepreneurs.

[Comments, Suggestions, Submit an Article](#)

CD Resources

GreenTowns: A Network for Sustainable Communities

GreenTowns is connecting and celebrating local sustainability initiatives and the people supporting them. GreenTowns makes it easy to: [discover inspiring green initiatives](#); share questions, expertise and support; and help grow sustainable communities.

Food Desert Locator

The [Food Desert Locator](#) provides a spatial overview of urban and rural low-income neighborhoods with high concentrations of people who are far from a supermarket or large grocery store. Users can view census tract-level statistics on population groups with low access to healthy and affordable food.

[The Rural Blog](#)

A digest of events, trends, issues, ideas and journalism from and about rural America, from the [Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues](#) at the University of Kentucky.

[The Human Footprint](#)

This map of the human footprint on land shows the combined impact of population density, land transformation, accessibility, and electric-power infrastructure, using nine data sets that researchers scored in terms of estimated contribution to human influence.

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