SRDC Publications

- **SRDC Surplus Publications Available Upon Request**
  The SRDC is doing some summer cleaning—and you can benefit from it! A list of surplus publications with a request form is available at [http://srdc.msstate.edu/publications/06surplus.htm](http://srdc.msstate.edu/publications/06surplus.htm). The publications listed are available on a first come, first serve basis. Available quantities vary by issue. Requested quantities will be honored when possible. There is no charge for these publications.

SRDC Items of Interest

- **SRDC Staff Member and Colleagues Release Welfare Reform Book**
  *Welfare Reform in Persistent Rural Poverty: Dreams, Disenchantments, and Diversity*, written by Kathleen Pickering, Mark H. Harvey (a post-doctoral associate with the SRDC overseeing evaluation research in the Mid South Delta region), Gene F. Summers, and David Mushinski and available from Pennsylvania State University Press, examines the impacts of the 1996 welfare reform act on families and communities in chronically poor rural areas of the United States where there are few job opportunities and poor systems of education, transportation and child care.

  Kathleen Pickering and her colleagues look at welfare reform as it has been experienced on American Indian Reservations in South Dakota, in the colonias of the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, Appalachian Kentucky and the Mississippi Delta. Throughout these areas the rhetoric of reform created expectations of new opportunities to find decent work and receive education and training. In fact, these expectations have largely gone unfulfilled as the potential benefits of work-based reform failed to penetrate poor areas isolated from the economic and social mainstream of American society.

  *Welfare Reform in Persistent Rural Poverty* sheds light on the myriad challenges and limited opportunities that reform has presented to low-income families in disadvantaged regions. Combining qualitative and quantitative research methods, it will be an excellent guide for scholars and practitioners alike seeking to address the problem of poverty in rural America. Available for purchase online at [http://www.psupress.org/bookstitles/0-271-02877-7.html](http://www.psupress.org/bookstitles/0-271-02877-7.html).

National Items of Interest
• **2007 Farm Bill Information**
  In 2007, Congress will be considering reauthorization of the Farm Bill. In an effort to obtain community input, U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns has sponsored a series of Farm Bill Forums across the United States. These Forums provide rural residents with an opportunity to provide their own ideas on what should be in the 2007 Farm Bill. A summary of these forums has been published, and USDA staff have published a series of papers on key topics such as rural development, crop supports, etc. To learn more about the Farm Bill Forums and to access papers on various issues related to agriculture and rural development, visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Bill Forums webpage at http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdafarmbill?navtype=SU&navid=FARM_BILL_FORUMS.

• **Call for Proposals Announced for 2007 NACDEP Conference**

• **Journals Seek Papers About Sustainable Agriculture and Community Development**
  October 1 is the abstract deadline for two separate calls for papers addressing the connection between sustainable agriculture and community development. A special issue of the journal *Community Development* is seeking papers on "Connecting Community Development and Sustainable Agriculture: Sustaining Community Innovation." This theme stems from the Sustainable Community Innovation Grants program (http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/scig_page.htm), which is supported through a partnership between SARE and the RRDCs in the Southern and Northeastern Regions. Papers may highlight impacts from the grant program or they may explore the conceptual framework that guides successful community innovation strategies. Additionally, a special issue of *Southern Rural Sociology* is seeking papers on sustainable agriculture and the quality of life in rural communities. This special issue of SRS will focus on sustainable agriculture and community and how the two intersect in the South. Both calls can be viewed at http://www.southernsare.org.

• **New Community Development Resource**
  *Practicing Community Development* is a new book by Don and Doris Littrell that focuses on the ethical and practical aspects of community development. It is full of examples of people coming together and working through challenges. The authors use their experience as a basis to explore how to help community members implement their visions. This book is for community members and the people in agencies, government and nonprofit organizations who work with them. It will serve as a textbook for foundation courses in community development or other social sciences. MU Extension's Web site includes a description of the book, information about the authors, and a table of contents. Visit http://extension.missouri.edu/explore/commdm/dm7616.htm.
• **Second Issue of the Rural Sociological Society's *Rural Realities* Now Available**
  The Rural Sociological Society’s second issue of *Rural Realities* is now available. This latest issue, "Rural People, Rural Places: The Hidden Costs of Hurricane Katrina," was written by Rogelio Saenz and Walter G. Peacock. This brief draws much needed attention to nonmetro areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and outlines the key features of the rural people and places that have been impacted by this major disaster. Most important, it offers a series of policy recommendations that can assist in rebuilding the region’s nonmetro counties and parishes. The hope is that these policy ideas can offer a meaningful set of strategies for lessening the future vulnerability of rural areas within and outside this region of the country. This issue is available on the RSS website at [http://ruralsociology.org/pubs/RuralRealities/RuralRealities1-2.pdf](http://ruralsociology.org/pubs/RuralRealities/RuralRealities1-2.pdf).

• **Urban Institute Report on Improving Financial Literacy**
  Many of today’s household decisions require a good understanding of complex financial information. Yet, studies show, most Americans do not have basic financial literacy, thus limiting their ability to make sound decisions for their future. A number of public agencies, private foundations, school systems, and employers have begun to sponsor financial education programs to fill this knowledge gap. "Financial Literacy Strategies: Where Do We Go From Here?" -- a new report released by the Urban Institute -- looks at some of these efforts and reviews surveys measuring their efficacy. The report is available at [http://www.urban.org/url.cfm?ID=311352](http://www.urban.org/url.cfm?ID=311352).

#### Funding Opportunities

• **2006 Southern Region Sustainable Community Innovation Grants Announced**
  The new round of Sustainable Community Innovation Grants have just been announced. A partnership of the Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program, the Southern Rural Development Center and the Appalachian Regional Commission, the deadline date for submissions is November 28, 2006. The grant information is available at [http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/currentcalls/sci.doc](http://www.southernsare.uga.edu/currentcalls/sci.doc).

• **SRDC's Grant Connections: Rural Development Funding Opportunities**
  Volume 8, Number 5, August 2006 -- *Available Aug. 28*
  [http://srdc.msstate.edu/funding/aug06.htm](http://srdc.msstate.edu/funding/aug06.htm)

  The SRDC staff compiles Grant Connections primarily for the faculty of land-grant colleges and universities in the South to provide funding information in support of activities in agricultural economics, education, human sciences, rural sociology, youth development, and other related disciplines.

#### SRDC Sponsored Conferences & Trainings
Joint Meeting of PLN, AEA and ASRED
August 28-31, 2006
San Juan, Puerto Rico
http://srpln.msstate.edu/conferences/pr/

Other Conferences & Trainings

Celebrating Rural Georgia
August 21-23, 2006
Augusta, Georgia
https://www.dca.state.ga.us/celebratingruralgeorgia/index.html

2006 National Extension Tourism Conference - NETworking in Tourism: People, Places and Partnerships
September 10-13, 2006
Burlington, Vermont
http://www.esf.edu/NET2006/

Intensive Economic Development Training Course
Session II: September 11-15, 2006
Auburn, Alabama
http://www.aces.edu/crd/iedtc.php

2006 Housing and Community Economic Development Summit
“Wealth Creation Through Homeownership, Community Economic Development and Beyond!!!”
September 12-13, 2006
Charleston, South Carolina

National Public Policy Education Conference
"Consequences of the 21st Century Food System"
September 17-20, 2006
Fayetteville, Arkansas
http://farmfoundation.org/events.htm

Closing the Wealth Gap: Building Assets Among Low-Income Households, A Policy Research Forum
Held in conjunction with the CFED 2006 Assets Learning Conference
(http://www.assetsconference.org/)
September 19-21, 2006
Phoenix, Arizona
• **Community Development Institute East**  
  September 24-29, 2006  
  Charleston, WV  
  [http://www.ext.wvu.edu/cdi-east/](http://www.ext.wvu.edu/cdi-east/)

• **Community and Faith Leadership Development Conference**  
  September 27-29, 2006  
  Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
  *Contact: Charlette Byrd-Minor, Assistant Specialist, Community and Economic Development, 225-771-2242 ext. 315 or charlette.minor@suagcenter.com.*

• **Creating Business Success**  
  October 8-11, 2006  
  Tallahassee, Florida  
  [http://srdc.msstate.edu/calendar/famu/famuconf.html](http://srdc.msstate.edu/calendar/famu/famuconf.html)

• **Helping Small Towns Succeed**  
  October 10-12, 2006  
  Lincoln, Nebraska  
  [http://www.heartlandcenter.info/hst2.htm](http://www.heartlandcenter.info/hst2.htm)

• **Managing Agricultural Landscapes for Environmental Quality**  
  October 11-13, 2006  
  Kansas City, Missouri  

• **North American Agromedicine Consortium's 19th Annual Conference**  
  “Encouraging Community Preparation for Agromedicine Concerns”  
  October 15-17, 2006  
  **Call for Abstracts Due August 25**  
  Tuscaloosa, Alabama  
  [http://www.agromedicine.org/Conferences/2006%20Conference/Agromedicine%20Annual%20Meeting%202006.htm](http://www.agromedicine.org/Conferences/2006%20Conference/Agromedicine%20Annual%20Meeting%202006.htm)

• **Exploring Rural Entrepreneurship: Imperatives and Opportunities for Research**  
  Sponsored by the RUPRI Center for Rural Entrepreneurship and USDA’s Economic Research Service  
  October 26-27, 2006  
  Washington, D.C.

• **Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference**  
  November 9-12, 2006
• **2007 NACDEP Conference**
  "Declaration of Interdependence: The Fabric of Community"
  April 16-19, 2007
  Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
  [http://nacdep.net](http://nacdep.net)

• **21st Century Families Conference: From Research to Reality**
  April 17-19, 2007
  Little Rock, Arkansas
  [http://www.arfamilies.org/21st_century/default.htm](http://www.arfamilies.org/21st_century/default.htm)

• **National Urban Extension Conference**
  "The Future Urban Extension Agenda: Reaching New and Diverse Audiences"
  May 7-10, 2007
  **Call for Papers Due September 30, 2006**
  Kansas City, Missouri
  [http://extension.missouri.edu/urbanconf/](http://extension.missouri.edu/urbanconf/)

### Job Opportunities

• **Academic Specialist in Global Agrifood Systems Development**
  Institute of International Agriculture, Michigan State University

• **Assistant Professor, Regional Economics**
  University of Minnesota

• **Assistant Professor of Sociology and Community Development**
  Delta State University

• **Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Wildlife and Recreation Management**
  Auburn University
  View announcement: [http://www.sfws.auburn.edu/employment/WildlifeRecreationMgt.pdf](http://www.sfws.auburn.edu/employment/WildlifeRecreationMgt.pdf)

• **Assistant/Associate Professor/Extension Specialist, Applied Forest Economics and Management**
  Auburn University
  View announcement: [http://www.sfws.auburn.edu/employment/ProfessorExtensionSpecialist.pdf](http://www.sfws.auburn.edu/employment/ProfessorExtensionSpecialist.pdf)
• Assistant/Associate/Professor
  Director of the Louisiana Center for Rural Initiatives
  Louisiana State University AgCenter

• Associate Director for Operations, MSU Extension
  Michigan State University
  View announcement: http://ceenet.msue.msu.edu/home/director/associatedirectorsearch/applicationinfo.htm

• Community Development Specialist
  University of Missouri Extension
  View announcement: http://extension.missouri.edu/careers/positionannouncements/CDV075.html

• Community, Natural Resource and Economic Development Educator - Kenosha County
  University of Wisconsin-Extension
  View announcement: http://www.uwex.edu/ces/hr/listing.cfm?PVL=C07009

• Director of Marketing
  North Carolina Cooperative Extension
  North Carolina State and North Carolina A&T State Universities
  View announcement: http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/nc_dir_mkt.doc

• Evaluation and Research Specialist
  University of Minnesota Extension Service
  View announcement: http://www.extension.umn.edu/community/careers/

• Executive Editor/Senior Writer
  Ford Foundation
  View announcement: http://www.fordfound.org/employment/jobdetail.cfm?id=118

• Executive Director, Ripley County Economic Development Corporation
  Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service
  View announcement: http://www.purdue.edu/hr/Employment/Job_Vacancies/wlprof.shtml#00000000016515

• Extension Specialist, Community-based Business Development
  West Virginia University Extension Service
  View announcement: http://www.wvu.edu/~exten/about/ext_spec_bus_dev_cewd_090806.htm

• Full Time, Tenure Track -- 2 Positions (One 9 month, One 12 month)
  Department of Sociology, Iowa State University
  View announcement: http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/iowa_two.doc
- Henry County Extension Educator, Agriculture and Natural Resources and Economic and Community Development
  Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service
  View announcement: http://www.purdue.edu/hr/Employment/Job_Vacancies/wlces.shtml#00000000016552

- Professor of Agricultural Economics - Greever Endowed Chair Agri-business Development Development of Agricultural Economics, University of Tennessee

- Regional Extension Educator -- 5 Positions
  University of Minnesota Extension Service
  View announcement: http://www.extension.umn.edu/community/careers/

- Research Associate, Community Economic Development
  Colorado State University
  View announcement:
  http://www.colostate.edu/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/cwis202/db.cgi?db=jobs&uid=faculty&college=Agricultural%20Sciences&sb=10&so=descend&view_records=1&nh=4&mh=1

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