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■ 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://srcd.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/books/titles/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**

The third annual National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) conference, "Declaration of Interdependence: The Fabric of Community," will be held April 16-19, 2007, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Building on the experience and evaluations of the first two national conferences, the 2007 conference will feature 10 tracks some with sub-tracks. For more information, please visit <http://nacdep.net/confs/2007/CallPresentations.htm>.

- **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>.
- **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>.

■ 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>.
- **SRDC's Grant Connections: Rural Development Funding Opportunities**

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<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
<http://communitydevelopmentsc.org/news/2006/08/register-for-the-2006-ced-summit/>
- **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/>
- **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@suaqcenter.com.
- **Creating Business Success**
 October 8-11, 2006
 Tallahassee, Florida
<http://srcd.msstate.edu/calendar/famu/famuconf.html>
- **Helping Small Towns Succeed**
 October 10-12, 2006
 Lincoln, Nebraska
<http://www.heartlandcenter.info/hst2.htm>
- **Managing Agricultural Landscapes for Environmental Quality**
 October 11-13, 2006
 Kansas City, Missouri
http://www.swcs.org/en/swcs_international_conferences/managing_agricultural_landscapes/
- **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>
- **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

Rock Eagle, Georgia

https://4h.ifas.ufl.edu/Events/southern_region_teen_leadership/general_information.htm

- **2007 NACDEP Conference**
"Declaration of Interdependence: The Fabric of Community"
April 16-19, 2007
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
<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
- **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/>

■ Job Opportunities

- Academic Specialist in Global Agrifood Systems Development
Institute of International Agriculture, Michigan State University
View announcement: http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/msu_acadspec.doc
- Assistant Professor, Regional Economics
University of Minnesota
View announcement:
<http://www.apec.umn.edu/documents/RegionalEconomistPositionDescription.pdf>
- Assistant Professor of Sociology and Community Development
Delta State University
View announcement: <http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/deltastate.doc>
- Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Wildlife and Recreation Management
Auburn University
View announcement: <http://www.sfw.s.auburn.edu/employment/WildlifeRecreationMgt.pdf>
- Assistant/Associate Professor/Extension Specialist, Applied Forest Economics and Management
Auburn University
View announcement:
<http://www.sfw.s.auburn.edu/employment/ProfessorExtensionSpecialist.pdf>

- Assistant/Associate/Professor
Director of the Louisiana Center for Rural Initiatives
Louisiana State University AgCenter
View announcement: http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/lisu_rural_dev_position.pdf
- 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
Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Tennessee
View announcement: http://srdc.msstate.edu/news/jobs/ut_agecon.pdf
- 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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