



## Items of Interest

### SERA-47 Hosts 2021 Local & Regional Foods Annual Meeting

The Southern Extension and Research Activity 47 (SERA-47) Local & Regional Foods annual meeting allows Extension and research colleagues in the Southern region to come and share the great work they are doing related to local foods and to explore how it might be expanded throughout the region. The goal is to foster networking in an effort to strengthen research and outreach collaboration across the region.

Building upon previous goals, three objectives for the renewed efforts were identified:

1. Increase interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary collaborations and networking efforts among Extension and research food system professionals across the region.
2. Identify current and emerging issues specific to food system development in the Southern region.
3. Assess local food system policy, opportunities for expansion, environmental change, and economic development issues, make policy recommendations, and develop best practices for communities across the region.

To register for the virtual annual meeting, [CLICK HERE](#)

### Call to Action: National Extension Housing Programs Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete this five-question survey from the Land Use Planning Community of Practice – a NACDEP Working Group. The information collected will give the committee an understanding of all national Extension program efforts (past and present) related to this topic. The results of this survey will be shared at the December 15th webinar.

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## Webinars:

### SERA-47 Learning Communities Workgroup Seminar Series:

11/17/2021

2:30 PM CT/3:30 ET

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## Regional Spotlight

### North Carolina Develops Video Series: Preparedness and Partnerships - Key Actions to Mitigate the Impact of Disaster and Emergencies

Did you know that disasters can happen anytime, anywhere, and when you least expect them? Think about the Coronavirus pandemic... how prepared were you?

This is the starting point of the series of [bilingual videos on Preparing for Natural Disasters or Emergencies](#). These videos were inspired by the fact that we are often caught by surprise when disasters hit. They seek to connect the public with the importance of knowing what to do before, during, and after a disaster or emergency.

The video series was created to increase awareness of the importance of being prepared, promote specific actions/ideas to help people be prepared, and recognize communities' needs and strengths to respond prior, during and after a disaster. They also aim to provide organizations and programs an evidence-based educational tool to promote dialogue and engagement on disaster and emergency preparedness.

The videos were designed with the Latinx Community in mind. However, they can be used by any person and/or group seeking resources to get started on the journey of [Emergency and Disaster Preparedness and Response](#).

The topics of the videos included in the series are:

- Introductory video, importance of being prepared, family planning in case of natural disasters or emergencies, being aware of, and responding to, alerts for natural disasters or emergencies
- Having a family emergency kit, and having a financial emergency kit

The creation of these videos also represents an example of a successful partnership and collaboration. The videos were developed through the collaborative partnership of Cintia Aguilar from [North Carolina State Extension](#), Daniela Archibold from the [Church World Service](#), and Esmeralda Dominquez from [the Episcopal Farm Worker Ministry](#).

The videos are free to use as an educational tool by a program, agency, educator, or community leader. The development team centered the content around cultural competency and adapted the materials to be understood in different Latinx cultures from Central and South America. The videos can be adopted and/or adapted but original branding, resources, and content cannot be modified.

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## Employee Highlight: University of Arkansas Extension Welcomes Dr. Hunter Goodman

Dr. Hunter P. Goodman recently started as the assistant professor for Community, Workforce and Economic Development at the [University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service](#). In this role, she focuses on building capacity across the state, particularly in the areas of nonprofit, workforce and community leadership for local development and resiliency.

Goodman is a proud alumna of the Presidential Leadership Scholars program. The program is a first-of-its-kind executive education-style partnership between the presidential centers of George W. Bush, William J. Clinton, George H.W. Bush and Lyndon B. Johnson. When asked to reflect on this experience, Goodman said, “I loved the opportunity to explore leadership alongside peers across the country through a case study approach of our US presidents.”

Goodman earned her doctoral degree in leadership studies from the [University of Central Arkansas](#), Master of Education from the [University of Southern Mississippi](#) and Bachelor of Arts from [Rhodes College](#).

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## Grant Postings

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### Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging Pilot Grant—Invitation

**Deadline: December 10, 2021**

The Southern Rural Development Center is partnering with the National Institute on Aging (NIA)-funded Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging (INRPHA) to invite investigators to submit proposals for pilot research that addresses key thematic priority areas (detailed below) related to U.S. rural population health and aging trends and disparities.

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### Economic Development Administration American Rescue Plan Program

**Deadline varies based on program**

The American Rescue Plan funding is to assist communities nationwide in their efforts to build back better by accelerating the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and building local economies that will be resilient to future economic shocks. EDA is proud to make this funding available through a series of six innovative challenges.

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## Job Postings

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### Local Food Council Fellow

**Application Deadline: October 18, 2021**

The Michigan State University (MSU) Center for Regional Food Systems (CRFS) within the Department of Community Sustainability is seeking a full-time, fixed-term Local Food Council Fellow. This position is classified as a Specialist – Outreach. The position is a two-year appointment. This fixed-term position is a unique and exciting opportunity for a relationship-driven, resourceful, and self-motivated candidate to bring creative vision and add capacity to support and shape local food council and food policy work in Michigan.

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### Assistant Dean and Professor, Agriculture & Natural Resources and Community Economic Development

**Open until filled**

The Assistant Dean is responsible to the Dean of the University of Tennessee Extension.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing leadership and direction to the agriculture, natural resources and community economic development agents, specialists, and programs.
- Working closely with department heads, specialists, and regional agriculture program leaders in the overall program planning, etc.

Information about programs and personnel of UT Extension is available [HERE](#)

### Community Health Post-Doctoral Associate

**Open until filled**

The position is a two-year appointment located in southwest part of the state in Tifton, Georgia. The faculty will be expected to support, implement, and evaluate community health capacity building initiatives related to vaccine education with partner institution Morehouse School of Medicine.

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## Conferences, Workshops, Trainings

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### 2021 National Extension Tourism Network Biennial Conference

**In-Person: November 7 – 11, 2021 – Savannah, GA**

The National Extension Tourism Network's conference theme this year is "Navigating the Uncharted" which will reflect on how Extension and other tourism professionals have been responding and adapting to the challenges and changes facing the communities we serve. It also will serve to catalyze future Extension programming that best serves our stakeholders' needs.

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## You Are Invited to Join the NACDEP Land Use Planning Community of Practice (CoP) to Learn About Extension's Contributions to Address the National Housing Issue

### **Virtual Housing Forum: December 15, 2021**

Join the NACDEP Land Use Planning Community of Practice (CoP) to learn about Extension's contributions to address the national housing issue. The webinar will be on December 15th, 12:00-1:30 pm EST. Learn from a panel of Extension guest speakers about implemented programs and impacts. Participants will be engaged in breakouts to discuss the complexities of housing in their community and how it relates to their Extension programs and work.

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