



CEDEV News

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(CEDEV) Graduate program for the CEDEV community

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Welcome to the Community and Economic Development (CEDEV) Newsletter!

Those of us associated with the CEDEV program in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at Penn State would like to provide multiple ways for us to communicate with you and for you to communicate with each other. We are introducing a quarterly electronic newsletter that will be sent to all students and alumni of the CEDEV program. Please let us know what you like and what can be improved about the newsletter and the program. Send your ideas for topics or regular items in the newsletter to Natalie Novak at cedevNews@psu.edu. We would like to hear from you!

Notes from the Graduate Program Coordinator

GROWTH IN CEDEV PROGRAM SINCE GOING TOTALLY ONLINE!

CEDEV has experienced an increase in applications to the MPS program and an overall increase in students enrolled in the MPS and the CEDEV postbaccalaureate certificate programs in the past 18 months. This is very exciting for the program. Thank you for choosing this program! To meet program growth we have been increasing our course offerings (four required courses are being offered this Spring) and enrollments in each course. And, we are adding new faculty to meet this demand. Please be patient as we work through these 'growing pains.' Also, to increase our responsiveness to an increasing number of students and as a result of this growth, CEDEV has been able to hire a full-time CEDEV Administrative Coordinator—Natalie Novak (see article below). WELCOME, Natalie! Those of you who have already worked with Natalie know how helpful and responsive she is. We are delighted to have Natalie on our CEDEV team.

Finally, I would like to say a big 'THANK YOU!' to Robbie Swanger who handled CEDEV applications and all other student-related paperwork, along with her other work, for the past few years.

Again, let us know what you think about the newsletter and ideas you have for items.

Diane K. McLaughlin, CEDEV Graduate Program Coordinator
Professor of Rural Sociology and Demography

New Administrative Coordinator for CEDEV

On July 15, 2008, Natalie Novak joined the CEDEV program as administrative coordinator. In this role, Natalie facilitates applicant and student processes, assists in course preparations, manages the CEDEV website, assists in coordinating the Summer Institute, and manages all student files, data and University reporting for the program.

She is developing a database for CEDEV alumni and networking and will serve as liaison for employment and networking opportunities for our students and alumni.

Natalie has worked with Penn State University for 6 years. She lives in State College, PA with her 8 year old son, Tristan.

If you haven't already had the opportunity to work with

Natalie with respect to scheduling your courses or other applicant/ student processes we are sure you will in the near future.

Please be sure to update your email, telephone and address with Natalie. She can be reached at (814) 863-5884 (telephone) or nnovak@psu.edu (email).



Natalie and her son Tristan

CEDEV Summer Institute 2009 at Penn State

Planning for the CEDEV Summer Institute (SI) 2009 at Penn State is underway! The Summer Institute 2008 provides a solid foundation to build on for this year's institute.

The Planning Committee (list to the right) has developed a questionnaire that was distributed via email in January. Please consider taking about 15

minutes to complete the questionnaire. Completing the questionnaire will assist the Planning Committee in organizing an institute that meets your individual needs and expectations.

The Committee has developed a suggested list of topics to consider for the Institute. If you have any additional suggestions for SI topics please include

them when you complete the questionnaire.

For additional consideration are Penn State related activities – a tour of the famous Berkey Creamery and production plant and a tour of the Frost Entomology Museum.

Additional information about the Summer Institute 2009 will be provided soon!

Summer Institute 2009 Planning Committee

Ted Alter
Jeff Bridger
Judy Chambers
Harry Crissy
Ann Dodd
Nancy Franklin
Stephan Goetz
Janelle Larson
Diane McLaughlin
Natalie Novak
Steve Smith

Thank you to all who have completed the questionnaire! If you haven't and cannot locate the link please contact Natalie at nnovak@psu.edu and she will provide you with the link.

In The News and Student Spotlight



Are you interested in submitting your story of success or issues for discussion to the CEDEV Newsletter? Do you have something interesting you would like to share with CEDEV students and alumni?

Submit your story and photos to cedevNews@psu.edu. Please include the following

information:

- Your name & contact information
- Your position
- Organization name
- Your story (approx. 250-300 words)
- A recent photo we can use in the newsletter

Your submission will be

reviewed and we will contact you about publication.

Submit your story and information for the CEDEV newsletter by **Friday, March 20, 2009** to be considered for the April 2009 issue!

Would you like to be featured on the World Campus website?

Send your summary and photo to cedevNews@psu.edu.

Clemson Institute for Economic and Community Development

Submitted by: Harry Crissy
Community and Economic Development, Clemson University-Charleston County Extension

The Clemson Institute for Economic and Community Development is strategizing to better engage community members in the development process. We have developed a community and economic development planning model designed to minimize conflicts of concern. The process improves the usability of public input data by forcing participants to focus on predetermined—from surveys and existing conditions—external and internal community and economic development planning criteria, rather than the more general themes typically addressed in the charrette process. It produces interactive discussions on useful topics, to better facilitate consensus. By retrofitting business data management models into the procedure, the outcomes provide researchers with useful, easily interpreted data. A mapping dimension allows the investigator to apply the outcome data spatially, as well as to better facilitate connectivity within the community in terms of safety and cohesiveness. This model is applicable to both rural and urban settings.

Harry Crissy can be contacted via email at hcrissy@clemson.edu or via telephone at (843) 722-5940 ext. 134.

Look for Penn State CEDEV on Facebook!



We have established a Penn State CEDEV group on Facebook! Please contact Natalie at (814) 863-5884 or nnovak@psu.edu for more information. Get Involved!

Get Involved and Stay involved with CEDEV!

Send your news and photos to cedevNews@psu.edu -

We want to hear from you!

Course Offerings

With links to syllabus



Spring 2009

[CEDEV 430](#)
[CEDEV 452](#)
[CEDEV 509](#)
[CEDEV 575](#)
[CEDEV 596](#)



Fall 2009

[CEDEV 430](#)
[CEDEV 452](#)
[CEDEV 500](#)
[CEDEV 505](#)
[CEDEV 596](#)

Useful Forms and Links

[Resume Study/ Change of Major or Degree](#)

Use this form if you are resuming study in the same major or degree after an absence of 1 or more semesters.

[Intent to Graduate](#)

You must notify the University of your intent to graduate. This link provides the steps to complete.

[Angel](#)

Access your online courses through Angel, Penn State's course management system.

New Reports, Web Links and Other Information

Are you always looking for good information to use in your work, but rarely have the time to actually find and evaluate materials to identify the best web site or reports? If the answer is yes, our new web page identifying helpful materials is for you. On this page, we will post links to sites that you have identified as helpful and others that have been listed as particularly useful for different aspects

of community and economic development. Please share web sites and links to reports or citations for materials that you have found particularly helpful in your work and volunteer activities. If you have the time, please add a sentence or two describing the topic of the web site or document and what you found most helpful about it. We will be building these into a 'go to' web site for

links on particular topics. These links may also be to the web sites of other organizations that focus on particular topics (e.g., the Kauffmann Foundation for work on entrepreneurship). We are looking for these types of links and resources, as well. Please send this information to Natalie at cedevNews@psu.edu.