



# CEDEV News

A publication of the Community and Economic Development (CEDEV) Graduate program for the CEDEV community

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## Scholarships available! Deadline May 15! CEDEV Summer Institute ♦ June 2-4, 2009

The Summer Institute (SI) is an opportunity for current students and alumni of the CEDEV program, community development professionals and faculty to meet at the University Park Campus of Penn State to examine critical issues in community and economic development. In response to the economic conditions facing the nation and world, the emphasis of the 2009 CEDEV SI is economic development, broadly defined.

The 2009 CEDEV SI will be held on June 2-4, 2009 at the Penn State, University Park Campus. **Travel and registration scholarships are still available!!** Registration for the Institute is open and the form as well as updated topic and speaker information can be found on the CEDEV website at: [http://cedev.aers.psu.edu/mps/summer\\_institute.htm](http://cedev.aers.psu.edu/mps/summer_institute.htm).

Please consider joining us for this 3-day workshop and networking opportunity! Remember, scholarships are still available on a first-come, first-serve basis!

For more information please contact Natalie Novak at (814) 863-5884 or [nnovak@psu.edu](mailto:nnovak@psu.edu).

## CEDEV is on Facebook!

Do you have a Facebook account? Have you considered creating a Facebook account?

The CEDEV program has created a group on Facebook called Penn State CEDEV. The group was created to provide an online tool to get connected and network with fellow CEDEV students, alumni and community development professionals.

Join the group by performing a search for Penn State CEDEV on Facebook. Once you find the group, send a request to join the group. Within a couple of days of sending your request you will receive a confirmation that you have been added to the group. We hope to use this tool for discussion forums, posting of useful information and much more!

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## New Students and New Course Opportunity!

An agreement between Penn State and the University of York, UK has been executed. It allows both institutions to provide more course opportunities for their students.

Starting fall 2009 students in the Penn State CEDEV graduate program who are enrolled in CEDEV 500 might be working with students from the University of York.

In spring 2010 the University of York will offer our students the opportunity to take "The Environment and the Policy Process" course. If you have questions about this exciting opportunity or would like more information, please contact Natalie Novak at [nnovak@psu.edu](mailto:nnovak@psu.edu) or (814) 863-5884.



## In The Spotlight

Judy Chambers is a Community and Economic Development Educator for Penn State Cooperative Extension focusing on Adams, York, Franklin, Fulton and Cumberland counties in south-central PA. She works in the areas of land use education, leadership development, strategic planning and local government training.

Judy has over eleven years experience as municipal manager for two small communities, Boonsboro MD and Mercersburg PA. She also worked on military base reuse as Utilities Program Manager for Letterkenny Industrial Development Authority in Chambersburg PA. She is a graduate of Northwestern University and will receive a master's degree in community and economic development from Penn State University in May 2009.

**\*\*\* Each quarter we would like to showcase a CEDEV student or alum in the CEDEV News. Please submit a brief (100 – 150) word profile to Natalie at [CEDEVNews@psu.edu](mailto:CEDEVNews@psu.edu) along with a photograph of yourself.**

## Useful Tools



Have you have found something helpful in your CEDEV-related work, volunteer activities or in on-line classes?

Share it in the CEDEV Newsletter! Submit your information to Natalie at [CEDEVnews@psu.edu](mailto:CEDEVnews@psu.edu).

## Faculty Profile ♦ Dr. Theodore Alter



Dr. Theodore R. Alter is professor of agricultural, environmental and regional economics in Penn State's Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology and co-director of the Center for Economic and Community Development. His research and teaching focus on agricultural economics and policy, development economics, public sector economics, community and regional economics, community and rural development, rural policy, institutional and behavioral economics, public resource and environmental economics, leadership and organizational change, and the scholarship of engagement in higher education.

For more information about Dr. Alter please see his faculty profile on the Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology website:  
<http://www.aers.psu.edu/faculty/TAlter/default.cfm>



## Administrative Information

### CEDEV Course Evaluations – Posted on April 16, 2009

Student Rating of Teaching Effectiveness (SRTE) course evaluations will be posted on the Angel Course Management System on April 16, 2009. The evaluation allows students to provide anonymous comments and feedback about courses and instructors.

All CEDEV evaluations are reviewed by Diane McLaughlin, CEDEV Program Coordinator. Instructors have access to the anonymous responses for each course they teach. Weaknesses and areas for improvement, as well as strengths are identified via this tool and are used to improve course and instructor effectiveness. The evaluations will also help identify successful strategies that can be adopted into other teaching and course materials.

Please be sure to complete the evaluation when it is posted on your Angel course!

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Stay involved with  
CEDEV!*



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photos to  
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We want to hear from  
YOU and would like to  
showcase your work  
and photos in the  
newsletter and on the  
website.

**COURSE REVISIONS:  
Summer 2009  
CEDEV 430  
CEDEV 509**

**We are revising  
CEDEV 430 and 509  
this summer.**

**Send your ideas,  
suggestions and  
helpful information to  
[nnovak@psu.edu](mailto:nnovak@psu.edu).**

**Please be as SPECIFIC  
as possible in your  
suggestions!**



# CEDEV Organizational Structure

Ever wonder about the organizational structure of CEDEV?

CEDEV is offered through Penn State's World Campus but its academic home is in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology (AERS) in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State. All graduate programs at Penn State, including those offered through World Campus, also are under the purview of The Graduate School at Penn State. This is why different aspects of the program require submitting forms to different units within Penn State.

The application for the MPS is now submitted through the Graduate School at Penn State (linked from World Campus and the CEDEV web page), but the information immediately is available to the CEDEV program, with Natalie Novak working with you to complete the application. This information is then provided to the CEDEV Graduate Committee in AERS which makes the decision about recommending admission to the MPS.

The final review of materials is then completed by the Graduate School. Your letter of offer comes from the CEDEV program. You register for courses through World Campus, with any issues or concerns handled by the help desk at World Campus, and ultimately, by Natalie. So, if you have questions about registration for courses, contact Natalie.

The intent to graduate form is filed with The Graduate School, but the CEDEV program coordinator (Dr. McLaughlin) will work with you to determine if you have completed all course requirements and your final paper, project or internship.



## After the Planning's over: Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plans in Pennsylvania

*Judy Chambers, CEDEV Graduate Student*

Pennsylvania policy-makers have expressed concern over the rapid rate of residential development in parts of Pennsylvania and the associated reduction in farmland and open spaces since at least the mid 1990's, when Governor Tom Ridge convened the 21st Century Environment Commission. The focus of efforts to manage growth has been on land use planning at the local government level. While other states have chosen to impose planning mandates, Pennsylvania provided incentives to promote smart growth principles through multi-municipal planning. Although many Pennsylvania municipalities have adopted joint

comprehensive plans, recent studies suggest few have implemented them effectively nor have they produced significant changes in local land use planning practices.

How can local governments bridge the gap between joint comprehensive planning and joint implementation of those plans? By learning more about the dynamic relationship between conditions, factors and behaviors in municipalities, we may be able to identify strategies that will encourage implementation behaviors. I used a case study of four Pennsylvania municipalities to examine the relationship between

community conditions such as the rate of growth; three key factors of land use planning capacity, inter-municipal relations, and public participation; and the implementation behaviors of local officials regarding their multi-municipal plans. I suggest that changes in any one of these aspects can affect implementation behavior, and that specific state-level policy changes to address planning readiness, capacity, and public engagement may be effective in achieving a greater level of joint comprehensive plan implementation and ultimately better growth management.

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