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48th Annual National HERA Conference October 5-8, 2014, Kansas City, MO



Mark Your Calendar!

Our distinguished conference chair Michael Goldschmidt of the University of Missouri, will be planning a great conference for us to join together and participate in an in-depth, stimulating, and challenging gathering of housing researchers, teachers, extension educators and other professionals in Kansas City, Missouri. The 48th Annual HERA's International Conference to be held on October 5—8, 2014 will feature presentations of peer-reviewed abstracts (500 word papers), posters, and keynote speakers in an atmosphere that fosters intellectual growth and development. Come share and discuss the latest housing challenges.

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ADDRESS CHANGE

Effective January 2014, the address and contact information for the HERA Executive Office will be:

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President's Message



Dear HERA Colleagues:

It was such a treat to see everyone at the HERA Annual Conference in Tulsa, OK. Jorge Atilas and Gina Peek did an excellent job planning and executing the conference. While we missed everyone who could not attend, we hope to see you later this year in Kansas City, MO.

I feel very privileged to serve as your president this year. Remembering how awed I was by the organization when I first joined, it would never have occurred to me that I would one day be your president. I have learned so much from all you throughout the years, and I look forward to working with and for you in 2014.

We all know how critical housing is in sustaining strong families and communities. The recent housing crisis is only one indicator that lack of adequate and affordable housing, limited housing choices, and irresponsibility in housing markets can bring an economy to its knees. Now, more than ever, we need educated, committed, and creative professionals to seek a variety of long-term solutions. Lamentably, however, many housing programs in higher education are being cut or down-sized, and HERA itself has experienced a decline in membership. My personal experience with Extension is disheartening. When Extension was first conceived, housing and housing issues were in the forefront of its educational programming. The farm family was critical to the success of agriculture, and housing was critical to the farm family. Indeed, some of Extension's earliest programs included mattress making and the introduction of indoor plumbing (sanitation and public health issues linked to housing).

So, what to do? One of my main goals as president is to identify and encourage a broader base of membership in HERA. As we look to the future, HERA must be more assertive in communicating its mission, more expansive in sharing its strategies, and more insistent in bringing other likeminded professionals into the fold.

At the conference in Tulsa, we challenged everyone to recruit at least one new member. That's a solid start. But, let's also think broader and try to identify other academic programs, different types of housing professionals and groups, and housing stakeholders/decision-makers who would benefit from HERA while strengthening its mission to promote excellence in the planning, development, delivery and service of decent, safe, sanitary, affordable, ecologically sound, and appropriately designed housing for all people.

I've signed up not one, but two new members – have you?

Martha Keel

Thank you from Ann Ziebarth

I would like to thank the HERA members for the sympathy cards you gave me following my father's death in October, 2013. His passing left a big empty place but the loss is eased by all the kind words and support from family and friends like you. I honor my many professional friendships and hope that I can live up to my Dad's example of a life well lived. Carl was born in 1916, grew up on a hard-scrabble farm in northern Minnesota, served in World War II where he earned three purple hearts, and went to the University of Minnesota on the GI Bill on his way to over 30 years as a vocational agriculture teacher. Early in his career he met Betty who became his wife and life-long partner. Over their 65 years together they raised three children, taught lots of students, built a house (with the help of their two boys ages 8 and 12 at the time), and traveled the world. Their adventures included hiking in Switzerland, Wales, and the American southwest, a sustainable agricultural tour in China, and a teacher exchange in New Zealand. Together they left me legacy that includes a curiosity about the world, a love of rural places, and the knowledge that family projects and hard work reap amazing rewards.

2013 National HERA Conference Overview

The 2013 Annual Conference was held October 27th—30th at the historic Mayo Hotel in beautiful downtown Tulsa, Oklahoma. This year's theme, **We Know we belong to the land: Housing the Plains**. Conference highlights included poster presentations, keynote speakers, showroom of exhibitors, and a presentation of 14 abstract papers at the three day conference. Visitors were also able to take a pre-conference tour of the Price Tower, Frank Lloyd Wright's only realized skyscraper.



At the annual conference professors Julia Beamish and Kathleen Parriot, and JoAnn Emmel, associate professor emeritus were presented with the HERA Housing Impact Award. The three were recognized for their accomplishments including the recent publication of the second edition of their books "Kitchen Planning: Codes, Standards, and Guidelines" and "Bath Planning: Codes, Standards and Guidelines."



2013 Award Recipients

Distinguished Service Award: Mike Vogel and Carment Steggell

Housing Impact Award: Virginia Tech Team, Julia Beamish, Kathleen Parrott and JoAnn Emmel.

HERA 2013 International Ambassador Fellowship Award: Karin B. Anacker.

Early Career: Hyun-Jeong Lee and Gina Peek

Graduate Tessie Agan Award: Andrea Bentziger

Undergraduate Tess Agan Award: 1st—Brittney Just, 2nd—Ricardo Rebolledo, 3rd—Sandra Arciniega





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National Tidbit....The **2014 National Healthy Homes Conference**, brought to you by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Rebuilding Together, HGTV and DIY Network, is the nation's leading interdisciplinary event bringing together health, housing and other professionals dedicated to improving the lives and homes of America's families and communities. The 2014 Conference brings you over 130 sessions in six dynamic tracks, over 50,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space, and features a one-of-a-kind community rebuild event that puts words into action, the **Building a Healthy Neighborhood** project, hosted by Rebuilding Together. Visit their website at <http://www.healthyhomesconference.org> to learn more about this informative conference.

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