

## 2005 HERA Conference – October 5 - 8 – *DENVER!*

Mark Your Calendars ~ October 5 - 8 ~ for our 2005 HERA Conference in Denver. Join your colleagues and friends in an elite, historic meeting setting in The Brown Palace Hotel as we update on housing and HEALTHY HOMES.



Photo courtesy of The Brown Palace Hotel

Registration materials for the conference will be mailed later this year, but you can plan your visit now by viewing online information at [www.brownpalace.com](http://www.brownpalace.com) and [www.denvercomfortinn.com](http://www.denvercomfortinn.com). Conference attendees have a reduced rate of \$112 per night at the Comfort Inn, which is connected to The Brown Palace. Lodging at The Brown Palace is \$155 per night. All rates are single or double. Call 1-800-321-2599 and ask for room reservations and specify Comfort Inn or Brown Palace; state that you are with the HERA Conference. For updated information refer to HERA Conference Information at [www.housingeducators.org](http://www.housingeducators.org).

- See page 3 inside for call for papers for presentations at the conference
- If you would like to assist with the 2005 Conference and/or have ideas, please e-mail Ken Tremblay [tremblay@cahs.colostate.edu](mailto:tremblay@cahs.colostate.edu)

### **CALL for *Housing and Society* Manuscript Reviewers**

The list of *Housing and Society* reviewers is being updated for journals to be published in 2005-2007. Refer to the current list of reviewers printed on the inside cover of *Housing & Society*. If you would like to be a manuscript reviewer, please let me know via e-mail.

1. List your current or preferred mailing address
2. List your current or preferred e-mail address
3. List your areas of expertise and/or topics you'd like to review.

We appreciate your time and expertise in the review process for the production of a high quality journal for HERA. - Ken Tremblay, Executive Editor for *Housing and Society*, [tremblay@cahs.colostate.edu](mailto:tremblay@cahs.colostate.edu)

### **Final Call for Special Issue of *Housing and Society***

The deadline for the special kitchen and bath design issue of *Housing and Society* has been extended to March 21, 2005. If you are planning on submitting a manuscript, let Ken Tremblay know what the topic is.

## From Sue Crull, HERA President

Several HERA members have been immersed in the textbook project and we are seeing the great results. Although the list is not mutually exclusive, the textbook involved five editors, 29 authors, and 22 reviewers. The 12 chapters will soon be in the hands of Prentice Hall with hopes that we can have the book for classes this fall. As an organization we agreed that any royalties or fees accruing from this book should be the property of the association to further housing education and research.

Representing our organization, I thank all of you who worked on this book project. It is exciting to know that as an organization we can do such a great and needed project. Join me at our annual meeting in Denver to celebrate this milestone—HERA's first book, titled *Introduction to Housing*.

Sue Crull, HERA President

## From the new co-editors of In House ~

We are pleased to support HERA's communication mission as the new co-editors of *In House*, the member newsletter of our organization. Shirley Niemeyer did an outstanding job in reviving the newsletter over the past two years (and in providing the pictures for this issue). We want to continue to publish regularly. We rely on you, as members, to contribute news items in order to share information for all members.

– Marilyn (Lyn) Bruin & Becky Yust

## John Merrill awarded the 2004 HERA Distinguished Service Award

John Merrill's contributions to housing were celebrated as he received the 2004 HERA Distinguished Service Award. John has served as President, Vice President, and director of HERA; reviewer for *Housing and Society*; chair of the current housing textbook committee; co-chair of a pre-conference on moisture with Kathy Parrott; and chair of the Extension Section. John is well known for his attention to research-based publications and programs and he has made strong contributions nationally, regionally and at the state level through publications and extension curricula. He also has served Dane County and the state of Wisconsin through service in Habitat for Humanity, Friends' Community Housing, the Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development, and the Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation. John retired from the University of Wisconsin this year and is currently a visiting professor at the University of Georgia for spring semester.

*Congratulations, John!*



John & Linda Merrill with Ann Ziebarth



Accepting the award from President Shirley Niemeyer.

**Sarah Kirby, Membership Committee Chair,** encourages each member to seek out a new member to join this year. Also, check whether or not your library has a subscription for *Housing and Society*, the official journal of HERA. See Mike Vogel's report on page 4.

**Also, members,** email us information about changes in programs of study at your institutions, position announcements, and your own achievements and honors so that we can include them in the next issue of *In House*. – MB & BY

## CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE 2005 HERA CONFERENCE - DUE APRIL 2, 2005

HERA issues a call for abstracts for presentations at the 2005 Annual Meeting. Topics can include many areas of interest to housing professionals. The theme for this year's conference is "Healthy Homes" and includes both the physical and psychological well-being of families in their housing. A maximum 1000-word abstract describing the content of the presentation is required. **All abstract submissions must be received by April 2, 2005.** Submit all abstracts by email directly to Dr. Thessalenuere Hinnant-Bernard, thinnant@ncat.edu

**Note the following dates:**      **April 2, 2005 – Abstract submissions due**

**May 14, 2005 – Authors notified of acceptance**

**June 14, 2005 – Revised final abstracts due**

**Address questions to either:**

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### CALL FOR ABSTRACT REVIEWERS

Please contact the conference paper editors if you are willing to be a reviewer for the 2005 HERA Conference in Denver by emailing sarah\_kirby@ncsu.edu. THANK YOU!

### *Encourage Students to Apply for the 2005 Tessie Agan Award*

The Tessie Agan Award Competition is open to undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in a college or university between October 2004 and October 2005. The \$750 graduate student award will be presented at the HERA annual conference in Denver, as will the award paper. The conference registration fee is also waived. The undergraduate student award is \$250. Membership in HERA is awarded to the winning authors.

A full announcement of the paper competition and the application form are available at [www.housingeducators.org](http://www.housingeducators.org) (Students, HERA Awards). Application materials must be postmarked by **April 20, 2005.**

Direct any questions or comments you may have to Sandra C. Hartje, 206-281-2204 or [shartje@spu.edu](mailto:shartje@spu.edu).

### 2005 conferences that may be of interest to HERA members:

MidWest Sociology – [www.themss.org/](http://www.themss.org/) -- March 31-April 3, 2005, Minneapolis, MN

National Priestler Extension Health Conference -- [www.nnh.org/welcome.htm](http://www.nnh.org/welcome.htm) -- April 12-15, 2005, Lexington, KY

Urban Affairs -- [www.udel.edu/uaa/](http://www.udel.edu/uaa/) -- April 13-16, 2005, Salt Lake City

EDRA -- [www.edra.org](http://www.edra.org) -- April 27-May 1, 2005, Vancouver, Canada

AAFCS – [www.aafcs.org](http://www.aafcs.org) -- June 23-26, 2005, Minneapolis, MN

## HERA Headquarter News Bits - from Mike Vogel, Executive Director

HERA headquarters is running smoothly and, except for a few more financial and membership record transitions from Illinois to Montana, we are fully operational in our new headquarters office. Priorities for this time of year include handling membership renewals and records, tax preparation and updating the web site. Here is a summary of key initiatives:

**I. Membership:** At the close of the 2004 year (November 1-October 31) HERA had 106 members (a 39 member increase over 2003). For 2005, HERA has 76 individual members (11 of which are brand new members) with 41 renewals pending. Currently, HERA has 53 libraries that subscribe to *Housing and Society*. Based on 2004 subscriptions of 64, and having 17 libraries to renew for 2005 we should have a net increase of 7 library subscriptions.

**II. Web Site:** [www.housingeducators.org](http://www.housingeducators.org) is the address for HERA web site. Password for members is "shelter." This web site is only as useful as your contributions to it. PLEASE contribute to the web site by providing us with: information about your housing program, information about the housing courses you offer, consumer publications related to housing, and personnel openings.

**III. HERA Assistant:** To help with the HERA web site, list serve and membership database Cali Morrison from Montana State University Extension Service is on-board. Cali has been with the MSU Extension Service for three and a half years, serving as a projects coordinator. She has a bachelor's in Public Relations and is currently finishing a Master's in Adult & Higher Education. She enjoys the outdoors especially when accompanied by her husband, Bryan and her dog, Duncan. Cali's email is [cmorrison@montana.edu](mailto:cmorrison@montana.edu).

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## Position Announcements

**Utah State University** Family Life Center, Housing and Financial Counseling Services Director. Bachelor's degree required, Master's preferred with emphasis in personal finance, housing, counseling, and grant writing. Position is 75% to 100% time. Continuation of position is contingent upon the availability of external funds. AA/EOE. Send cover letter, resume, transcripts, and contact information for three references to Dr. Jean M. Lown, Search Chair, 2905 Old Main Hill, Utah State University, Logan, UT 84322-2905. Review of applications will begin **March 21** and continue until the position is filled. See <http://www.usu.edu/hr/jobshome.html> (3-104-05) for full description.

**Oregon State University**, College of Health and Human Sciences, Department of Design and Human Environment seeks to fill a full-time, 9-month, tenured/tenure-track faculty position at assistant/associate/full professor level. Responsibilities include undergraduate and graduate student teaching, research and/or creative activity, outreach, and service. Applicants should have a research/scholarship and teaching interest in one or more of the following areas: housing for an aging population, technologies for healthy aging, housing policy, housing theory, psychological/sociological aspects of housing, or residential design. Full consideration given to applications received by **March 25**, 2005. Electronic submissions will not be accepted. Application materials should be sent to: Dr. Carmen Steggell Department of Design and Human Environment, 224 Milam Hall, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331. Phone: 541-737-3796 FAX: 541-737-0993 TTY: (800) 735-1232. AA/EOE.

The **University of Georgia**, College of Family and Consumer Sciences, Department of Housing and Consumer Economics Assistant Professor/Extension Housing and Environment Specialist, Twelve Months, Tenure Track. Qualifications: Ph.D. in housing or closely related discipline; ability to communicate effectively with adult and youth audiences of all income levels using written and oral skills; ability to interpret and communicate research and technical information related to housing and environmental issues. Applications received by **April 7**, 2005 will be assured of full consideration. Send letter of interest, vita, three letters of reference, and copies of graduate transcripts to: Dr. Judy A. Harrison, 204 Hoke Smith Annex, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. email: [judyh@uga.edu](mailto:judyh@uga.edu), fax: 706-542-1979. AA/EOE.

**Iowa State University**, College of Human Sciences Dean position. Two current colleges -- Family and Consumer Sciences and Education -- will be combined into a new college on July 1. Michael Whiteford, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, leads the search committee that is now accepting nominations and applications for the Dean position. The position description is at <http://www.provost.iastate.edu/positions/>. The Committee encourages individuals to nominate persons who would be strong candidates as soon as possible. Nominations (with name, position, and complete contact information) should be sent to [HSDeanSearch@iastate.edu](mailto:HSDeanSearch@iastate.edu). Inquiries about the search may be directed to committee chair, LAS Dean Michael Whiteford ([jefe@iastate.edu](mailto:jefe@iastate.edu)). AA/EOE.

**Feature: Involving Undergraduates in Housing Research**

by Carmen Steggell, Oregon State University

[We plan to include at least one feature article in each issue of In House and for this issue we asked Carmen to discuss her POE research strategy. If you have an idea to share for future issues, please let us know -- MB & BY]

During the 2003-2004 academic year, I conducted a post-occupancy evaluation (POE) of two apartment communities. In planning the methodology, I realized that the hours needed for the interviews were more than I could manage alone, but there was no budget to hire interviewers. I looked around desperately for resources. Ah ha! We have students! Lots of students! Good students!



they did, the course registration provided the university with liability protection. Work hours included preparation (IRB and interviewer training), team meetings, data collection through the interviews, and follow-up work (transcribing audio-taped interviews, data entry).

Recruitment began with announcements in upper division housing courses. Interested students were invited to an informational meeting where an overview of the purposes and processes of social science research and the specific parameters of our POE were presented. Students submitted an application, including verification of grade point average. In the end, nine undergraduate

students and one graduate student were involved in the research study. Each student determined the number of work hours they would commit to the project and registered for the appropriate number of credit hours under an open-ended research course number. In addition to giving the students credit for the work

Considered purely as research, the POE was a good project. Considered as an undergraduate experience, the POE was a great project! Students learned a bit about scholarly research, discovered the multi-faceted nature of faculty appointments, gained an understanding of IRB protections, contributed to a successful project, managed team dynamics, added a unique experience to their resumes, interacted with graduate students and faculty, and became excited about graduate school. Win-win-win!

**2004 HERA conference report**

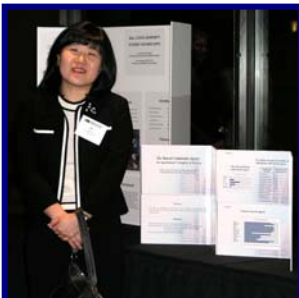
*Housing on the Urban Landscape*, the 2004 HERA Conference, was held October 20-23 in Chicago. Hosted by Illinois State University, Jean Memken did an outstanding job as the conference organizer connecting HERA's housing interests to the locale. The speakers, tours, and our member's paper presentations reaffirmed how critical our work is at the community and family levels. We explored housing and community development, historic preservation and restoration, public policy issues, and design innovations. We also had multiple opportunities to spend time together as an organization and proactively plan for the future. Networking with colleagues from other institutions and hearing new professionals present interesting research celebrated the new generation of HERA. In sum, it was an energizing experience.



Frank Lloyd Wright's Home & Studio



Jean Memkin, conference chair



Hee Jin Pak at the poster session



Mike Sands of Prairie Crossing with Jean Memkin & Shirley Niemeyer



40 Teaching Ideas in 40 Minutes Panel: Sue Crull, Kennita Kind, Rich Seifert, & Ken Trembley

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**Board Meeting Conference Call:  
Tentatively scheduled for the first  
week of April 2005  
Submit agenda items to Sue Crull**

**2006 HERA Conference – plan ahead!**

2006 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HERA's first annual conference (originally organized as the American Association of Housing Educators). Plan to mark this notable occasion by attending HERA 2006 at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, from October 8–11, 2006. Located in the heart of the Fingerlakes Region of New York State, Ithaca is a beautiful place to visit in the fall. Member Joe Laquatra is planning this event and hopes that all our members, including many we have not seen in a while, will mark their calendars to celebrate 40 years of housing research and education. The conference will feature great keynote speakers, a banquet in Cornell's Statler Hotel, a tour of great wineries, and more. Contact Joe with ideas or questions: JL27@cornell.edu.

