



## In House

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### See inside calls for papers/abstracts for:

**Tessie Agan Awards** [for undergraduate and graduate students - due April 21 - hard copy]

**Conference Presentation Abstracts** [for everyone - due April 30 - electronic]

**Special Research Abstracts** [for untenured faculty and graduate students - due April 30 - electronic]

## 40<sup>th</sup> Annual HERA Conference: Celebrating our Past with a Look to the Future Sunday through Wednesday, October 8 – 11, 2006

2006 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HERA's first annual conference (originally organized as the American Association of Housing Educators). Joe Laquatra is working with the Statler Hotel, which is located on the Cornell campus, to host our 40th anniversary conference.



Joe and Chris Cook, with help from Joe Wysocki and others, have compiled a list of our Founders and people we have not seen in a while. All will receive a special letter of invitation to come and be recognized at this special gathering. We think we have a comprehensive list put together, but just in case we missed anyone, contact Joe with names and addresses of people you think should receive this invitation letter.

The activities agenda for this conference is nearly finalized. In addition to a special banquet, great presentations, and special speakers, look forward to free time that you can spend hiking on any of a number of the beautiful trails running along gorges and waterfalls on the Cornell campus and in the Ithaca area, or visiting the Johnson museum that was designed by I.M. Pei. Of course, some of you have already seen Cornell's famous human brain collection in the Psychology Department—*Joe is hoping you can be tour guides for those who haven't!* And plan on taking a fun-filled tour of world-class wineries in the Finger Lakes region of New York State.



In addition to the traditional call for abstracts and for the Tessie Agan Award papers, the HERA research section has issued a special call for papers directed to non-tenured scholars and graduate students focused on "the future of housing research" and "the future of theory development for housing research." More information about each of these is inside this newsletter.

If you have any questions about the conference, please contact Joe at [JL27@cornell.edu](mailto:JL27@cornell.edu). Watch for registration materials coming in the summer via the newsletter.

## Message from the President . . .

. . . *Think Spring*

There are many opportunities for HERA members and their students to participate in activities for the 2006 HERA Conference, which will be held October 8-11 at Cornell University in New York. Plan to submit an abstract for the conference by April 30 and have your students enter the Tessie Agan Award competition by April 21. If you are an untenured faculty or graduate student, please respond to the Special Call for Abstracts about The Future of Housing Research or The Future of Theory Development for Housing Research, also due April 30. All of these are exciting contributions our members make to help have a strong, interesting, and productive annual conference.

Efforts are underway to increase HERA membership and add libraries to our journal subscriptions. Encourage your colleagues and students to join our organization. And if you have not renewed your membership for 2006, please do so. Our membership is increasing and we want to keep all of our current members while growing with new people.

HERA officers and our Executive Director are still working on the organization's budget. Even though we held three opportunities to vote on an amendment to the HERA constitution that would change our fiscal year to be in line with the tax year, we are still just a few votes shy of having two-thirds of the membership vote to approve this change. We are still holding the voting open and I strongly encourage you to send in your vote to Mike Vogel, Executive Director for HERA. Either fax him at 406-994-5417, or e-mail him at [mvogel@montana.edu](mailto:mvogel@montana.edu). Just indicate your approval or disapproval of the change to the constitution that would make the HERA fiscal year January 1- December 31.

*From the  
co-editors of In House ~*

Do you have colleagues who are still looking for the arrival of this newsletter issue? Ask them if they renewed their membership in the fall. Our mailing labels come from the Executive Director's office and include current members only. Help HERA by encouraging lapsed members, new colleagues and students to join!

– Lyn Bruin & Becky Yust

*Julia O. Beamish*



### **OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!**

Spring means it is time to find members who want to take a turn in guiding our organization. The HERA nominating committee (Sue Crull, Marilyn Bruin, and Carolyn Turner) is seeking candidates for offices and committees for the 2006-2007 year. The election ballot will be included in the next newsletter. The extension section has already nominated Pam Turner as its chair, but candidates are still needed for the following positions: president-elect, vice president, director, and nominating committee. So, if you are willing to serve HERA as an officer or committee person, please e-mail Sue Crull at [suecrull@iastate.edu](mailto:suecrull@iastate.edu).

*Order through your bookstore now for your class  
in the Fall!*

## **Introduction to Housing**

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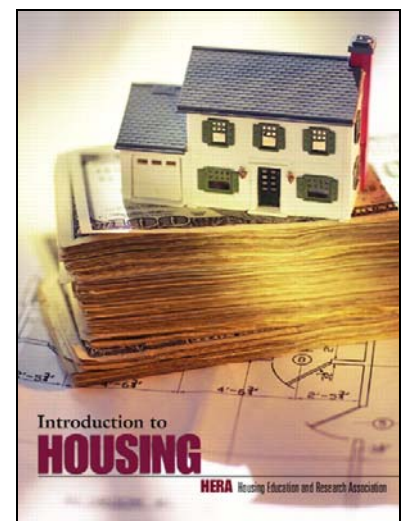
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## 2006 conferences that may be of interest to HERA members:

Interior Design Educators Council – [www.idec.org](http://www.idec.org) -- March 28–April 2, 2006, Scottsdale, AZ  
 Midwest Sociology – [www.themss.org/](http://www.themss.org/) -- March 30–April 2, 2006, Omaha, NE  
 Urban Affairs -- [www.udel.edu/uaa/](http://www.udel.edu/uaa/) -- April 19–22, 2006, Montréal, Canada  
 National Kitchen and Bath Association Industry Show – [www.kbis.com](http://www.kbis.com) – April 20–23, 2006, Chicago, IL  
 National Priester Extension Health Conference -- [www.nnh.org/welcome.htm](http://www.nnh.org/welcome.htm) -- April 25–27, 2006, Louisville, KY  
 Environmental Design Research Association – [www.edra.org](http://www.edra.org) -- May 3–7, 2006, Atlanta, GA  
 American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences – [www.aafcs.org](http://www.aafcs.org) -- June 22–25, 2006, Charlotte, NC  
 Association of Home Equipment Educators – October 25–27, 2006, New Bern, NC

Ken Tremblay (Editor, *Housing and Society*) has informed HERA that the National Kitchen and Bath Association is holding its educators' symposium April 21–23 in Chicago along with the Kitchen/Bath Industry Show. As part of the educators' symposium, copies of the special issue of *Housing and Society* on trends in kitchen and bath design research will be provided and short presentations will be given by the authors included in that issue.

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## Position Announcement

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY, Department of Design and Human Environment, full-time, 9-month, faculty position including serving as the Internship Coordinator for the department's 600 undergraduate majors: Apparel Design, Interior Design, Housing Studies, and Merchandising Management and teaching undergraduate courses. AA/EEO. Qualifications: *Required* Master's degree, evidence of potential for effective undergraduate teaching, ability to establish effective university and industry relationships and to contribute to team endeavors, ability to communicate effectively in oral and written formats, ability in professional subject-related technology for teaching and administration, commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity *Desirable* Terminal degree, evidence of effective college or university teaching experience, industry experience or professional practice. Send letter of application addressing qualifications, teaching philosophy and approach to enhancing undergraduate internships, commitment to promoting and enhancing diversity, curriculum vita (including list of courses taught), names and contact information for three references, photocopy of graduate transcripts, to Dr. Leslie Davis Burns, Department of Design and Human Environment, Milam 224, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331, 541-737-3796, FAX: 541-737-0993, TTY: (800) 735-1232. Contact Dr. Burns or Dr. Carmen Steggell for full description. Full consideration given to applications received by Friday, March 24, 2006.

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## Graduate Student Funding

Encourage your graduate students to visit the following sites to learn of funding opportunities for their Ph.D. program and dissertation research. We are aware of at least three student advisees of HERA members who have received funding in the past few years. Awarded through the Office of University Partnerships at HUD, information on all grants through this partnership is available at <http://www.huduser.org/research/oup.html#ddrg>. Below are the two Ph.D. research grant programs as described in the website:

### DOCTORAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM (DDRG)

Through its Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is empowering a new generation of urban scholars to develop and conduct applied research in the fields of housing and community development. See more information at <http://www.oup.org/programs/aboutDDRG.asp>

### EARLY DOCTORAL STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT (EDSRG)

The EDSRG program provides grants to eligible doctoral students to cultivate their research skills by preparing research manuscripts that focus on housing and urban development issues. Grant funds must be used to support direct costs incurred in the timely completion of the research product, which includes presentation of research findings at scholarly conferences and in refereed journals. See more information at <http://www.oup.org/programs/aboutEDSRG.asp>

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## New Report on Perception of Poverty

A report of a survey commissioned by Northwest Area Foundation, *Struggling to Make Ends Meet: What Can Be Done and Who Should Do It?*, was just released. Residents in eight states (from Minnesota to Washington) were surveyed about their perception of poverty in their own communities. It includes an interesting discussion about minimum incomes required to make ends meet in their communities. Not surprising, two-thirds of the respondents indicated it would take at least \$40,000 for a family of four, double the current Federal poverty threshold. The opinions on income differed slightly depending on one's own income level and geographic location. Respondents also identified a list of priorities local elected officials should address. Keeping and attracting more businesses that have good-paying jobs and health care access and costs ranked as higher priorities than creating more affordable housing. However, about half of the respondents did feel that local elected officials had responsibility for creating more affordable housing. The report, including state summaries, can be found at [http://www.nwaf.org/Resources.aspx?pg=Resources/Community\\_Perspectives\\_on\\_Poverty\\_Release.htm](http://www.nwaf.org/Resources.aspx?pg=Resources/Community_Perspectives_on_Poverty_Release.htm)

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