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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER:

Don't forget to renew your membership today!
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Roanoke Round Up!

46th ANNUAL HERA CONFERENCE

Another successful HERA conference has come and gone! HERA members braved the elements and effects of Hurricane Sandy to attend this year's conference in Roanoke, Virginia. Conference highlights included poster presentations, a walking tour of downtown Roanoke and presentations from many distinguished guest speakers. Despite wind and rain, everyone had a great time thanks to our hosts at Virginia Tech, Rosemary Goss and Julia Beamish. I guess you could say we're like the United States Postal Service... *Neither Snow, Nor Rain, Nor Gloom of Night!*



Message from the Incoming President - Sarah Kirby

Dear HERA Colleagues:

I was disappointed not to be with you all at the annual conference in Roanoke. Many of you have shared that it was excellent conference and I know that our Virginia Tech hosts worked overtime to make it such a great success.

During your time at the conference, Superstorm Sandy – part hurricane, part snow storm – arrived. This storm illustrates to us all the extreme importance of the work that we do in the area of housing. As this incredible storm ravaged parts of the northeast and dumped snow in other areas, it brought to the forefront what happens to people when housing is destroyed, communities are devastated and lives are traumatized. As I watched the destruction, Geoffrey Hayward's (1977) *nine dimensions of meaning regarding concepts of home* came to mind. Those concepts are: a relationship with others, social network, self identity, place of privacy and refuge, continuity, personalized place, base of activity, childhood home, and physical structure. As the video footage and still pictures of Sandy's devastation were shared, I thought about the families whose lives have been turned upside down, how they once viewed their home and how that concept of what home is to them had been shattered.



I also reflected on the magnitude of the work that we currently do and will do in the future to help put those lives and communities back together. Whether your focus is research, teaching or extension, as housing professionals, we all play a unique role in studying, teaching and sharing the impact of this disaster on people and their homes.

Housing professionals will study the implications and effects of losing one's possessions, home and community, and the resulting impacts on individuals and families. The importance of zoning regulations and building codes has been powerfully illustrated by this disaster and questions related to whether or not communities should rebuild in the same area and in the same manner will be considered. Communities will search for ways to house those who have been displaced and housing professionals will provide best practice solutions. Communities will grapple with what policies are necessary in order to avoid another such catastrophe and many of us will be a part of that conversation. We will continue to teach families and communities how to prepare for, respond to and recover from this and future natural and manmade disasters. The economic loss of home and community infrastructure will be explored for years to come. This disaster hit highly populated areas destroying dwellings and impacting both power and transportation and has implications for community development and emergency planning. Additionally, human behaviors and their impacts on climate and the environment will also be investigated.

Sandy isn't our first experience with disaster. We have witnessed and weathered many disasters in our communities and states. As we progress through the upcoming year, we will likely see additional stresses and strains related to housing that requires our expertise. The positive news is that HERA professionals are prepared and able to respond to these concerns and can play a significant role in addressing and solving these concerns.

I look forward working with you all and to the challenges and opportunities ahead –

Sarah Kirby

Hayward, G.D. (1977). Housing research and the concept of home. *Housing Educators Journal*, 4(3), 7-12.

HERA INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR FELLOWSHIP AWARD WINNER LUCY DELGADILLO HAS BEEN NAMED ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF HOUSING FOR THE FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES RESEARCH JOURNAL. THE JOURNAL ACCEPTS YEAR-ROUND SUBMISSIONS.

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Thanks to Outgoing President Cook



Shirley Niemeyer (L) and Ken Tremblay (R) present outgoing President Chris Cook with a token of appreciation.

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR CHRIS!



Jackiw Named Chairman

HERA member Alex Jackiw, CAPS, CPM has been named 2013 Chairman of the Board for the National Apartment Association. Jackiw also served as past Chair of Virginia Tech's Residential Property Management Advisory Board and is a regular guest instructor.

CONGRATS ALEX!



HERA 2012 Awards

We received an incredible response to our request for award nominees this year! There were many extremely deserving candidates. We are please to announce the following recipients:

Housing Impact Award

Bill Angell, University of Minnesota

Housing Impact Award

Mike Vogel, Montana State University

Early Career Award

Kimberly Mitchell, Virginia Tech

International Ambassador Fellowship Award

Lucy Delgadillo, Utah State University

Extension Housing Outreach Award

Sarah Kirby and Team, North Carolina State University

Graduate Tessie Agan Award

Terry Fields, Ball State University

Undergraduate Tessie Agan Award

Kevin Reza, University of Minnesota

Friend of Housing Award

Community Housing Partners, Christiansburg, Virginia

Allen, Vogel Win Award



HERA members Barb Allen (center right) and Mike Vogel, Executive Director (center left), both of Montana State University Extension, were recently awarded the National Extension Award for Diversity by the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU). Allen and Vogel's work concentrated on housing in Native American Tribes. Members of the Choctaw Nation practiced testing for lead in paint during training sessions conducted by the Tribal Healthy Homes Center, a program offered through MSU Extension. The event had 29 participants, 25 of whom were also certified in a special Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting program.

WAY TO GO BARB AND MIKE!

HERA Welcomes First-Time Conference Attendees



HERA welcomed four first-time conference attendees to Roanoke this year - Left to right: Kevin Reza, Beverly Miller, Dana Tell and Axton Betz.

Sweaney Retires from UGA

Dr. Anne L. Sweaney, past HERA president and 2011 Housing Impact Award winner has retired from the University of Georgia after 30 exciting years. Sweaney served as the Department Head for Housing and Consumer Economics. She will continue to be a member of the Georgia Athletic Association Board. Sweaney was honored at a December reception for her lasting contributions to the University.

BEST WISHES SWEANEY!



Top left:
Angell (L) and Vogel (R)
Top right: Mitchell
Center left:
Reza (L) with Ann Ziebarth
Center right: Delgadillo
Bottom left: Community
Housing Partners



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SAVE THE DATE!
OKLAHOMA
OCTOBER 2013
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
MORE DETAILS TO COME.

Right-Sizing Your Home Available

Don't forget to pick up a copy of *Right-Sizing Your Home: How to Make Your House Fit Your Lifestyle* by Gale Steeves, former editor-in-chief of *Home* magazine and 2012 HERA conference speaker!

<http://www.amazon.com/Right-Sizing-Your-Home-House-Lifestyle/dp/192678104X>



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