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Chair's Update by Cindy Banyai



Cindy Banyai (center) and Maryam Ahmadian (right) meeting in the Delegate's Lounge outside the UN General Assembly with the Deputy Counsellor from Laos, Daovy Vongxay (left).

Spring is a time of renewal, an annual ritual of cleansing and reflecting on where we are and where we want to be after hunkering down all winter. As community developers, we are used to change - facilitating it, crafting it, guiding it with our community partners. It may be fair to say that this is our favorite time of year! It's a brief time to get ourselves refreshed and organized to progress with the year ahead and move closer to another one of our favorite times of year - our annual summer gathering. This year we have even more to look forward - our homecoming and 50th Anniversary!

Cindy is doing some exciting work developing partnerships with the International Association of Community Development and Ticco.

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CDS Call for Board Nominations

The CDS Nominations Committee is currently seeking nominations for two (2) Board members and two (2) Officers. [Learn More](#)

Nominations are open until Friday, May 10, 2019; nominations should be submitted via this [Google Form](#), including a picture (headshot), CV or resume, and brief responses to questions related to current and past activities within CDS, practice or experience in the field of community development, and ideas for the future of CDS.

Electronic voting will open at 8:00 AM Central time on **Monday, May 20, 2019** and close at 5:00 PM Central time on **Friday, June 7, 2019**. All candidates will be notified of the election results, which will be announced to the membership at the Annual International Conference.

Questions? Please contact [KP Williams](#), our CDS Vice Chair of Operations. We look forward to receiving your nominations!

Show Me what Coming Home to the Future looks like!!!

Spring has finally sprung in Columbia, Missouri—which is an apt metaphor for the excitement building over the upcoming 50th Anniversary and Annual CDS Conference to launch here on **July 14**—only three short months from now! And yes we in the Show-Me State are ready to show you!

Here are just five (and there are a few we holding as a surprise) special features to celebrate both our past and our future. **First**, the conference launches with a warm welcome to retirees, founding and charter members and past boards members and chairs, the unveiling of a new history documenting CDS, and words of wisdom from selected past presidents (not to mention the good food). **Second**, interactive timeline and vision walls and the opening plenary will give everyone opportunities to

contribute to our collective history and future. **Third**, a number of international presenters and participants will enrich or networking and understanding of community

development in our global and interconnected world. **Fourth**, we are featuring only a small sampling of central Missouri's finest in the mobile workshops, opportunities to dine downtown on Monday night and enjoy Central Dairy ice cream Monday night at the Ice Cream Social in the Orr Street Studios. **Fifth**, the traditional CDS Soapbox is making a return, with some very accomplished and colorful barker parkers (If you don't know what that term means, then you just have to check it out).

A little more to entice you—this conference is occurring on the Mizzou (also known as MU or the University of Missouri) campus in the beautiful Bond Life Sciences Center, which in itself fosters networking for participants—only .8 mile from the two designated conference hotels and a mere block from modern dormitory space. And this means participants will be close to Columbia's downtown, which has its own wonderful atmosphere and collection of unique and wonderful experiences to offer.

[Register Here](#)

Why **register** today?

Take advantage of the early bird discount by **midnight June 10**.

Make sure you get to participate in a pre-conference workshop and mobile workshop of your choice.

Get in on the special reduced registration rate for retirees and students. **Don't miss out on the excitement!**



50th Anniversary Conference Plenary: Practical Wisdom for a Better World



Photo Credit: Kim Walker

Using photographs and words submitted by participants, and demonstrating a group conversation process designed to encourage active listening, the opening plenary of this year's CDS conference will provide an opportunity to explore how we can expand and strengthen our community development practice to make this world better.

Like the CDS founders 50 years ago, we are living in tumultuous times. And like them, we have much practical wisdom to offer—ideas about finding the right way to do the right thing. To compile and communicate our collective wisdom, we will use the Kiva process—originally a way that native people of the North American southwest discussed important issues—to ask: What should we keep doing/stop doing/start doing in seeking change?



Depth & Breadth of Program Presentations Await You at the 2019 Annual Conference

We are chock-full of presentations of all kinds at the 2019 Annual International CDS Conference, across a spectrum of community development research and practice geared to our conference and 50th CDS anniversary theme, *Coming Home to Cultivate the Future*.

In fact there are over 100 presentations, including:

- **Sunday, July 14** -- [Pre-conference sessions](#) that will definitely provide worthwhile professional growth. You'll want to register by June 10 to get a space reserved.
- **Monday, July 15** -- Eight unique Monday [Mobile Learning Workshops](#) in and outside of Columbia.
- **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday** [Plenary Speakers](#) on Community Development: Past – Present – Future.

And the ever-popular Concurrent Sessions on research, education, and practice topics, held during FIVE breakout periods (three on Tuesday and two on Wednesday) via eight separate and simultaneous breakout rooms each breakout period.

[View the presentation list.](#)

Join the CDS Conference Opening Reception!

CDS and Woodstock are both celebrating 50 years! Dig out some bell bottoms and join the fun. Invite retirees and past members for the Sunday night reception for an exciting line-up.

See how far we've come and check out the 50th anniversary history book and video.

[Learn More](#)



Conference Lodging Options

Reserve hotel rooms by June 12 to take advantage of the "CDS" room block and get the

conference rate of \$149/night (before taxes) for single or double room.

Affordable and modern, suite style dorms on campus at \$57/night single & \$32/night double. **Please reserve dorm rooms by May 10.** Dorm rooms can be reserved during the conference registration process.

[View Lodging Options](#)



Call for Student Poster Abstracts

CDS is seeking proposals for **STUDENT** posters relating to community development for presentation at the 2019 Community Development Society Conference, July 14-17, 2019 in Columbia, Missouri, USA.

Submissions relating to the conference theme, "*Community Development: Coming Home to Cultivate the Future*" are encouraged, but all submissions will be given full consideration.

The deadline for submission of poster proposals is April 26 at 11:59 p.m. EST. [Learn More](#)



Serve as a break-out session moderator during the July conference. Moderators get everyone started on time, welcome attendees, introduce presenters, and get everyone out the door on time. Contact [Jane Leonard](#) to volunteer.

RESOURCES



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Posting

Assistant Professor of Community Development/Sociology North Dakota State University

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology seeks a full-time tenure-track assistant professor of sociology, with specialties in community development and quantitative methods to begin August 2019. The successful candidate will be required to teach two courses per semester and advise both undergraduate and graduate students. In addition, the candidate must work effectively with colleagues and students in an interdisciplinary setting.

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Federal Reserve System Community Development Research Conference May 9-10, 2019 in Washington, D.C.

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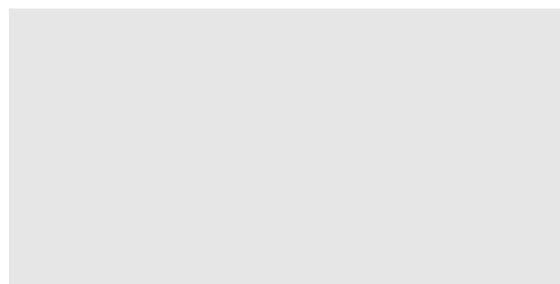
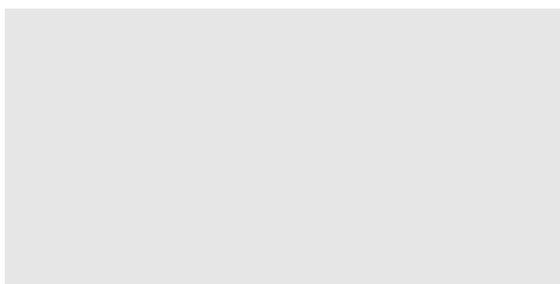
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GET INVOLVED





Stay informed. Review the latest minutes from our Board of Directors.

Feb 15, 2019 - Board meeting

Mar 15, 2019 - Board meeting



Our committees do valuable work to further the work of the Community Development Society. Stay tuned for updates on Committee Structures and opportunities to get involved.



MEMBER BENEFITS



ADVERTISE WITH US

THE LAST WORD IS YOURS

Leading up to the 50th Anniversary Conference, please share a photograph for the Opening Session that captures: a) the essence or special quality of a community, or b) a significant change that you would like to see at a community or societal level.

You can also share a word or short phrase (2-4 words) that you associate with community development - perhaps a vivid adjective, or emotion, or whatever words come immediately to mind.

[Click here to share](#)

In March we asked, "What do you look forward to most when attending a conference?"

- 56% - networking with colleagues
- 25% - mobile learning workshops
- 13% - exploring the conference city
- 6% - key note presentations

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