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We look ahead to next month, when we should be all gathering in Fargo, North Dakota, USA, for our annual conference, and we grieve that we will not be together and meet face-to-face. I grieve for all we have lost personally and professionally this year and for the

insights gained, too, from COVID quarantines and from a community, country, and world awakening to long-held racial injustices.

Our conference theme this year was prescient: "Global Challenges, Local Resilience". It was to have centered on the climate crisis, refugee migration, workforce and trade disruption, and other challenges. And indeed, we add to these complex and interrelated challenges with COVID-19 exposing long-held gaps in our health care systems and the non-readiness of national/local responses, particularly in revealing racial and income differentials. Race-based disparities and inequities across community and economic opportunity are now further exposed by the murder of George Floyd in Minnesota, USA, which happened about 4 miles from my home.

We must erase prejudice and bias, and better understand the corrosive effects of privilege. We can start in our own CDS Principles of Good Practice. It's one of the necessary conversations we will have at the annual CDS business meeting, virtually brought to you on Tuesday, July 14, from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Central Time (USA). See announcement in this Vanguard and watch for details in early July on linking in to the meeting and obtaining meeting materials.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

We welcome new board members at the annual business meeting, too: Cornel Hart (Vice Chair-elect of Operations), Bob Bertsch (Treasurer-elect), Lisa Gilchrist (board member-elect), and Dilip Patil (board member-elect).

Many thanks to Margaret Stout and Maryam Ahmadian for their faithful service as board members over the past several years. They rotate off the board in July; so do I as Chair! Thank you for giving us all the opportunity to provide leadership for CDS!

[Contact Jane](#)

SAVE THE DATE!

**CDS Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2020
8:00 am - 9:30 am Central Time (USA)**

Watch your email for details to connect virtually.

Community Development Society Awards Executive Leadership Fellowship



CDS is proud to announce Eric S. Trevan, Ph.D. has been awarded the inaugural CDS Executive Leadership Fellowship. This fellowship will provide outreach, advocacy and research specific to the mission of CDS. The society sought a leader in the field of community development who has demonstrated the ability to manage organizations, advocate on a national level and conduct research to advance the mission.

He will conduct research specific to community development and find ways to use the research to guide the strategic direction of CDS. Dr. Trevan stated "I am truly honored for the recognition and the support I have received from community development practitioners and researchers throughout the CDS network."

Eric is a tenure-track Member of the Faculty for the Masters of Public Administration (MPA) Program at The Evergreen State College and a California State University San Marcos Visiting Scholar of Innovation, Business and Economic Policy for Tribal Nations. He currently is involved with a variety of different efforts specific to business, local and Tribal economies and advocacy, and has been a member of CDS since 2013. He had a 20-year career in leadership positions focused in local government, entrepreneurship, Tribal government, planning, public policy and economic development. He transitioned his career approximately 5 years ago toward academia and finished his Ph.D. at Arizona State University School of Community Resources and Development, Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions.

Jane Leonard, Chair of the Board of Directors for CDS, said "We are excited for Eric to help guide the progress of CDS and to provide outreach to practitioners and scholars and other community development-related organizations."

This fellowship is for a 2-year term and will be located remotely. The ELF fellowship shall be responsible for supporting the operations of CDS as well as outreach efforts consisting of advocacy and research.

Call for Abstracts -

Retaining Businesses in a New Environment

Changing demographics in the next decade and beyond will bring significant population declines especially in many non-metro areas. Population aging will increase the numbers of elderly residents including many long-time owners of essential local businesses.

Many heirs of owners have moved away or are not interested in managing the business. Also, population declines, combined with sluggish economies, make it harder to find investors or capital to continue the establishments. These trends necessitate changes in the game plan with new approaches by local leaders to transition local businesses that contribute greatly to the attractiveness and, or even viability, as a place to live and work.



Are you doing work in this area? Please consider submitting an abstract for a research volume edited by Norman Walzer, Northern Illinois University, John Bennett, U of MN, and Jennifer Hawkins, U of MN, on innovative strategies used to successfully transition businesses. Submission deadline July 15, 2020.

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RESOURCES



Partnership Brokering

Multi-stakeholder collaboration is critical...

... if we are to create a more inclusive and sustainable world.

Working in new ways and bridging traditional boundaries is, however, extremely challenging and often falls far short of the high expectations of all those involved. **Partnership brokering** is the term used for the process of supporting and strengthening partnerships through innovative and skilled management of collaborative processes.

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