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# Looking Back to the Future

Make plans to attend...

## 2011 National HERA Conference

Baton Rouge, Louisiana    October 12th—15th

**It doesn't get any better than October in Cajun country for a housing educator!** Truly unique architecture, landscapes, culture, food, music, shopping, beautiful weather and educational attractions like none other in the world. *Laissez les bon temp roulette* - let the good times roll!

Our 2011 HERA conference will explore historical and emerging solutions for sustainable housing. In addition to all you'll gain from networking with colleagues and learning about their latest housing research, teaching and Extension projects, this year's conference will include:

- ? Personal tour of **LaHouse - Home and Landscape Resource Center**, a sustainable housing *showcase of solutions*.
- ? Special guided tour of the **LSU Rural Life Museum**, ranked among the *Top 10 Outdoor Museums of the World* with the largest collection of Louisiana vernacular architecture anywhere, attracting more than 60,000 visitors per year.
- ? Walking tour of downtown **architectural contrasts reflecting political past and future**, and a visit with the **Center for Planning Excellence** for insights into its path and struggle to transform urban sprawl to vibrant smart growth.
- ? **Keynote speaker, Eddie Cazayoux**, retired Professor of architecture and principal of Environmental Design specializing in sustainable design and historic preservation, will address our conference theme with a visual journey and Cajun flair.
- ? Soak up the local culture at **Live After Five** with free live music and fun downtown or the **Cajun Immersion Tour** featuring sightseeing, shopping, dining, live music and dancing!



*Hope y'all can come and pass a good time, cher!*  
**Claudette Reichel - HERA Vice President & Conference Host**



**MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!**  
Check [www.HousingEducators.org](http://www.HousingEducators.org) soon for online registration!  
Registration fee: \$290 (\$175 for students)

**Accommodations:** Belle of Baton Rouge Hotel-  
special HERA rates \$109 single/ \$119 double

## Message from the President - Ken Tremblay

A conference call with the HERA Board was held in April. The association continues to be in fine shape. The budget is healthy, with the Portland conference producing a profit. The digital process for *Housing and Society* is ongoing. Details for the 2011 HERA Annual Conference to be held in Baton Rouge took up most of the call. As you can read in Claudette's message, conference planning is going well with an agenda draft in place.

The awards committee, consisting of Paulette Hebert, Melinda Lyon, and myself selected the winners of the HERA Distinguished Service (with approval of the Board), Housing Impact, Early Career, and Tessie Agan awards. You can find out who will receive these prestigious awards at our conference. Many excellent abstracts were submitted as oral and poster presentations for our conference. The request for reviewers was overwhelming. We are truly an association with active members who are willing to help each other. Thanks to Gina Peek for coordinating the proceedings process.

We had what turned into a mini-HERA meeting during the National Healthy Homes Conference held in Denver. Members of eXtension and the Healthy Homes Partnership were well represented at the conference. Of particular interest was the presentation "Healthy Homes Education through University Extension Programs" featuring HERA members Laura Booth, Gina Peek, Karen Aspinwall, and Naeemah Raqib. The national Tribal Healthy Homes Project had an exhibit booth coordinated by members Mike Vogel and Barb Allen. The theme of the conference was nicely summarized by Jon Gant, Director of HUD's Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control: "It is well established that a person's health is directly related to the home. You can almost predict a child's status by zip-code, since poor housing conditions can cause or contribute to numerous illnesses and injuries. Eliminating housing related hazards provides an opportunity to address an important social determinant of health."

I hope you are enjoying the summer. Mine started off exciting with my daughter getting married in Boise, Idaho. Interestingly, her father-in-law owns a company called Best Bath Systems that specializes in manufacturing safe and accessible bathing units. Given my interest in universal design, I wonder if I can take a business related tax deduction whenever I visit Boise.

*See you in Baton Rouge, Ken*



### Your Expertise is needed for Developing Product Safety Standards



Would you like to have an influence on the safety of products you use? Each year new products or product safety issues emerge, and these products require new standards for safety.

HERA member JoAnn Emmel has been involved in standards work for the U.S. National Committee of the IEC for years. One initiative of the USNC is to involve more consumer representatives on their Technical Advisory Committees (TAGS) that review international standards for electrical devices. Many of the committees use the internet for review and comment on proposed changes to standards so travel is typically not required.

If you or someone you know has expertise and/or interest in serving on a Technical Advisory Committee and becoming involved in setting international standards for electrical products, please contact JoAnn Emmel via email at [jemmel@vt.edu](mailto:jemmel@vt.edu).

## Mentor Mingle

Thinking back, we've probably all had a mentor that touched our lives and made a tremendous impact on our professional development! The HERA conference is a great opportunity for those who are looking to mentor someone and those who are looking for mentors to get together.

This year, we plan to have a session in which HERA members with 15+ years of industry experience will be paired with those with less experience. Once everyone



has indicated their areas of interest, we'll pair up and let the fun begin. This could be the beginning of many lifetime mentor-protégé relationships!

More details to follow as the conference approaches.

## Member Profile

**William J. "Bill" Angell - Professor and Extension Specialist in Housing at the University of Minnesota - Member since 1971**

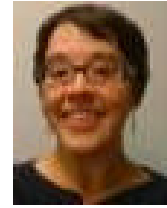
Bill's responsibilities include serving as Director of the Midwest Universities Radon Consortium, a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency co-found Regional Radon Training Center. He teaches and coordinates about 30 courses annually in the North Central Region and Canada. He is also the immediate Past President of the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists. Bill is the Chair of the World Health Organization's International Radon Project's Prevention and Mitigation Working Group and he served as a co-editor of the *WHO Handbook on Radon: A Public Health Perspective*. He has been awarded a semester leave to develop a global framework on housing types and construction practices that influence radon entry, prevention, and mitigation. If you have any suggestions about the mix of global housing types and construction practice, please get a hold of Bill via email at [wangell@umn.edu](mailto:wangell@umn.edu).



# Member Updates

## Buffaloe Accepts New Position

Barbara Buffaloe is now the Sustainability Manager for the City of Columbia, S.C.



Buffaloe



Emmel

## Emmel Recognized for FCSRJ Best Paper

JoAnn Emmel, Virginia Tech, along with authors Hyun-Jeong Lee, Ruby Cox and Irene Leech will receive a certificate for the Best Paper in Housing, Equipment, and Interior Design in the Family & Consumer Sciences Research Journal in 2010 for their article titled, "Low Income Households' Response to Higher Home Energy Costs".

## Hebert Leads Intern Research Project

Paulette Hebert, Oklahoma State University, is currently leading a team of interns in the Chicago area. They are working on a lighting survey for sustainability supported by the U.S. Department of Energy.



Niemeyer

## Niemeyer Retires

Shirley Niemeyer of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln retired in June. Shirley, a past HERA president, has been an active member of HERA for many years!

## Skobba Joins UGA Faculty

Kim Skobba is now an Assistant Professor at the University of Georgia in the Residential Property Management Program. Skobba, formerly a consultant in Wisconsin, has a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota's Department of Design, Housing and Apparel.



Hebert



Sweaney

## Sweaney Receives Award

Anne Sweaney, the University of Georgia, received the Thomas E. Cochran Service award in recognition of outstanding services and support to students, faculty, and staff of the Family Financial Planning Program in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

## Ziebarth Promoted

Ann Ziebarth, a faculty member in the Housing Studies Program at the University of Minnesota was promoted to full professor this spring. Ann's research focuses on rural housing issues ranging from seasonal migrant farm workers' housing needs to the impact of housing for recruiting and retaining healthcare professionals in Critical Access Hospitals.



Ziebarth

# Items Needed for Silent Auction



We will be holding a silent auction again this year at the 2011 HERA Conference. Funds raised are used to support student involvement in HERA including scholarships and travel awards to conferences, special events, and other activities. Start planning now. Collect an extra souvenir from your summer travels for the auction. Purchase an extra copy of the local cookbook or maybe frame a photograph of your favorite house. Auction items can be services as well as "things". Are you willing to review a manuscript before it is submitted? Do you have skills as a web designer? How about offering a museum pass or concert ticket? Hand crafted items are also encouraged from handmade mittens to house-themed stationery. Let's make the auction filled with fabulous fun. For more information or to get your item in the Auction Catalog ,contact Ann Ziebarth at [aziebart@umn.edu](mailto:aziebart@umn.edu).

# Alabama promotes Healthy Homes Programming

Alabama Regional Extension Agent Donna Shanklin, along with Xing Ping Hu, Extension Entomologist and Laura Booth, National Healthy Homes Coordinator, has been promoting healthy homes across the State in Lee, Morgan and Jefferson counties. Programs have been delivered on topics such as fall prevention, home safety and landlord/tenant responsibilities. A diverse group has been exposed to the seminars ranging from home caregivers to prison inmates. In addition, information has been distributed at various health fairs in hopes more schools will be urged to participate in school IPM and Tools for Schools Programs.



Laura Booth, talks home safety issues with community health workers.



Donna Shanklin discusses the role of IPM in Multi-Family Housing.



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