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## **EDITOR: THOMAS W. BLAINE**

**Greetings CD Colleagues:** I hope everyone is having a great summer. This month is my one-year anniversary as CD Newsletter Editor. It is a real pleasure communicating with everyone. In this month's issue, I want to highlight what a number of us are doing with education about the topic of global climate change. We also have a lot of other articles of interest, including an upcoming online seminar, opportunities for grants, a virtual Fellowship, the Ohio Land Use 2009 Conference in September, and an update from Sea Grant. We appreciate your input and hope you will continue to share your articles about your work for our future monthly newsletters.

Thanks,  
Tom

## **OSU EXTENSION OUTREACH ON GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE**

The topic of global climate change continues to be the most widely discussed environmental topic in the world. A number of us in OSU Extension have been conducting education on this subject for many years, but it was in 2008 that we began to combine our efforts as a team. We have available various resources that should be of help to Extension Educators who would like to incorporate elements of this topic into their local programming.

You can find some of this information on the website: <http://ohiowatersheds.osu.edu/climate/>  
Thanks a lot to Anne Baird, who has done a great job with the site.

Please go to the site and check it out. There are a number of slide shows that you can view. To see the slide shows, click on Resources, and then click on Primers on Climate Change. As an author of one of the slide shows, I am available to come and give that presentation to any group in the state. Feel free to contact me or other authors as well. If you would like, take 30 minutes out to listen to the radio interview I did with WOUB last year. You will find that next to my slide show, under Primers. It provides a summary of my slide show presentation.

Along with Carol Landis of Byrd Polar Research Center, I also published a 4-H Idea Starter on Climate Change for youth. That is on the site as well, or you can click here to view:  
[http://www.ohio4h.org/~idea/pdf/Global\\_12dec.pdf](http://www.ohio4h.org/~idea/pdf/Global_12dec.pdf)

If you are interested in the basics of climate change, my original fact sheet on the topic, published in 1996, is still on line at:  
<http://ohioline.osu.edu/cd-fact/pdf/0186.pdf> I have submitted a fact sheet draft, currently in review called: Global Climate Change: Update 2010, which will be online before the end of this year. If you have any questions about this topic, please get in touch with me at [blaine.17@osu.edu](mailto:blaine.17@osu.edu) or 330-466-7877.

## **UPCOMING FREE ONLINE SEMINAR ON SOCIAL MEDIA: TRENDS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR LEARNING**

Social media and emerging technologies are gaining increased attention for use in education. The list of tools grows daily. Examples include [blogs](#), wikis, [Ning](#), podcasts, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), Second Life,

cloud computing, surface computing, mobile learning, and so on.

AACE (Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education) Global U is sponsoring a free monthly online seminar series on "Social Media: Trends and Implications for Learning." The series will include monthly live interactive sessions in addition to discussions with guest speakers and participants. The impact of new technologies, research, and related projects will be explored as well as long term trends and patterns that are emerging, all from a perspective of social and networked learning theory. Here is info about the August session:

August 10, 2009, 9 PM Eastern US

Delivery Method: [Online](#)

Cost: No Fee

Faculty: [George Siemens](#) - Associate Director, Learning Technologies Centre, Univ. of Manitoba, Canada, and [David Cormier](#) - Web Projects Lead, Univ. of Prince Edward Island, Canada

For more information, visit their site at: <http://aace.org/GlobalU/seminars/socialmedia/> or contact Myra Moss at [moss.63@osu.edu](mailto:moss.63@osu.edu)

## **OHIO LAND USE CONFERENCE 2009 - SEPTEMBER 16TH**

OSU Extension will host its annual **OhioLand Use Conference2009** on **September 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on OSU campus. Aimed at educating local decision makers, planners, resource professionals, educators and citizens, this year's conference reflects the evolving issues affecting land use in Ohio today. Presentations by keynote speakers include:

- *Is Sprawl Dead?* - Dr. Elena Irwin, OSU Dept. of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economic
- *An Agenda for Growth and Change in Michigan* - Gil White, Michigan Assn. of Realtors/People and Land Leadership Council
- *The New Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities* - Lynn Richards, U.S. EPA, Washington, DC
- *A Balanced Growth Program for Ohio* - Gail Hesse, Ohio Water Resources Council

The conference also offers breakout sessions taught by state agency professionals, attorneys, educators, planners and technical experts on the topics of:

- Ohio Transportation Planning
- Rural Zoning Law
- Planning for Renewable Energy
- The "Get Green Columbus" Program
- Zoning and Agriculture
- Balanced Growth and Stormwater Planning

For more information or to register for the Ohio Land Use Conference 2009, visit [http://comdev.osu.edu/landuse\\_conf.html](http://comdev.osu.edu/landuse_conf.html) or contact Peggy Hall.

## **NEWS FROM SEA GRANT**

## **OSUSea Grant Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program Wins Regional Award**

Ohio State University Sea Grant's Ohio Clean Marinas Program has received a Great Lakes Outreach Superior Programming Award from the Great Lakes Sea Grant Network for its Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program. The award recognizes a multi-program or single state multi-partner initiative that has helped solve a problem of major importance in the Great Lakes basin.

A partnership between Ohio Sea Grant, the Ohio Clean Marinas Program, the Lake Erie Marine Trades Association, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and Mondo Polymer Technologies, the Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program was developed to give marinas and boat owners a no cost alternative to disposing of discarded shrink wrap. Since its inception in 2006, the program has kept nearly 1 million pounds of shrink wrap plastic out of Lake Erie county landfills. This plastic is used to create guardrail spacer blocks.

## **Extension Educator Lucente Receives Regional Mid-Career Award**

Joe Lucente, Ohio State University Sea Grant Extension Educator, has been honored with the 2009 Great Lakes Sea Grant Network (GLSGN) Mid-Career Award from the Great Lakes Sea Grant Network Program. He competed with Sea Grant Extension Agents from all seven other Great Lakes programs and was selected to receive the award through a competitive peer-reviewed application process that recognizes outstanding service to the GLSGN.

"It's an honor to be recognized for my accomplishments by my peers from throughout the Great Lakes Sea Grant Network," Lucente stated.

## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS:**

### **Multi-State Rural Development Research or Extension Projects North Central Region**

The North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) at Michigan State University announces a competition for seed grants aimed at enhancing the ability of Land Grant institutions to positively influence the quality of life in rural areas of the North Central region of the United States. Eligible applicants include current faculty and staff of Land Grant institutions in the North Central region and their partners. Proposals must involve participants from at least two states and two North Central Land Grant institutions. Proposals that bridge social and biophysical sciences are strongly encouraged. Proposals that engage both Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station (AES) personnel are also encouraged. Click on the link for more information: <http://ncrcrd.org/>

Fixed price grants may range from \$1,000 to \$20,000 each. Up to \$144,000 will be awarded. Proposals are due at 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, September 10, 2009.

For further information please contact John Conglose, [conglose.1@osu.edu](mailto:conglose.1@osu.edu); Shirley Cook, [cook.22@osu.edu](mailto:cook.22@osu.edu); or Scott Loveridge, Transitional Director, North Central Regional Center for Rural Development, [loverid2@anr.msu.edu](mailto:loverid2@anr.msu.edu)

## **CALL FOR RELEASE-TIME, SABBATICAL, OR STUDY-LEAVE PROPOSALS:**

### **Virtual Visiting Fellow - North Central Regional Center for Rural Development - 12 months**

The North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) at Michigan State University announces a competition for a Virtual Visiting Fellow. The Virtual Fellow will lead an initiative for the NCRCRD. The NCRCRD works with Land Grant institutions to positively influence the quality of life in rural areas of the North Central region of the United States. The Center is creating this position to actively engage with the full range of partner institutions to deliver high quality, relevant and timely research outputs or extension models. Eligible applicants include current faculty and staff of Land Grant institutions in the North Central region who are recognized intellectual leaders in their sphere of activities. Click on the link for more information: <http://ncrcrd.org/>

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

CD Educators Meeting, August 27, 2009 - Wooster Conference Room - 10 - 3 pm

Jennifer M McSweeney Ohio Land Use Conference 2009 - September 16, 2009 - Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, Columbus. Go to <http://comdev.osu.edu> to register online.

Farmland Preservation Summit - November 5, 2009 - Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center, Columbus

OSU Extension Annual Conference - December 16-17, 2009 - Ramada Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 4900 Sinclair Road, Columbus

NACDEP Annual Conference - April 12-14, 2010 - Bloomington, MN