Resources

Bicycle Planning

Cyclical Thinking: An Atlas of Ideas for Bicycle Planning shows how bikes can be incorporated into any transportation network. Specifically, it assesses three bikeway experiments—in Tempe, Arizona; Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts; and Palo Alto, California—and suggests modifications and revisions for future construction.

Bikeway Design Atlas is a compendium of design ideas for combating a variety of bike traffic problems, including accidents, lights and signals, right-of-way acquisitions, and zoning.

For copies, write the Urban Bikeway Design Collaborative, MIT, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Credit Insurance

Consumers spent more than $1 billion on credit insurance last year. Not all of it was well-spent. Credit Insurance: A Handbook for Consumers details state programs to halt abuses and to regulate insurance rates. It also examines a number of state consumer credit codes. For copies, write National Community Consumer Education Project, 1012 14th St., NW, Rm. 901, Washington, DC 20005.

Energy and Economics

Appropriate Technology Action Coalition (ATAC), a New York-based neighborhood group, has proposed legislation to establish a citywide federation of non-profit fuel-purchasing and distribution cooperatives; a non-profit community boiler maintenance and repair cooperative; and a city capital grant program to develop neighborhood-based alternative energy-related enterprises; and a neighborhood energy cooperative.

ATAC was formed to develop specific policy recommendations to meet the needs of low-income people and to organize for such new policies through political action and outreach. It is one of the first organizations that combines both a commitment to alternative energy and to the needs of the poor.

Contact Michael Freedberg, ATAC, Rm. 83, Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010.

Connecticut Strategists

Labor unions and citizen groups in Connecticut may look for help in public policy research and lobbying from the recently organized Research Associates for Policy Action (RAPA). Yet another example of the growing interest of progressives in state and local policy questions, RAPA has already published its first research report, "The Crisis in School Finance," and the first issue of its bimonthly newsletter. Write Richard D. Wolff, RAPA, 42 Livingston St., New Haven, CT 06511.

Promoting Initiative Referenda

Initiative America is an information and lobbying organization formed to promote initiative referenda. Plans are to assist with development of proposals for citizen-initiated, issue-oriented referenda at the national as well as state level. Write Bill Harrington, Legislative Coordinator, Initiative America, 101 East Capitol St., Washington, DC 20003.

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What's a good idea worth?
Tax Reformers Go After Land Speculation

Legislative Initiatives

In December 1974, legislation was introduced in both the House and Senate to alter federal regulations governing the sale of federal land. The proposals were aimed at reducing speculation in land by requiring buyers to pay most of the purchase price in cash and to hold the land for five years before selling it. The legislation was supported by members of both parties who saw it as a way to ensure that federal land was used for productive purposes rather than just waiting for the market to value it.
Ways To Avoid Displacement:

Urban Revitalization:

Dayton To Make Tons To Co-ops

By Kierra Beam

Office Of Co-operative Development

The city of Dayton is taking a proactive approach to urban revitalization by promoting community-owned co-ops. These economic models have the potential to create jobs, support local businesses, and increase social cohesion. In recent years, Dayton has witnessed a surge in co-op formations, driven by the city's commitment to inclusive economic development.

Dayton's City Council has approved a new initiative that aims to facilitate the creation of co-ops across various sectors, including housing, food, and public services. The initiative includes financial incentives, technical assistance, and mentorship programs to help aspiring co-operators navigate the start-up process.

“Co-ops are a key part of our vision for a more equitable and sustainable future,” said Mayor Rachel Jacobson. “They empower communities by putting decision-making power and control over local resources back into the hands of those who need it most.”

The city has partnered with local universities and community centers to provide workshops and educational resources for co-op founders. The goal is to create a pipeline of co-ops that can compete effectively in the marketplace while serving the unique needs of Dayton residents.

Housing Co-ops

One area where co-ops are making a significant impact is in affordable housing. Dayton is working on several projects to establish co-ops that provide affordable and sustainable housing options for low-income families. These co-ops are not only housing solutions, but also opportunities for community engagement and economic empowerment.

Food Co-ops

The city is also exploring the potential of food co-ops as a means to increase access to fresh, healthy food in underserved neighborhoods. Dayton’s food co-ops would not only provide a diverse range of produce but also offer educational programs that teach residents about healthy eating and cooking.

Public Services Co-ops

Beyond housing and food, Dayton is considering co-ops in a range of public service areas, from healthcare to public transportation. These co-ops could provide tailored services that are more responsive to the needs of local communities.

With the right support and resources, co-ops have the potential to transform Dayton into a more vibrant, equitable, and resilient city. The city’s commitment to urban revitalization through co-ops demonstrates a commitment to creating a future that works for all residents.
How to Order...

For the Conference Version - Order online at conference.english.uconn.edu or call 1-800-320-2493. The conference version includes all papers presented at the conference. It is a great way to get a comprehensive view of the current state of research in women's studies.

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The Conference and Expanded versions are available in print and as e-books. Prices start at $25 for the conference version and $35 for the expanded version. Shipping and handling fees apply.

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Economic Development

The conference focused on the role of economic development in women's studies. Presenters discussed the ways in which economic policies and practices affect women's lives and the strategies for promoting gender equality in economic development. Key papers included:

- "The Role of Women in Economic Development" by Sarah Johnson
- "Gender and Economic Policy" by John Smith

Women in the Economy

The conference also included sessions on women's economic participation and the challenges they face. Key papers included:

- "Women's Economic Empowerment: A Comparative Analysis" by Jane Doe
- "The Impact of Economic Policy on Women's Labor Force Participation" by Mary Brown

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The conference included sessions on the financial strategies used by women and the institutions that support them. Key papers included:

- "Women's Financial Empowerment: A Global Perspective" by John Brown
- "The Role of Women's Financial Institutions" by Jane Doe

Public Policies for the 21st Century

The conference focused on the role of public policy in promoting gender equality. Key papers included:

- "Gender and Public Policy: A Global Perspective" by John Smith
- "The Impact of Public Policy on Women's Health" by Jane Doe

The conference concluded with a panel discussion on the future of women's studies and the role of the conference in shaping the field. The panelists emphasized the importance of continuing the conference's tradition of bringing together scholars and practitioners to share knowledge and promote gender equality.
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Farm, Land, and Food Policy:
November Conference Planned

More than 100 agricultural leaders are planning to converge in Dayton, Ohio, in November for the American Agricultural Economics Association's annual conference. The conference will feature a variety of presentations and workshops on issues such as "Legislative Initiatives: Graduated Land Tax on Aid to Family Farms," "An Aid to Family Farms: Agriculture Legislation," and "Committees' effort." The conference will also include sessions on "Economic Developments of Agriculture," "Research," and "Family-Related Issues." Attendees will have the opportunity to network and learn from experts in the field of agriculture.

The conference is a great opportunity for those interested in learning about the latest trends and developments in the agricultural industry. Whether you're a farmer, an educator, or a policy maker, this conference has something for you.
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In the 2007/2008 (15) Reforming the Political Process: County Government Progressives Should Use It

By Jason Roy

Securing Employee Rights

The Constitution in the Workplace

1962, a pay cut for employees of the city of Chicago. This led to a major slowdown in the construction of the project. The city government then took the position that the contractor was in default. The contractor filed for bankruptcy and the project was abandoned. The city then took the position that the contractor was in default.

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Coop Bank Update

The National Consumer Cooperative Bank (see Ways & Means, September-October 1978) will make its first loans in summer 1979. An Interagency Task Force has been established to draft proposed rules and regulations under the guidance of the Department of the Treasury. These will focus on lending policies for the Bank, technical assistance to coops, and the structure of the Office of Self-Help Development for low-income coops. Nominations for the Bank's board of directors are also being sought.

The Conference on Alternative States, scheduled for November 1978, is planned for New York City, along with other groups, in organizing a series of informational meetings for November and December. They are designed to inform local communities about the Bank and give them an opportunity to influence the draft rules and regulations. Meetings are scheduled for New York, Chicago, New Haven, Philadelphia, Boston, Austin, Minneapolis, Cleveland, and Washington, D.C. In addition, reprints of the Bank Act are available from the Conference, as well as a four-page brochure, "The Coop Bank: New Funds for Community Development," which describes the Bank and summarizes the legislation.

For copies of the publications or for more information about the meetings, contact Michael Friedberg, at the Conference.

A People's Chamber of Commerce

What city can boast the most extensive network of new urban coops in the country? Minneapolis-St. Paul. The Twin Cities have over 50 cooperative food stores, buying clubs, day-care centers and schools, restaurants, publishing firms, bakeries, bookstores, hardware and winter-sports stores, architects and notaries, and a producer-coop—a clothing factory. The food-related businesses are served by BANOCE—the Distribution Alliance of the North Country—a central warehouse and wholesaler.

Most important, the Twin Cities coops have banded together to establish a kind of alternative Chamber of Commerce for democratic-owned and run businesses. For more information, write All-Cooperating Assembly, PO Box 6002, Minneapolis, MN 55406.

Ex-Inmates Get Financial Help

Some of those who leave California prisons are now eligible for unemployment insurance. A new law allows ex-inmates to earn credit for work they have done while in prison in applying for such insurance.

Senator Peter Behr, who sponsored the legislation, hopes that providing some kind of income for released prisoners will help them make the difficult transition between incarceration and life "on the outside."

For more information, write Senator Peter Behr, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Securing Employee Rights

Michigan would guarantee new rights and provide new benefits for employees, and would penalize runaway plants if those new pieces of legislation were to pass.

HB 5805 would require the Michigan Department of Labor to assist in the formation of employee-owned cooperatives. HB 5806 would provide benefits to former employees of runaway plants and businesses—that is, those voluntarily merged, liquidated, or otherwise disposed of by its owners. HB 5807

Using Statewide Elective Posts For Progressive Reform

By Byron L. Dorgan

Every election night, when Walter Cronkite looks America in the eye and begins to analyze state-by-state results, he seems to have access to the best sources to report about elections. But it's not until after the election is over that we know whether or not the state's tax laws are fair, or how much an insurance company can charge for policies, and so on. They are important and powerful elected positions.

Some states, such as New Jersey and Tennessee, elect only a governor, while other states, such as North Carolina and North Dakota, elect 10-12 statewide officials. (Most states elect 5-8 officials.) So pass the word: the way to take bold of our government and make it work the way it's supposed to work for all of the people is to identify those powerful elected offices in state and local government, and then select and support good progressive candidates to run for those offices—or run for office yourself.

Byron L. Dorgan, a Conference Steering Committee member, is the elected Tax Commissioner of the State of North Dakota.

Rules Reform Effort in Massachusetts Gains Momentum

Citizens for Political Action (CPAX) has taken a new tack in its fight for rules reform in Massachusetts. The Public Policy Question. It has collected enough signatures (200 minimum) to add this non-binding question to the ballot in three districts. According to CPAX, not only can the public policy question be used as an organizing device to make state and local government work the way it should be. They are proving that one way of taking back government reform is to start rebuilding government from the bottom up—and in the process, are redefining the term "higher" office. Excluding state governors and their running-mates, more than 250 officials now serve in statewide elective offices. The outcome of any one of these races might determine what a citizen pays for electricity or insurance, or whether or not the state's tax laws are fair, or how much an insurance company can charge for policies, and so on. They are important and powerful elected positions.

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