

## Research Up-To-Date

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The Research Committee was created at the founding of the Urban Appalachian Council more than thirty years ago and has always informed the council through active research. To be notified of future research committee meetings, which are open to all, please contact [msullivan@uacvoice.org](mailto:msullivan@uacvoice.org) or phone 251-0202.

### CONTRIBUTORS WELCOME!

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### Rebecca Lee Receives Funding from Multiple Sources

Rebecca Lee, a faculty member of the University of Cincinnati, College of Nursing, is developing two studies. The Journey Home will explore the experiences of Appalachian female-headed families after they leave a homeless shelter. This study is funded by two organizations - the Transcultural Nursing Society (TCNS) and the International Association for Human Caring. Lee's other study is an exploration of the experience of substance abuse in Appalachian families. This study is funded by the 2010 UC College of Nursing Dean's Research Award.

Additionally, Lee is preparing UC students to undertake a community-based participatory research project at a local food pantry. This study is centered on the experiences of community-based families who are living in poverty and facing food insecurity.

Lee will be receiving the 2010 Transcultural Research Award at the upcoming TCNS International conference being held in Atlanta October 20-23.

### Maloney to Lead Latest Social Areas Report

Michael Maloney has assembled a team to work on the fifth edition of The Social Areas of Cincinnati. Chris Auffrey of the University of Cincinnati School of Planning will be co-author again. Hamilton County is expecting to use the study as a key document in their planning. Data from the American Community Survey will be available in December and the team plans to publish the report by the end of 2011. Phillip Obermiller and Robert Luke and other members of the UAC Research Committee will advise the team on the study. The fourth edition of Social Areas can be found at <http://www.socialareasofcincinnati.org/>.

## **Obermiller and Ludke Present Appalachian Health Issues in Canada**

Phillip Obermiller and Robert Ludke have been invited to make a presentation at the Canadian Association for American Studies conference in Windsor, Ontario, on October 15. The presentation, "Health, Wellness and Regionalism: The Appalachian Case," addresses the 2010 CAAS conference's focus on health care issues in Canada and the U.S. The presentation is based on Ludke's and Obermiller's edited manuscript, *Appalachians: Their Health and Well-Being*, currently under review at the University Press of Kentucky.

The current president of CAAS is historian Bruce Tucker who has done research in UAC's Frank Foster Library, and co-edited *Appalachian Odyssey: Historical Perspectives on the Great Migration* (Praeger, 2000) with Thomas Wagner and Phillip Obermiller.

## **Research Notes (From the Research Committee: Robert Ludke, Chair)**

**August 20, 2010:**

### **Presentation:**

The committee met at the offices of Innovations in Community Research, Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Phillip Obermiller and Michael Maloney gave a slide presentation, "The Uses and Misuses of Appalachian Culture," based on a draft of their UAC Working Paper 20. They described the uses and misuses of culture in Appalachian Studies and advocacy efforts, including those of UAC, and outlined a strategy to focus on the concept of Identity instead of Culture. Of particular concern were the needs to recognize social structure in shaping the identity and experience of urban Appalachians, and whether Identity was a sufficient concept in and of itself.

The discussion will continue at the next UAC Research Committee meeting and will include the question, "How do we proceed?"

The next meeting will be held at the UAC headquarters at 10 am on October 22, 2010.

### **Additional Links:**

Community Research Collaborative Blog  
<http://crcblog.typepad.com/crcblog/2010/04/urban-appalachian-children-and-youth-the-hidden-minority.html>

Center for the Study of Gender and Ethnicity in Appalachia  
<http://www.marshall.edu/csega/index.asp>

Appalachian Studies Association  
<http://AppalachianStudies.org/>

Social Areas Report of Cincinnati  
<http://www.socialareasofcincinnati.org/>

Appalachian Women's Alliance  
<http://www.appalachianwomen.org>

Appalachian Studies at Miami University-Hamilton  
<http://www.ham.muohio.edu/appalachian/index.htm>

Oral History of Appalachia Program, Marshall University  
<http://www.marshall.edu/sociology/Oralhist/ohap.html>

Appalachian Regional Commission  
<http://www.arc.gov/index.jsp>

Highlander Research and Education Center  
<http://www.highlandercenter.org/>

Cincinnati, a City of Immigrants  
<http://www.cincinnati-cityofimmigrants.com/cci/index.html>.

### **Appalachian Centers:**

East Tennessee State University Center for Appalachian Studies and Services  
<http://www.etsu.edu/cass>

The University of Kentucky Appalachian Center  
<http://www.research.uky.edu/Appalcenter/index.html>

Berea College Appalachian Center  
<http://www.berea.edu/appalachiancenter/>

Appalachian State University, The Center for Appalachian Studies  
<http://www1.appstate.edu/dept/appstudies/>

Eastern Kentucky University Center for Appalachian Studies  
<http://www.appalachianstudies.eku.edu>

The Ohio Appalachian Center for Higher Education  
<http://www.oache.org/>

Radford University Appalachian Regional Studies Center  
<http://www.radford.edu/~arsc>

Emory and Henry College Appalachian Center for Community Service  
<http://www.ehc.edu/special/service/commservice.html>

Morehead State University Institute for Regional Analysis and Public Policy  
<http://www.irapp.morehead-st.edu>

North Georgia College and State University Appalachian Studies Center  
<http://www.ngcsu.edu/resource/ASC>

Sinclair Community College Appalachian Outreach and Studies program  
<http://www.sinclair.edu/centers/vclc/StudentActivities/MinorityStudentOutreach/OutreachtotheAppalachianCommunity/index.cfm>

Southeast Community College Appalachian Center  
<http://www.kctcs.edu/AppalachianCenter>

Western Carolina University Mountain Heritage Center  
<http://www.wcu.edu/mhc>

West Virginia University Regional Research Institute  
<http://www.rri.wvu.edu>



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