



Core Faculty



Dr. Lori Garkovich, *Professor
Community and Leadership Development*

Lori specializes in and facilitates strategic planning and community visioning processes in communities and civic organizations. She has facilitated strategic planning related to economic development, land use and growth management, tourism development, and general community development.

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Dr. Ron Hustedde, *Professor
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Ron is currently director of the Kentucky Entrepreneurial Coaches Institute (KECI). In addition to entrepreneurship, his specialty areas include rural economic development, leadership development, public issues education, strategic planning, and public conflict analysis and resolution.

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Dr. Rick Maurer, *Professor
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Rick's areas of focus include rural, community, and economic development. He conducts extension programs in the areas of business retention and expansion, local service delivery and planning, land use, program evaluation, and community health service assessment and planning.

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Dr. Kristina G. Ricketts, *Assistant Professor
Community and Leadership Development*

Kristina is the leadership development specialist for Kentucky Cooperative Extension. She provides leadership training for extension faculty and specialized leadership presentations for various community groups. An additional good resource for basic leadership information is the Cooperative Extension publication series Empowering Leaders in Kentucky. This information can be used in a variety of circumstances and can be found online at: <http://www.ca.uky.edu/KCCL/elk.php>.

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Dr. Julie Zimmerman, *Associate Professor
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Julie's work in extension focuses on applied demography rural sociology. She provides socioeconomic and demographic analyses for Kentucky communities through the data series "Kentucky: By the Numbers," and training on how to find and use data from the internet. You can access the data series and related extension publications at <http://www.ca.uky.edu/snarl>

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The Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky

Dedicated to building
Kentucky communities with a
true sense of pride and place,
rich natural and built amenities,
and a strong economic base.



Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK)

Community and economic development efforts in the University of Kentucky's College of Agriculture are important to the state of Kentucky both through support of County Extension agents and through direct service to Kentucky's communities and the state.

The College of Agriculture has recently reorganized University resources to better address the needs of Extension agents and communities. This reorganization has resulted in the formation of the Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK).

Extension

CEDIK works closely with all Cooperative Extension program areas to fully integrate community and economic development into the roles of county extension agents in Family and Consumer Sciences, 4H-Youth Development, Ag and Natural Resources, and in five counties, Fine Arts.

Communities and Families

CEDIK will partner with state and local agencies, locally elected officials, and grass roots organizations, and can provide technical assistance on topics related to community and economic development.



Dr. Alison Davis, Executive Director
Associate Professor, Agricultural Economics

As an extension specialist, Alison has organized new programs in the areas of rural economic development and rural health. Her specialty areas include economic analysis and alternative local economic development strategies. Alison also directs the Kentucky Rural Health Works Program.

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Chuck Stamper, Extension Program Coordinator

Chuck has served in various UK extension roles for nearly 20 years. He works statewide with county agents on many aspects of community and economic development programming.

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Sarah Frank Bowker, Program Coordinator

Sarah is a full-time staff member in the Department of Agricultural Economics. She has worked at UK for over six years in rural community and economic development and applied demography. Sarah is prepared to promote CEDIK and all that this initiative offers to Kentucky's diverse audiences.

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CEDIK embodies the land-grant philosophy of integrating research, instruction, and extension in our service to families and communities.

What we offer:

- facilitation
- leadership development
- agritourism and land use programs
- economic development strategies
- data analysis
- strategic planning
- evaluation methods
- business retention and expansion program
- health planning