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Reports & Resources

The State Of Global Peace In 2016

 Forbes | READ STORY

According to the 2016 Global Peace Index, the world has become increasingly dangerous with only 10 countries considered completely free of conflict. The refugee crisis, terrorist attacks and military conflict have all combined to make the world less peaceful this year than it was last year.

President's Corner


The Montana State University Community Development Program social media platforms are undergoing a facelift; please follow our work via our Facebook and Twitter.

The International Association for Community Development is recruiting individuals to serve on our Board of Directors; please email me for more information. Also, please consider joining the IACD as a full member; contact membership@iacdglobal.org for more information. Among the many benefits, you'll receive a copy of our publication Practice Insights; the latest issue covers articles on community
One-third of the World Cannot See the Milky Way

CNN | READ STORY
Scientists believe one-third of humanity cannot view the Milky Way - this includes 80% of Americans and 60% of Europeans because city lights are creating fogs of light pollution, according to a new study published in the journal of Science Advances. Moreover, light pollution causes global ecological consequences, poses public health issues, and wastes energy and money.

Hundreds of Cancer-Causing Chemicals Pollute Americans' Bodies

Common Dreams | READ STORY
Hundreds of cancer-causing chemicals are building up in the bodies of Americans, according to the first comprehensive inventory of the carcinogens that have been measured in people.

- Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

Joint IACD/CDS International Conference
July 24-27, 2016
Bloomington, MN
Sponsor: IACD / CDS

IARSLCE 16th Annual Research Conference
September 26-28, 2016
New Orleans, LA
Sponsor: IARSLCE

2017 CDS - NACDEP Conference
June 11-14, 2017
Big Sky, MT
Sponsor: CDS / NACDEP

Grants, Awards & Jobs

Rural Community Investment
Deadline: Ongoing
Funder: CHS, Inc.

Community Building Grants
Deadline: Ongoing
Funder: Singing for Change

Sports and Community Development
Deadline: Open
Funder: Adidas Group

Developing Healthy Places
More Young Adults Now Live With Parents Than Their Partners

Pew Research Center | READ STORY
In 2014, for the first time in more than 130 years, adults ages 18 to 34 were slightly more likely to be living in their parents’ home than they were to be living with a spouse or partner in their own household.

Mass incarceration in America, explained in 22 maps and charts

Vox | READ STORY
America is number one - in incarceration. Over the past several decades, the country has built the largest prison population in the entire world, with the second-highest prison population per capita behind the tiny African country of Seychelles.

EU-British Residents Worry Following Brexit
CNN, July 5th

Austrian Presidential Vote Overturned
BBC, July 1st

Juno Probe Reaches Jupiter
CNN, July 5th

Turkey to Offer Citizenship to Syrians
Telegraph, July 3rd

Mexico Airlifts Food Due to Teachers’ Blockade
Telegraph, July 2nd

Montana News

500 Now Battling Observation Fire
KTVQ, July 4th

MT To Receive $8 Million for Disaster Preparedness
KTVQ, June 30th

Four MT Counties Placed Under Drought Alert
Rural Areas Show Net Gains in Jobs Over Last Year

Daily Yonder | READ STORY

Though rural areas and small cities have more jobs than they did at this time last year, the rate of growth remains slower than in urban areas. From April 2015 to April 2016, a third of rural counties saw a net decline in the number of jobs.

US Solar Power Market Hits All-Time High

Guardian | READ STORY

The US solar industry expects to install 14.5 gigawatts of solar power in 2016, a 94% increase over the record 7.5 gigawatts
last year, according to a new market report by GTM Research and the Solar Energy Industries Association.