Reports & Resources

Corruption Perceptions Index 2016
Transparency International | READ STORY
No country gets close to a perfect score in the Corruption Perceptions Index 2016. Over two-thirds of the 176 countries and territories in this year’s index fall below the midpoint of our scale of 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean). The global average score is a paltry 43, indicating endemic corruption in a country’s public sector.

MACDEP members are setting the stage for 2017. Thank you for your contributions to the executive and scholarship committees. In February, Pat McGlynn, Treasurer will be wrapping up the membership drive. The MSU Extension Community Development program will host University of Wyoming Extension Educators, Mary Martin and Kimberley Chapman for a Train-the-trainer event on EVOLVE, a curriculum and program for community-based leadership development. Micky Zurcher, Tara Mastel, Cody Stone, Jennifer Anderson, Katie Weaver, Mandie Reed, and Abbie Phillip will be attending. We appreciate the administrative and programmatic support for this training to aid the development of an MSU Extension Signature program, Leadership 406.

Abbie Phillip
2017 MACDEP President

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How the World Got Fat: A Visualisation of Global Obesity Over 40 Years
The Guardian | READ STORY
Since 1975, obesity rates have risen in every country in the world, without exception. That includes countries like the United States and the UK, where food is cheap and abundant, and countries like Somalia and Angola, where malnutrition remains an epidemic.

Two-Thirds of Americans Give Priority to Developing Alternative Energy Over Fossil Fuels
Pew Research Center | READ STORY
A new Pew Research Center survey finds that 65% of Americans give priority to developing alternative energy sources, compared with 27% who would emphasize expanded production of fossil fuel sources.
About One-Fifth of Adults Globally Have No Formal Schooling

Pew Research Center | READ STORY

In many parts of the world, particularly in poorer countries, attainment of even the most basic education is still far from universal. Indeed, roughly one-in-five adults (19%) around the globe have no formal schooling at all, according to a recent Pew Research Center report on education.

 Grants, Awards & Jobs

**NEA: Art Works I**
Deadline: February 16
Funder: National Endowment for the Arts

**HHS: Partnerships to Achieve Health Equity**
Deadline: March 31
Funder: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health

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Purdue University

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 National/International News

**UN Refugee Chief Opposes ‘Safe Zones’ in Syria**
ABC News, February 3

**Ferragamo Undeterred by US Import Tax Proposal**
ABC News, February 3

**Fed’s Evans Sees Fiscal Boost to U.S. Growth, Wants Slow Rate Hikes**
Fox News, February 3
Mapping the Flow of International Trade
Visual Capitalist | READ STORY
Trade is an essential part of economic prosperity, but how much do you know about global trade? Today's visualization helps to map international trade on a 3D globe, plotting the exchange of goods between countries. It enables the abstract concept of trade to become more tactile, and at the same time, the visuals make it easier to absorb information.

The Top-Five Causes of Death Strike Rural Residents at a Higher Rate
The Daily Yonder | READ STORY
Rural residents are more likely than metropolitan residents to die prematurely from cancer, respiratory disease, and the other most common causes of death, a Centers for Disease Control report says. The rate of premature death from unintentional injuries was 50% higher in nonmetropolitan areas from 1999 to 2014, the report said.
Many Around World Say Women's Equality is Very Important
Pew Research Center | READ STORY

The principle of gender equality is one that has taken root in many nations around the world. In a 2015 survey of 38 nations, majorities in all but one country (Burkina Faso) said it is somewhat or very important that women have the same rights as men in their society. And a median of 65% worldwide said these equal rights are very important.

Montana Medicaid Drug Program
KXLF, February 3

Montana Soldiers Ready to Deploy to Southwest Asia
Billings Gazette, February 3

Montana Residents Ask for Chance to Build High Schools
KPAX, February 3

Livestock Groups Oppose Change to Wolf Funding Allocation
Billings Gazette, February 3

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