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SUNY Fredonia Center for Regional Advancement to host Conference on Healthy Neighborhoods

FREDONIA, N.Y. — April 23, 2010 — SUNY Fredonia’s [Center for Regional Advancement](#) (CRA) will host a conference discussing neighborhood revitalization in Western New York on Thursday, June 3, at the Williams Center on the SUNY Fredonia campus. The conference, titled, *Successful Strategies for Building Healthy Neighborhoods: Bolstering Neighborhood Confidence in Weak Markets*, will feature Charles Buki, principal of the Alexandria, Va.-based neighborhood planning firm, “czb,” and U.S. Congressman Brian Higgins (NY-27th District), Co-Chair of the Congressional Older Cities Task Force.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 1 p.m. The admission price is \$15 per person and includes lunch.

“I am thrilled to have two prominent individuals at SUNY Fredonia to speak on the important issue of healthy neighborhoods,” said Center Director Chuck Cornell. “I am looking forward to hearing their ideas, and exploring action steps to advance this regional development issue.”

Buki is the author of the neighborhood design plan for the City of Geneva (N.Y.), and will be presenting his plan for the City of Jamestown next month. His firm’s stated mission is “to help distressed neighborhoods become more competitive, to help transitional neighborhoods become healthy, and to help healthy neighborhoods remain strong.”

Those interested in attending can register online at www.fredonia.edu/cra. Please contact Center Director Chuck Cornell if you are unable to register online but wish to attend (cornell@fredonia.edu; 716-673-3808).

Since its founding in 1997, the CRA, formerly the Center for Rural Regional Development and Governance, has been a major catalyst for regional collaboration, governance innovations, community outreach and economic development. Its mission is to engage the intellectual and analytical human resources of SUNY Fredonia to enhance the region’s governance and economic development capacity.

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