The New Deal in the Caribbean
The New Deal helped communities far beyond the nation's borders in the American Territories. This summer, Living New Deal Associate Brent McKee has been doing research at the National Archives, where he has found rafts of photos and valuable information on New Deal projects in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to add to our map. These range from parks and forests to schools and majestic infrastructure, such as the CWA-constructed public square at Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, shown in the above picture. Brent's findings will help us reach at least 100 documented sites for each of these islands.

Franklin Roosevelt III On Board
Frank Roosevelt III, grandson of Franklin and Eleanor, has joined three other members of the Roosevelt family on the Advisory Board of The Living New Deal. Frank is a graduate of Yale, Columbia, and the New School for Social Research, where he earned a Ph.D. He served in the U.S. Navy, taught at Vassar, and spent most of his career as professor of economics at Sarah Lawrence College, where he garnered the Lipkin Prize for inspirational teaching. Frank is widely published in economics journals and books, and he is co-author of Understanding Capitalism: Competition, Command, and
Living New Dealer of the Month: John Stehlin

John Stehlin has been a Research Assistant with The Living New Deal since 2014. He handles most of the new submissions through the website and has been instrumental in developing our style guide. This summer, John has also been sifting through and researching ten years of photos from LND founder Gray Brechin's archives. John received his Ph.D. in Geography at Berkeley in 2015, with a focus on the political economy of urbanization. He is currently working on a book examining the relationship between bicycle infrastructure and gentrification in several American cities. Thanks, John!

Book of the Month: Apple Picking, Tobacco Harvesting and General Lee

Toby McIntosh’s Apple Picking, Tobacco Harvesting and General Lee: Arlington’s New Deal Murals and Muralist, recounts the origins of, and the stories depicted in, Auriel Bessemer’s seven WPA-sponsored murals, completed in 1940 for the Arlington, Virginia, Post Office. McIntosh’s illustrated study also provides the first biography of the artist behind these works—a lifelong spiritual striver and anti-fascist. More information about Bessemer and this book can be found at Virginia New Deal Art. You may order copies by contacting the author at mcintosh.toby@gmail.com, or by visiting BookBaby and Amazon.

* Recorded in 1932 by Don Redman and His Orchestra, “Doin’ the New Low Down” was a hit record in the year before Franklin Roosevelt's administration undertook the New Deal.