

Course Announcement

Facilitating Farmer Group Learning to Overcome Extreme Poverty



When: Spring 2009

Day & Time: TBA

Course Designation: IARD 6940 (Group Independent Study; 3 credits; Letter Grade or S/U)

Instructors: Drs. Terry Tucker and Beth Medvecky of Cornell International Institute for Food Agriculture and Development (CIIFAD).

Prerequisites: Permission of the instructor and graduate student standing with a demonstrated interest in rural development.

Enrollment limited to 12 students.

Students will develop training modules for facilitators working with rural self-help groups in developing countries

Modules will emphasize action-oriented activities that can help group members learn to:

- (i) collaborate effectively;
- (ii) develop a market or small enterprise plan based on sound business principles;
- (iii) evaluate new technologies;
- (iv) reverse natural resource degradation and increase food production
- (v) provide a healthy diet for their families.

Students who enroll in the class will have the opportunity to travel to one of several countries (India or countries in East or Southern Africa) --during June and July --to work with CIIFAD partners and adapt the materials for local conditions.

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Interested students should contact Dr. Beth Medvecky ASAP at

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