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YOUR Ideas Are Welcome!

Community Development is a dynamic and active field. In the program, we work to address new and emerging topics to respond to trends, changes and issues.

If you have a suggestion or request for a special topics course to be offered in an upcoming term, please contact your primary advisor OR Joni Mueller at joni.mueller@sdstate.edu and share your idea.

Quick Links!

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Reminder:

Faith-based Community Development Course Being Offered

Religious organizations have a centuries-old history of providing for the needs of their communities based on the mandates of their respective faith traditions. They've established schools, hospitals, shelters, and orphanages; they've distributed food, clothing, and fuel assistance. But over the past half-century, many congregations, particularly those in inner cities, realized they need to provide more than charity and relief. They need to work with local residents for community economic development, empowerment, and self-determination.

Faith-based Community Development, offered by Dr. Gary Goreham in Spring 2014, will explore and evaluate steps religious organizations have taken to work with local residents and other community organizations. We'll compare models of faith-based community development used in urban and rural domestic settings and in international contexts. Students will be exposed to books, articles, and materials from a broad range of faith-perspectives. They'll be asked to critically evaluate faith-based community development through academic research, pragmatic, theological, and sociological lenses. A "safe place" will be provided for students to candidly discuss their thoughts and to work on a selection of projects pertinent to their needs. Come ready to be stretched!

Faith Based Development Syllabus

CALL FOR PAPERS
There is a Faculty meeting scheduled for January 6 and 7 in Sioux City. For more information contact joni.mueller@sdstate.edu

**Student Advisory Committee Members**

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Our program is unique among the GPIdea programs with our newsletter and with our student advisory committee. The student advisory committee meets about 10 times a year. Members contact new students and help them with questions as they enter the program. They also conduct a program evaluation and report on the results at the annual faculty meeting. **If you are interested in participating in the Student Advisory Committee, please contact:**  
[Email]

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**Place Based Perspectives on Food in Society.**

This proposed volume (12 chapters) will encourage multidisciplinary examinations of the context of food that primarily focuses on place. We are particularly interested in essays that address solutions to the global food crisis, focusing on how we address the diversity in that crisis across place. Chapters should be a maximum of 8,000 words, (not including tables, charts, pictures, etc). This volume is intended to inform students and scholars from related disciplines, but just as importantly to attract and interest the college-educated lay reader. A detailed call for papers with a comprehensive outline, target dates, proposed topics, and other details can be found at:

[Link]

For more information or questions contact: Kevin M. Fitzpatrick (Co-Ed.) [Email]. Deadline for chapter proposals is January 15, 2014.

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**The Midwest Sociological Society 2014 Annual Meeting**

**will be in Omaha April 3-6, 2014**

**This year's theme is: 'Left-Behind Sociology'**

Click for more info: [MSS website]

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**We'd Love to Hear From YOU**

If you have news item, a favorite website, book or article, you can share it in the newsletter. We would also like to hear if there is an CD student that inspires you that we may be able to feature here.

Send your contributions to Joni Mueller at: [Email]

You can also share pictures and stories of your work in community development.