

LD5364 – Theories and Practices in Community Development

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Doug Fraiser has been involved in community development throughout his professional life. Doug worked as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Thai soil conservation service from 1978 to 1980, and as a community development specialist with the Cotabato Manobo people of the Philippines 1983-1986 and 1989-2002. Doug's interest in community development led first to training in agriculture (he holds an MS in Agronomy from the University of Florida and BS in Soil and Crop Sciences from Texas A&M University), and then study of the social dimension of development through applied anthropology (Doug holds a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary ecology with a concentration in anthropology from the University of Florida). He is currently a consultant in anthropology and community development for SIL's Malaysia Branch.



Recognizing that participants typically possess valuable skills they expect to use in serving communities, the course will focus not on technical expertise, but rather on the social processes involved in community transformation. The course will provide students with theories and methods that will enable them to work with communities to evaluate their situation, articulate their dreams and needs, plan efforts to attain their goals, and evaluate those efforts and make adjustments. Participants will analyze a specific case from their own work or experience and develop a strategy for meeting community needs and goals based on the material covered in the course.

Why did this project fail...



...but this succeed?



It wasn't expertise. Come find out!