

CORE COURSEWORK

Economics and Economic Development

Gain perspective on your local area
Demystify mainstream economic institutions

Overview of Rural Areas

How national/global trends affect rural areas
How natural setting, resources, culture and history affect political and economic strategies

Organization and Management

Pros and cons of various organizational forms and methods

Tools for Rural Development

Library research, Computer searches, Internet searches, Community research, Fundraising, Organizing, Program competencies

FACULTY & DISCUSSION LEADERS

- Satya Gabriel, Professor, Economics, Mt. Holyoke College; author *Chinese Capitalism and the Modernist Vision* *Microfinance: The Way of Grassroots Finance* (co-author)
- Isao Fujimoto, Former Director of Asian-American Studies, Former Chair, Community Studies and Development Program, University of California at Davis; Co-editor, *Change in Rural America*
- Maria Varela, Rural Resources, Colorado College, Founder, Ganados del Valle; co-author *Rural Environmental Planning*
- A. Jack Guillebeaux, author, *More is Caught Than Taught*, Partner, Connections, Inc.
- Margaret Edred, Writing Center, University of California, Davis
- Other Guests Include:
RDLN Graduates
Board Members
Peers from other regions
Peer exchange is a key part of the experience.

Eligibility - Open to serious practitioners of rural community development with ties to a specific place, organization, and project.

Cost - \$6,000 - Includes r/t transportation to Institute, Lodging, Seminars, Field Trip. Does not include food, local transportation.

Credits - RDLN participants may earn graduate and undergraduate credits for the Institute. Check with your local school. Or apply credits and fee to later participation in an RDLN bachelor's or master's program.

Intensive Seminar Work Multicultural peer exchange

Use your own experience as case study

Site Visits to California organizations Access to resources of a mainstream campus

“As a result of attending the RDLN Rural Development Institute, I know how the macro-economic system works and how I -- one little Indian on the Pine Ridge Reservation -- fit into the global economy. I see that I have a role and that my work out here has an effect.”

*Birgil Kills Straight
Pine Ridge Reservation*

RDLN Rural Development Institute APPLICATION

Name

Address

Date of Birth

Soc. Sec. #

Organizational Affiliation

Project Focus

Name of Community (geographic area)

Major Population Group

Major Economic Activity

Who are the Poor People here?

Percentage in Population

Sources of Income

Major Problems/Issues/Obstacles

Major Resources/Strengths for
Development

Please attach your resumé, a one-page essay describing your community development work to date and focus for the future, and names, addresses and phone for three references

Intensive Thirty-Day Schedule



The RDLN Rural Development Institute is coordinated by the *Rural Development Leadership Network*. RDLN is a national, multicultural social change organization, established in 1983, that supports community-based development in poor rural areas through hands-on projects, education, leadership development and networking. In the past, the Institute has been open only to participants in RDLN's three-year field project and study program.

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