Taking Overseas Poverty Related Immersion Experiences to the Next Level:  
A Conversation with Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

Fall 2013 Faculty/Staff CRS Partnership Workshop
Friday, September 27, 2013
9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Falvey Library, room 205

This workshop is designed for faculty and staff who lead overseas and also domestic immersion and study experiences to poor areas. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity to learn from one another’s and CRS’ experience, to recognize what is being done well, identify key challenges, and strategize on how to improve the experience for both the receiving communities and the Villanova participants. This is intended to be a “practical” workshop.

Our “conversation partners” will be Paul Miller, CRS’ Foreign Aid Advisor who brings 20 years of overseas experience; and Kim Lamberty, CRS’ Program Manager for U.S.-Overseas Partnerships who brings 17 years of experience building overseas partnerships.

Workshop Schedule:

9:30 – 9:40 a.m. - Welcome, Introductions
9:40 – 11:10 a.m. - CRS: Vision, Integral Human Development Framework, Partnership Principles, Assessment Tools
11:10 – 11:20 a.m. - Break
11:20 – 11:50 a.m. - Surfacing Issues: Small Groups
11:50 – 12:05 p.m. - Identifying Generative Themes: Host Communities and Villanova Participants
12:05 – 12:20 p.m. - Pick up Lunch
12:20 – 1:00 p.m. - Generative Themes Working Groups – Facilitators: Lamberty and Miller
1:00 – 1:15 p.m. - Outcomes – Large Group
1:15 – 1:30 p.m. - Taking Stock – Practical Next Steps
**KIM MARIE LAMBERTY, DMin.** is CRS’ Program Manager for U.S. Operations. She is responsible for developing and maintaining partnerships between CRS and parishes, dioceses, religious congregations and Catholic organizations with mission programs in Haiti.

Lamberty has been developing and managing faith-based justice, peace, cross-cultural, and community service programs for nearly twenty years. She is the founder and president of Just Haiti, a coffee development program for Haitian subsistence growers. She founded and was executive director of the Episcopal Service Corps, a national young adult service program of the Episcopal Church. And she served with Christian Peacemaker Teams in Palestine, Colombia and on the US-Mexico border, accompanying civilian communities at risk of violence.

She gives workshops across the country on developing sustainable, effective solidarity partnerships and has written on Christian Mission in Zones of Conflict, Peace building in Colombia, and a Spirituality of Accompaniment. Lamberty holds a Doctor of Ministry in cross-cultural ministry from the Catholic Theological Union and a Master’s Degree in International Affairs from Columbia University.

**PAUL MILLER** is a native of Montclair, New Jersey, is Foreign Aid Advisor at CRS headquarters in Baltimore. His current position draws on more than 20 years of experience in relief, development and human rights with overseas assignments in Africa and Latin America.

Early in his career, he worked at the United Nations Secretariat in New York, the USAID Mission in Haiti and has served in a variety of positions with CRS at home and abroad including as country representative in Senegal and Brazil. More recently, as Africa Team Leader, Paul supervised programs and advocacy on issues related to conflict, humanitarian aid and extractive industries, among others.

During a recent three-year hiatus from the agency, he managed projects on disability rights, and taught courses on the politics of humanitarian aid at the Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University, where he continues to serve as occasional adjunct faculty.