

PUNEETHA SAGAR PALAKURTHI

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR Community Economic Development
MEMBER Academic Committee

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

FACULTY International CED Program;
FACULTY Microenterprise and Development Institute

EDUCATION

PHD 1994 Andhra Pradesh Agriculture University, Hyderabad, India
MS 1989 Andhra Pradesh Agriculture University, Agriculture
BS 1986 Andhra Pradesh Agriculture University, Agriculture



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SUMMARY PROFILE

Assistant Professor in the International Masters Program. She teaches project management, research and evaluation of development projects. Specializes in participatory and qualitative approaches for assessments in designing and implementing development projects. She has more than 18 years of experience in teaching, training and working with NGOs all over the world. She has expertise in providing the training and technical assistance to the Micro finance Institutions in Impact assessment, Poverty Assessment, and Market Development Services. She has provided technical assistance to international initiative on youth employment. She worked as an Assistant Professor in Acharya N.G Ranga Agriculture University, India. She was also a consultant to the Government of India for five years in evaluating the development projects of various nongovernmental organizations. She provided consultancy services to several Micro finance institutions in impact and institutional assessment studies in Asia, Africa and Latin America. She offers training workshops in Micro enterprise Development Institute, and also teaches at Tulane University. She has co-authored papers in HIV/ AIDS and youth, Service Learning for youth and YES Framework for Action to promote Youth Employment.

INTERESTS Participatory and qualitative assessment, Microfinance, HIV/AIDS, rural development, youth development.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

RESEARCH FELLOW	Applied Research Center	2004-
COORDINATOR	Initiative to develop partnerships to offer practitioner-oriented academic and training programs in India and other parts of Asia.	2007-
COORDINATOR	Microfinance Management Graduate Certificate. http://www.snhu.edu/7052.asp	2007-
MEMBER	Graduate Council	2006-

CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP

EVALUATOR	Lead Evaluator of an MFI in the Philippines CARD project in business development services to micro credit clients.	Aug. 2006
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TRAINER	Lead trainer of the staff of CARD–BDS in value chain approaches to market development	Aug 2006
CONSULTANT	Leading TA training and Impact Assessment of ACSI, Ethiopia.	Mar-April 2006
TRAINER	Co-facilitated training for 25 MFI practitioners in Poverty Assessment, in conjunction with IRIS/ USAID.	Dec. 2005
EVALUATOR	Managed the 8 country institutional evaluation of FINCA International.	2005

projects: see [faculty profile addendum](#)

COURSES TAUGHT

- CED804 **Evaluation Research** (doctoral course)
- CED794 **Project Evaluation** (Masters course with Evaluation Research Lab)
- CED793 **Project Management** (Masters course with Microsoft Project & Software Competencies Lab)
- CED792 **Project Planning** (Masters course with Logic Models and Outcome Measures Lab)
- CED791 **Project Design** (Masters course with Community Needs Assessment & Library Research Lab)
- CED733 **Research and Statistics** (Masters course with SPSS lab)
- CED732 **Research and Statistics** (Masters course with SPSS lab)
- CED587 **Introduction to Microenterprise Development** (online Masters Course for CED and MBA students)
- CED533 **Introduction to Business Development Services** (online Masters Course)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

RECENT BOOK CHAPTER, PAPERS

Guest Editor (2006), special issue of [International Journal of Emerging Markets](#). Emerald Publishers, UK.

Papers and publications: see [faculty profile addendum](#)

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE

BOARD MEMBER	New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence	2008-
BOARD MEMBER	Indian Association of New Hampshire	2007-
FACULTY MENTOR	World Youth Institute organized by the World Food Prize, Des Moines, Iowa	2004-2006

Community service: see [faculty profile addendum](#)