**Economics of Agricultural Development - AEM 4640**

**General Information**

**Fall 2015 – Prof. Kyle**

AEM 4640 is a survey course intended for upper level undergraduates or master’s students with a background in economics. Grad students from other departments with at least one semester of introductory economics can enroll with permission of the instructor.

The course surveys the literature relating to agriculture and rural development in low income countries. There will be two lectures a week. In addition, students will write a major term paper in consultation with Prof. Kyle. This term paper can serve as the basis for a Master’s thesis or project paper, or as a chapter in a thesis or dissertation. Students will be expected to provide outlines and preliminary literature reviews at various points through the semester which will serve as a point of departure in individual discussions of topics, analytical approach, data sources, etc.

Grading will be weighted as follows:

Prelim 20%

First Paper Prospectus 5%

Second Paper Prospectus and Outline 5%

Final Exam 30%

Final Paper 40%

Readings will come both from a text – Frank Ellis – *Peasant Economics* 2nd Ed. Cambridge University Press – and from assorted other readings detailed on the reading list. Please note that starred readings are required – Non-starred readings are included for those who wish to read more on a particular topic.