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Conversations on Land, Climate Change, Agriculture, and Food Security

February 4 Mineral Development as it Relates to Land Use
Howard Mann, Associate and Senior International Law Advisor, International Institute for Sustainable Development

February 11 Scaling up Climate-smart Rice Production in West Africa
Erika Styger, Associate Director of Programs SRI-Rice, International Programs-CALS
Cornell University

February 18 Rural Roads and Agricultural Productivity and Nutrition in Ethiopia
David Stifel, Professor of Economics; Chair, International Affairs, Lafayette College

February 25 Climate Change, Sea Level Rise, and Africa
Charles Geisler, Professor Emeritus, Development Sociology, Cornell University

March 3 Climate Change, Food Security, and Conflict in Eastern Africa:
Some Perspectives
A.H. Peter Castro, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Maxwell School, Syracuse University

March 10 Participatory Research on Agroecology, Food Security, and Social Dynamics in Malawi
Rachel Bezner-Kerr, Associate Professor, Development Sociology, Cornell University

March 17 Vulnerabilities of Senegalese Agriculture to Climatic Change:
Enhancing Resilience in Crop & Livestock Sectors
Siwa Msangi, Senior Research Fellow, Environment & Production Technology Division, International Food Policy Research Institute

March 24 The Political Economy of Agricultural Input Subsidy Programs in Africa:
The Case of Zambia’s Farmer Input Support Program
Nicole Mason, Assistant Professor, Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics
Michigan State University

April 7 Farmer Research Networks: Transforming Research and Development Practice to Support Agro-Ecological Intensification of Smallholder Farming
Rebecca J. Nelson, Professor, Plant Pathology, Cornell University

April 21 The Role of Mobile Money Technology in Development
Ndunge Kiiti, Visiting Professor, CIIFAD, Cornell University; Associate Professor of International Development, Houghton College

April 28 Agricultural Adaptation to Climate Change in Africa: Critical Perspectives on “Technological” Solutions
Chris Huggins, Banting Postdoctoral Fellow, School of International Policy and Governance, Wilfrid Laurier University

May 5 Student Wrap-up

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