The Economic and Political Development Concentration and Microfinance Working Group at SIPA invite you to a discussion with

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Money and Power for the World's Poorest Women: Savings Groups not Microfinance as the Best Path for Deep Outreach Financial Inclusion

Wednesday, October 3, 2012
1:00-2:00pm
Room 1302, IAB

Jeff Ashe designed and currently leads Saving for Change (SfC) at Oxfam America which has grown to 600,000 Savings Group members in Mali, Senegal, Cambodia, El Salvador and Guatemala. SfC is designed based on research he carried out in Nepal, India and Zimbabwe. Jeff previously founded and led Working Capital which was for a time the largest microfinance institution in the USA and has consulted to microfinance projects in more than 30 countries. While at Acción International, he directed the PISCES studies, the first worldwide study of microfinance and through that study introduced group lending to Acción in 1981 marking the start of the ramp up of Acción’s work in this field. As a Peace Corps Volunteer in the 1960s, he developed the Campesino Leadership Training program where PCVs and liberation theology priests and nuns helped insure that those who tilled the land received their just share. Jeff teaches microfinance at Columbia University and Brandeis University.