**Peace Corps Prep Practicum, Spring 2019**

**Self-Directed Research Project on Intercultural Knowledge and Competence**

Description: This short written project is designed to familiarize you with an area of intercultural knowledge and competence in which you personally would like to grow and to help you achieve that growth.

Learning outcomes. On successfully completing this project, you will be able to. . .

* articulate a nuanced understanding of one area of intercultural knowledge and competence from the AAC&U VALUE Rubric.
* list activities that will help you personally develop in this area.
* identify evidence that you have grown in this area.

What you will do:

1. Choose one of the items (a knowledge, skill, or attitude) from the AAC&U Intercultural Knowledge and Competence VALUE Rubric. What did you pick, and why? (1-2 sentences)
2. Read the Rubric carefully for that item. In general, where do you think you are level-wise? Why? Cite examples that demonstrate your level if possible. (paragraph of 3-6 sentences)
3. Find at least 2 other definitions from 2 different kinds of sources for it this item (term). Dictionaries, encyclopedias, and websites on educational goals or outcomes are great places to start. In one paragraph (2-4 sentences or so), discuss these definitions in relation to the AAC&U Rubric. Be sure to list your sources at the end of your work.
4. How do people develop this knowledge, skill, or attitude? What evidence (proof or assessment) is used to show that they have made progress? Find at least 3 different sources, and write a paragraph (5-10 sentences) about how people develop in this area. Be sure to list your sources at the end of your work.
5. How can you personally develop in this area? Map out an action plan that you can complete within the next 6-12 months to support your personal growth in this area (What? When? How? etc.). Be as specific as possible about what you will do and why you chose that activity in particular. (May be presented as numbered list, bullet points, or )
6. How will you know you’ve grown in that area? Think about 1-2 concrete signs or ways you can check in with yourself and recognize if you’ve grown. (2-3 sentences)
7. Type up and email me your finished project: stahl23@earlham.edu

Due by our next meeting, Friday, March 22, 2019.