

Soil and Water Sciences Department Distinguished Speaker Seminar

Speaker: **Dr. David Bergvinson**
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Title: **Science of Discover to Science of Delivery – ICRISAT’s
Approach to Serving Dryland Farmers in Asia and
Africa**

Date: Monday, April 3, 2017

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: McCarty Hall A, Room G186

Dr. David Bergvinson, Director General of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics. David joined ICRISAT on 5 January, 2015 to lead its strategy development to ensure solid science, demand-driven innovation and strategic partnerships come together to translate science into prosperity for rural families in the dryland tropics of Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to joining ICRISAT, David worked on the Agriculture Development team at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and led their Digital Agriculture initiative. As Director General of ICRISAT, David continues to build partnerships that leverage the power of digital technology to accelerate the development and delivery of farmer-preferred products and services to improve the lives of smallholder farmers in a sustainable and equitable manner in the developing world. To this end, ICRISAT is working closely with national partners along the value chain of ICRISAT’s mandate crops (sorghum, pearl and finger millet, chickpea, pigeonpea and groundnut) to ensure our science improves farmer welfare and nutrition for all consumers. ICRISAT refers to these crops as Smart Food – good for consumers nutritionally, good for the plant by diversifying farms and improving soils and good for smallholder farmers by increasing their resilience to climate change and offering diverse market opportunities.

For our off-campus students, off-campus faculty, and on-campus students who cannot attend, this seminar can be viewed live or watched at a later date via this link: [Dr. David Bergvinson](#). In addition, all seminars are archived for viewing on our [SWSD Seminar Page](#).

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