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**Presents
A seminar on**

“Research Opportunities in the geopolitically significant and ethnically diverse North East Region of India”

November 2, 2012 3:00 pm- 5:00 pm

**College of Public Health Auditorium,
University of South Florida, Tampa campus**

SPEAKERS:

Guest of Honor: Dr Maria Crummett, *Associate Vice President for Global Affairs | USF World*

Dr Joram Begi, PhD, *is the Director of Higher Education for the state of Arunachal Pradesh (AP) in India. He is also the Chairperson of the Research Institute of World Ancient Traditions and Cultures (RIWATCH), based in AP. Arunachal Pradesh, situated amidst the Himalayas, is the largest state in north-east India and shares borders with China, Bhutan, and Myanmar. It is home to about 24 major tribes and more than 100 sub and minor tribes, and shelters a diversity of cultures. Dr. Begi is the first member of his tribe (Nyishi) to attend college.*

Shri Vijay Swami, MSW, *is a Fulbright Scholar and also the Executive Director of RIWATCH. For his work, Vijay Swami has received many awards from the government. Vijay Swami has more than 20 years of experience in community development, having initiated multiple innovative projects including “Herbs for better health”, “Back-pack science program”, self-help groups of women, and a government-funded repository which brings together resources on the unique traditions, costumes, healing practices, and languages of the tribal communities in AP.*

Open to all faculty / Students interested in India and India Studies

Refreshments will be provided

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