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Charles Nisbet, faculty member at The Evergreen State College, is one of two academicians selected from throughout the United States to represent the State Department in a spring tour of three continents.

Nisbet, an economist, is scheduled to leave for Costa Rica March 4 to begin a trip which will take him to Ecuador, Philippines, Bangladesh, Turkey, Kenya, Tanzania, Ivory Coast, Nigeria, and Ghana.

The Evergreen instructor was selected for the trip by the Agency for International Development (AID), a branch of the State Department. AID promotes development in third world or underdeveloped countries. His task will be to deliver and explain recently-completed AID research to governmental officials and technologists.

The research is the result of an annual review by AID of its programs relating to small-farmer development, Nisbet said. He has studied small-farmer development in Latin America for the past eight years and was asked by AID to complete a review of the programs in Chile.

About 150 other persons were involved in the first phase of report writing which covered all small development programs sponsored by AID throughout the world, Nisbet added. "Then the agency asked 15 of us to summarize and synthesize all the reports, involving thousands of pages of work."

Following completion of the summaries, Nisbet and Dale Adams of Ohio State University were selected to present reports to the countries studied and conduct workshops to update local officials and technologists on the research.

"There will be two types of workshops," he said. "Some will last three days and

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will involve technologists from up to ten countries, including the host nation. The others will usually last two days and involve only those persons from the sponsoring country."

The thirty-six-year-old Nisbet, who earned his doctorate in economics from the University of Oregon, is currently part of an Evergreen faculty team directing the American Studies Coordinated Studies program. During his absence, Paul Wolman, an historian from the University of Buffalo who is now living in Olympia, will serve as a visiting faculty member in the study program.

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