



Johns Hopkins - SAIS Spring 2010 DEVELOPMENT ROUNDTABLE

The SAIS International Development Program & Microfinance and Social Investment Club Present:

The Future of Microfinance

Mary Houghton

Co-Founder and President, ShoreBank Corporation



Tuesday, March 2, 2010 – 12:30 PM

Rome Auditorium

1619 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

Mary Houghton, co-founder and President of ShoreBank Corporation, is a pioneer in the microfinance industry. ShoreBank, the first community development bank in the United States, was founded with a mission to provide capital to those without access and to invest in neglected communities in order to promote economic equity and a healthy environment. Over the years, ShoreBank has broadened its reach to advise and to offer financial support to microfinance organizations internationally, including Grameen Bank and BRAC, and to regulated banks setting up small business loan departments.

Ms. Houghton will discuss promising trends in the microfinance industry that signal its increasingly profound impact on poverty mitigation. These include: the importance of pairing capacity building with capital; opportunities for South-South partnership; and, the use of micro-savings and other innovative products and technologies to promote economic development.

Ms. Houghton was named "Community Banker of the Year" by *American Banker* in 2004, and as one of "America's Best Leaders" in 2007 by *U.S. News and World Report*. She graduated with an MA in International Relations from SAIS.

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