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Cornell Cooperative Extension Of Ulster County Welcomes Nutrition Issue Leader with International Experience

Lydia Reidy, Executive Director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, is pleased to announce that Jude-Marie Alexis Smalec has been appointed Issue Leader for Nutrition and Family Resource Management. Jude-Marie is responsible for coordinating and implementing all educational programs in nutrition, health and food safety, and family resource management. She also provides leadership for new program development and expanded audience outreach in these areas.

Jude-Marie has an extensive background in nutrition education, health promotion and community outreach. She has more than twenty years of combined experience working with international and domestic non-profit agencies. Before joining Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Jude-Marie worked at the United Nations in New York City as Project Officer for a 15-country communication initiative, which made use of participatory, empowering approaches for HIV prevention and related youth issues. Jude-Marie has also worked as a nutrition educator, lecturer and consultant on participatory communication. She holds a Doctorate in Public Health from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine where she majored in Nutrition and Health Communication. Her skills in using multiple channels of communication in education programs, her expertise in managing strategic partnerships and her experience working with various cultures will prove useful in her work with Extension in Ulster County.

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