

Health and Society Seminar Series

This seminar series focuses on population health, preventive interventions and social and political sciences perspectives on health and well being. It will feature the work of local researchers and practitioners. All are welcome. Undergraduate and post graduate students are especially encouraged to attend.

When 12:00-1:00PM every second Wednesday
Where Health Sciences Centre, 3330 Hospital Drive NW - see individual dates for exact room location.

September 14, 2005

Patrick Patterson, Centre for the Study of Social & Physical Environments & Health

Can We Expect Health Promotion Policy to be Implemented by Hospital Security Staff?

World-views and the Implementation of a Tobacco Control Policy

Health promotion involves some unlikely occupational groups: bar staff, hairdressers and now, security staff. On May 31, 2002, the Calgary Health Region implemented a policy banning smoking indoors and outdoors on their premises. An ethnographic study was conducted into how security staff viewed their new role as enforcers within the hospital. Their world view and their actions while implementing the policy are presented.

September 28, 2005

Shelley Bowen, School of Public Health & Community Medicine, University of New South Wales

What and Whose "Evidence" Informs Health Policy? Lessons from Equity Focused Policy in Australia

This presentation will overview a study looking at how evidence informs policy development with a focus on the Early Years Policy in two state governments. The study involves media, policy and political analysis and a series of semi structured and in-depth interviews with a variety of policy actors. Early differences of opinion about equity and what evidence "counts" are discussed.

October 12, 2005

Lyndal Bond, Centre for Adolescent Health, University of Melbourne

Adolescent Health and Social Environments Program

This seminar will describe a research program to implement whole school change to promote emotional well being of young people. It involves modelling the effect of school environment on students and staff; theorising connectedness to school; developing models for capacity building; and investigating the sustainability of system-level change.

October 26, 2005 - G382 - Astra Zeneca Videoconferencing Room

Therese Riley, School of Population Health, University of Melbourne

Opening and Closing "Black" Boxes: Understanding What (Really) Happens Within Community-Level Interventions to Promote Health

Most intervention research is focused on effects: "Did the intervention work?" Less attention is usually paid to the process and dynamics of the change process. This seminar "looks inside" a large primary care and community development intervention to prevent post natal depression involving 22,000 women. Methodological and ethical challenges are presented.

November 16, 2005 - G382 - Astra Zeneca Videoconferencing Room

Georgia Bell, Centre for the Study of Social & Physical Environments & Health

Measuring Community Capacity Building in Two Different Health Promotion Efforts

This presentation will describe the application of capacity building measures in physical activity health promotion; one was a community-wide social marketing program, the other an inner-city aboriginal partnership centre. What did we learn about the challenges of measuring a community development process?

November 23, 2005 (This Seminar is in Room #O1509)

Dean Rickles, Department of Philosophy

The Use and Abuse of Complexity in Health Science

Many ideas from complex systems theory (in physics, biology, and economics) can be usefully transferred into the health sciences. However, there seems to be misunderstandings about what these ideas are, and how best to proceed in this context. This seminar presents work underway within a new International Collaboration on Complex Interventions.

December 7, 2005

Rosemary Perry, Centre for the Study of Social & Physical Environments & Health

Newspaper Coverage of Tobacco Related Health Issues is Rivalled by Incidental Tobacco Product Placement

This seminar will describe the pattern of media reporting in Alberta of tobacco issues during a two year period when tobacco control policies were stepped up. Media content analysis of the province's two major newspapers found results in keeping with the tobacco industry's aggressive new ways to promote their product.

For More Information, Ideas for More Speakers, etc

This Seminar Series is sponsored by the Centre for the Study of Social and Physical Environments and Health in the Markin Institute for Research in Population Health Interventions. We'd like it to reflect a range of perspectives and interests. We welcome participation. Please contact Lindsay Bradshaw, at ph (403) 210 9316; email bradshaw@ucalgary.ca if you have any ideas or suggestions.