

Health and Society Seminar Series

This new seminar series will focus 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? BACS Centre Meeting Room #G801E, Health Sciences Centre, 3330 Hospital Drive NW

January 12, 2005

Billie Thurston, Department of Community Health Sciences

Gender, Socioeconomics, Immigration, & Health: A Bird with One Wing

The presentation will discuss a conceptual framework for understanding the role of migration on health, with a focus on women's health. Data are presented from two phases of a qualitative study. The interplay of gender, socioeconomics and adaptation are more central to health than access to health services.

January 26, 2005

Robert Stebbins, Department of Sociology

Leisure and Public Health: Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution?

It is common to see leisure, when manifested as sloth, as generating health problems. But leisure, in other forms, can enhance health, both physical and mental. This seminar will examine the distinction between casual and serious leisure, and specifically, the important role that fulfilling leisure can play in our emotional and physical health outcomes.

February 9, 2005

David Casey, Department of Community Health Sciences

Social & Academic Development among Adolescents: The Role of Out-of-School Activities

There has been an under-representation of research examining the role that out-of-school activities plays in the lives of adolescents from low-income families. This seminar will focus on the role contextual factors play in the relationships between adolescent's participation in activities and social and academic outcomes.

February 23, 2005

Reading Week - No Seminar

March 9, 2005

Colleen Davison, Department of Community Health Sciences

Ethnography of a Northern School: Inspiration, Immersion...Insight?

This seminar will describe a current ethnographic study being undertaken in the Northwest Territories looking at context-level influences on the relationship between aboriginal youth and school. This seminar will provide insight into the place of ethnographic methodologies in our investigations of physical and social environments.

March 23, 2005

Robert Innes, Department of Community Health Sciences

First Nations Health Transfer Process: Good Intentions, Difficult Process, but Does it Work?

In 1988 the Cabinet approved the transfer of federal resources for First Nation health programs to First Nations control. Health Canada through the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch is responsible for the implementation of this initiative. The second of two major evaluations is in the final stages of completion. This presentation will review, from the perspectives of First Nations communities, the process, the changes and developments that have occurred over this 16-year period and attempt to address the question "is it working"?

April 6, 2005

Anne Gauthier, Department of Sociology

Cross-National Differences in Parental Time Investment into Children: The Role of Micro- & Macro-Level Factors

This seminar will examine what parenting looks like in different countries. In particular, the amount of time parents spend with their children will be compared across six industrialized countries. The aim is to understand why parents in some countries appear to be devoting more of their time to their children than in other countries.

April 20, 2005

Lindsay McLaren, Department of Community Health Sciences

Socioeconomic Status & Obesity

Against the backdrop of a continuing increase in the prevalence of obesity in Canada and elsewhere, there is consistent evidence that this health problem is socially patterned. This seminar will focus on the nature of the association between obesity and socioeconomic status, with an emphasis on mechanisms that may explain this association.

For More Information, Ideas for More Speakers, etc

This Seminar Series is sponsored by the newly established CIHR International Collaborative Centre for the Study of Social and Physical Environments and Health. We'd like it to reflect a range of perspectives and interests. We welcome participation. Please contact David Casey, at ph (403) 210 8625; email dcasey@ucalgary.ca