

**SOC W 598, HSERV 590A**  
***Integrative Seminar on Health Disparities: The Case of Tobacco***  
**2008-09 Syllabus**

Meets monthly on 10/1, 11/12, 12/10, 1/7, 2/4, 3/11, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3  
Social Work Commons, Room 305  
3:30-5:00 pm

It is possible to earn 1 credit per quarter for a total of 3 credits for the 2008-09 academic year. These credits are for credit or no credit. No grades will be assigned.

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**Course drop box:**

<https://catalysttools.washington.edu/collectit/dropbox/kriggs/3680>

**Course readings and material:**

<https://catalysttools.washington.edu/gopost/board/kriggs/7860/>

**Videos and presentation materials:**

<http://depts.washington.edu/tobacco/courses>

**Course description:**

This seminar series will introduce multiple disciplinary perspectives on, potential explanations of and interventions for health disparities applied to the case of tobacco use and tobacco related disease. This course is dually relevant for scholars interested in health disparities generally and for those interested in tobacco-related disparities specifically. Why focus on health disparities in the context of tobacco use and prevention? Cigarette smoking is the single most preventable cause of disease and death in the nation and in Washington (WA) State. Some demographic groups have higher smoking rates than others, and other groups have lower overall smoking rates but suffer disproportionately from tobacco related morbidity and mortality. Demographic groups suffering from tobacco related health disparities include those defined by socioeconomic position, race or ethnicity, disability, geographic location, sexual orientation or gender identity and age. Despite the attention given to tobacco related outcomes, health disparities scholars should not be dissuaded from taking this course as much of the literature covered is directly relevant to understanding other forms of health related disparities. Local and nationally known scholars in health disparities will present their work.

**Course expectations (for students seeking credit):**

Graduate students from all disciplines may receive one credit per quarter for attendance and participation at three seminars. To earn credit, students must attend all seminars, complete required readings and submit a discussion statement on-line in advance of the seminar.

**Seminar issue/discussion statements:**

Students taking this course for credit must submit--via the electronic course drop box <https://catalysttools.washington.edu/collectit/dropbox/kriggs/3680>--a brief statement (a paragraph or two) describing an issue that she or he found interesting or perplexing in the readings for each session. Along with the brief statement, each student must submit two questions that she or he would like to see pursued during seminar discussion. The questions may be related directly to the student's issue statement, but need not be. Students should bring a copy of their own issue/question statement to class. Issue/question statements must be submitted weekly by noon on the Tuesday before class. Late submissions will not be counted towards receiving credit for the seminar, unless by prior approval from the instructor. Instructions to submit discussion statements are outlined below.

**Instructions to submit monthly discussion statements:**

1. Go to <https://catalysttools.washington.edu/collectit/dropbox/kriggs/3680> (please bookmark this page for easy reference)
2. Log in with your UW Net ID (your UW email prefix) and password
3. Click on the date corresponding to the assignment
4. Once you have created and saved a word document of your issue/question statement, upload it by clicking "browse" under "Submit a file for this assignment"
5. Locate your word document, select it, then click "Open"
6. The file will automatically upload

**Seminar topics and assigned readings:**

All required readings are available on the course website at <https://catalysttools.washington.edu/gopost/board/kriggs/7860/>

**October 1: Tobacco Use and Ethnic Minorities: Cancer Prevention for Latinos  
Beti Thompson PhD, Cancer Prevention Clinic, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center**

Eschback K, Ostir GV, Kushang PV, Kyriakos MS, Goodwin J. Neighborhood Context and Mortality among Older Mexican Americans: Is there a Barrio Advantage? American Journal of Public Health 94(10): 1807-12.

Perez-Stable EJ, Ramirez A, Villareal R, Talavera GA, Trapido E, Suarez L, Marti J and McAlister A. Cigarette Smoking Behavior Among US Latino Men and Women From Different Countries of Origin. American Journal of Public Health 91(9): 1424-30.

**November 12: Low Income Smokers and their Workplaces: Opportunities for Research and Evaluation**

**Peggy Hannon PhD, Health Promotions Research Center, University of Washington**

Harris JR, Cross J, Hannon PA, Mahoney E, Ross-Viles S. Employer adoption of evidence-based chronic disease prevention practices: a pilot study. *Prev Chronic Dis* 2008 Jul;5(3).  
[http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2008/jul/07\\_0070.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2008/jul/07_0070.htm). Accessed September 28, 2008.

Sorenson G, Barbeau E, Hunt MK, Emmons K. (2004). Reducing Social Disparities in Tobacco Use: A Social Contextual Model for Reducing Tobacco Use among Blue-Collar Workers. *American Journal of Public Health* 94(2): 230-32.

**December 10: Counter-Marketing Strategies for Marginalized Populations**

Guest Speaker: Cheryl Heaton DrPH, American Legacy Foundation

Niederdeppe J, Xiaodong Kuang, Brittney Crock, Ashley Skelton. (2008). Media Campaigns to promote smoking cessation among socioeconomically disadvantaged populations: What do we know, what do we need to learn, and what should we do now? *Social Science and Medicine* 67: 1343-55.

Vishwanath K. (2006). Appendix G. Public Communications and Its Role in Reducing and Eliminating Health Disparities. In *Examining the Health Disparities Research Plan of the National Institutes of Health: Unfinished Business*.

**January 7: Tobacco Prevention and At-Risk Adolescents**

**Steve Sussman PhD, Preventive Medicine and Psychology, University of Southern California**

Eisenberg ME, Forster JL. (2003). Adolescent Smoking Behavior: Measures of Social Norms. *American Journal of Preventative Medicine* 25(2): 122-28.

Sussman, S., Dent, C. W., & Lichtman, K. L. (2001). Project EX: Outcomes of a teen smoking cessation program. *Addictive Behaviors*, 26, 425-438

**February 4: Space, Place and Patterns of Tobacco Use**

**Sandro Galea MD, DrPH, MPH, Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health, University of Michigan**

Galea S, Nandi A, Vlahov D. (2004). The Social Epidemiology of Substance Use: *Epidemiologic Reviews* 26: 36-52.

Shelley D, Cantrell J, Moon-Howard J, Ramjohn DQ, VanDevanter N. The \$5 Man: The Underground Economic Response to a Large Cigarette Tax Increase in New York City. *American Journal of Public Health* 97(8): 1483-88.

**March 11: Smoking and Socioeconomic Status: What Explains the Relationship?**  
**Jennifer Stuber PhD, School of Social Work, University of Washington**

Stuber J, Galea S, Link BG. (2008). Smoking and the emergence of a stigmatized social status. *Social Science and Medicine* 67: 420-430.

Wetter DW, Ludmilla CG, Irwin JE, Fouladi RT, Wright K, Daza P, Mazas C, Cinciripini PM, Gritz ER. (2005). What accounts for the association of education and smoking cessation? *American Journal of Preventative Medicine* 40(4): 452-60.

**April 1: The Epidemiology of Tobacco-Related Health Disparities**  
**Gary Giovino PhD, Department of Health Behavior and Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, University of Buffalo School of Public Health Professions**

Giovini GA. The Tobacco Epidemic in the United States (2007). *American Journal of Preventative Medicine* 33( 6 Suppl): S318-26.

Moolchan, E. T., Fagan, P., Fernander, A. F., Velicer, W. F., Hayward, M. D., King, G., et al. (2007). Addressing tobacco-related health disparities. *Addiction* (Abingdon, England), 102 Suppl 2, 30-42. doi:10.1111/j.1360-0443.2007.01953.x

**May 6: GLBT Communities, Social Stress and Tobacco Use**  
**Kimberly Balsam PhD, School of Social Work, University of Washington**

Kassel JD, Stroud LR, Paronis CA. (2003). Smoking, stress and negative affect: Correlation, causation, and context across stages of smoking. *Psychological Bulletin* 129(2) 270-304.

Meyer IH. (1995). Minority Stress and Mental Health in Gay Men. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 36(1): 38-56.

**June 3: Mental Illness and Smoking**  
**Andrew Saxon MD, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington**

Saxon AJ et al. (2003). Smoking Cessation Treatment Among Dually Diagnosed Individuals: Preliminary Evaluation of Different Pharmacotherapies. *Nicotine and Tobacco Research* 5(4): 589-96.

Williams JM, Cain BW, Fredericks T, O'Shaughnessy M. A tobacco treatment model for persons with serious mental illness. *Psychiatr Serv* 2006 Aug;57(8):1218