



SCPH Professional Speakers Series:

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Date: Thursday, February 2nd, 2012

Time: 12-1 PM (lunch will be provided)

Location: CHS 33-105

Title: "Health disparities vs. health equity: Does it matter what we call it?"

Health policy and academic research has focused on health disparities for the last 30 years. While many of us have put our efforts into reducing health disparities, the rest of the world has been working on increasing health equity. Are these simply two sides of the same coin, or are there important implications for policy, practice, and research that differ when you frame the issues differently? I will present information and data on both approaches, argue that we would be more effective if we used an equity lens than a disparity lens, and suggest why we have continued to use the disparities framework.