

# Population Health and Social (In)Justice

***A lunch-time seminar with Gloria DeSantis***

Thursday **FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>**, 2010  
12 Noon – 1:00 p.m.

**AV Screening Room C  
Education Building 137  
University of Regina**

***Everyone Welcome!  
Bring your lunch if you wish!***

Marginalization tends to have a negative effect on the health of populations. There is an inequitable distribution of illness and disease across different groups of people in our communities. The health of communities is a social justice issue because many illnesses, diseases and deaths are preventable.

Join Gloria DeSantis as she explores the social and political determinants of health as well as how health status inequities are deeply embedded in structural injustices such as poverty and racism.

This presentation will provide an opportunity to:

- share knowledge about population health, inequities and social justice;
- engage in round-table conversation about change strategies to reduce inequities; and
- gauge interest in creating a cross-disciplinary health and social justice study group.

**Co-Sponsors:** the Social Policy Research Unit, the Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit and Political Science, Faculty of Arts.



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**Dr. Gloria DeSantis** (PhD, University of Regina, 2008) is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (socio-health) with the Political Science Department and works out of the Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit. She is also a part-time instructor with the Justice Studies Department, University of Regina. In recognition of her innovative work, the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation awarded Dr. DeSantis the Top Researcher Award in 2008.

Her interest in health and social justice is a result of her 20 years of non-profit social service sector work, facilitating participatory action research, program planning and policy development. She served as Executive Director of the Social Planning Council of Cambridge, Manager of the Hamilton Self Help Centre, Director of Research with the Hamilton Social Planning and Research Council, and Senior Social Planner. In these roles, she worked extensively with local communities, municipal, provincial and federal governments, and with numerous populations, including homeless youth and adults, urban Aboriginal peoples, immigrants and refugees, people in poverty, and people with physical and psychiatric disabilities. It is from these experiences that she learned about health and social justice.

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