



A Symposium/Workshop

*Toward a Science of Ethnography, Culture, and Community Health*

**May 27, 2015, 1– 6pm**

**\*Because of space limitations, Everyone is Asked to Register at the Program [website](#).**

**Venue:** George Washington Univ., (GWU) Milken Institute School of Public Health (MISPH), Dept. of Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Suite 500, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference, Room 950, New Hampshire Ave, Washington, D.C. 20052<sup>1</sup>.

**Symposium Organizers:** Dr. James Peterson, Assistant Research Professor, MISPH Dept. of Biostatistics & Epidemiology; Tony Whitehead, Director, CuSAG and Professor Emeritus, Anthropology UMD; and Dr. Judith Singleton, Adjunct Assistant Professor in the School of Urban Public Health at Hunter College.

**Program:**

1-1:20pm. **Opening and Introductions**—Dr. James Peterson

1:20-1:30pm. **The Structure and Content of Today's Program** - Dr. Tony L. Whitehead

1:30-2:30pm. **Panel on Ethnographic Contributions to Public Health: Methods and Challenges** - Drs. James Peterson, Judith Singleton, Tony Whitehead, and Perhaps Others

2:30-2:50pm. **Comments, Questions, and Discussion**

2:50-3:00pm. **Break**

3:00-4:30pm: **Panel Discussion on The Cultural Systems Paradigm (The CSP) as a Tool for Codifying, Reading, and Writing Culture**, Moderated by T.L. Whitehead.

**3:05—3:30pm. Introduction to the Cultural Ecology of Health & Change and the Cultural Systems Paradigm** - T. L. Whitehead

**3:30-3:45pm. Designing a Research Project Using the CSP:** Casey L. Hall, MAA, Doctoral Candidate, Anthropology, UMCP, *Navigating Reentry and Renegotiating Motherhood: Maternal Identity and Prison to Community Reentry.*

**3:45—4pm. Assessing a Human Service Organization Using the CSP:** Maya Kearney, MAA, *Ethnographic Assessment of DC's Office on Returning Citizen Affairs.*

**4—4:15pm. Using the CSP in a Global Health Research Context:** Rebecka Lundgren, PhD, Deputy Director and Director of Research, Georgetown University's Sexual and Reproductive Health Center, *Learning Gender: The Human Ecology of Adolescence in Northern Uganda.*

4:15-4:30pm. **Comments, Questions, and Discussion**

4:30-4:40pm. **Break**

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<sup>1</sup> The MISPH building is adjacent to the GW Hospital, just across New Hampshire Ave near Washington Circle, approximately two blocks from the Foggy Bottom Metro stop.

4:40-6pm. **Workshop on Designing an Applied Ethnographic Research Project Using the CSP**

4:40-4:50pm. **Selecting Topic(s) for Research Design Focus...**Tony Whitehead

4: 50-5:10pm. **Components of an Ethnographic Research Design Using the CSP**

5:10-5:30pm. **Small Group Deliberations** (Size of total attendee body will determine whether such deliberations will be carried out by total body, or in multiple small groups).

5:30-6pm. **Small Group Presentations to Total Body (10 minutes each).**

6-6:15pm. **Closing Comments and End of Symposium.**

**7-9pm. The UMD-HBCU Graduate Mentoring Scholarship Fund's Donor Dinner.** Dr.

Whitehead's efforts in the planning and delivery of this Symposium was sponsored by **the UMD-HBCU Graduate Mentoring Scholarship Fund in Ethnographic, Culture and Community Health Sciences**. Following this Symposium, Dr. Whitehead is having dinner at one of four ethnic restaurants that have hosted dinners in the past on behalf of the Scholarship Fund. Any Symposium attendees are invited to join him, but should be expected to pay for his or her dinner. While joining him for dinner is not dependent on making a donation to the Scholarship Fund, voluntary donations of any amount will be greatly appreciated. And if desired, a Fund T-shirt (with a choice caption of "One of my Best Friends is an Anthropologist," or "Friend of Anthropology") will be given to anyone donating \$30 or more. Dr. Whitehead will not make a selection of which of the four restaurants he will make a reservation (Egyptian, Ghanaian, Brazilian and Indian), until he has some idea of how many persons will be joining him. So any persons who care to join him for dinner should let him know ASAP at [tonywhitehead1122@gmail.com](mailto:tonywhitehead1122@gmail.com); as well as which of these four types of cuisines you prefer.