

2nd Annual Health and Inequality Lecture

Black Woman Narrative Interrupted: Debunking Mainstream Narratives about Physical Activity and Weight

The 2nd Annual Health and Inequality Lecture is part of the Fall 2016 Social Sciences Forum.

The event is co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Health Administration and Policy, Africana Studies, American Studies, Gender + Women's Studies, Psychology, and Social Work; the Language, Literacy and Culture Program and the School of Public Policy.

Location:

Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery, 7th Floor

Time:

Tuesday, October 18th
4:30pm - 6:30pm

Lecture followed by Q&A and reception!

**Rashawn Ray, Associate Professor of Sociology
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Why are Black women in the U.S. more likely to be obese and less physically active than other groups, and what can be done about it? Dr. Ray has explored this question through intensive qualitative and quantitative research, finding that Black women face an assortment of structural and cultural barriers that inhibit their ability to be as physically active as other groups. He will discuss how the interactive effect of race and gender can be costly for middle class Blacks in ways it is not for middle class Whites and the important role that primary care providers can play in ameliorating the dearth of physical activity in the U.S.

