

## The Center for Public Health Initiatives

### Public Health Research in Action Speakers Series



**When:** February 25th, 2008

12:00pm to 1:00pm

**Where:** Houston Hall (3417 Spruce St)

The Golkin Room

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**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

### **Featured Speaker: Kristine A. Mulhorn, PhD., MHS** **Beyond the body: Including environmental and social factors when measuring disability among adult and elderly populations**

Dr. Mulhorn is an Associate Professor in the Health Administration Health Sciences and Administration Department at the University of Michigan-Flint. She has contributed to research that addresses the measurement of disability consistent with the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF), the World Health Organization's revised classification system. This classification system incorporates a broader perspective of what disability is and which aspects of disability and functioning can be measured. The WHO now recognizes the role of social variables, including environmental factors such as social policies and the availability of health insurance which affect how individuals experience functioning in the community.

Dr. Mulhorn has worked with the ICF since 1999, when the ICF was in its earliest stages and has become nationally recognized for her expertise of the classification system and its application of ICF in the assessment of health and functioning. As a visiting scientist in Japan and France she has developed long-standing relationships with colleagues in those countries and continues to develop projects which promote the comparison of measures of functioning.

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