Coffee Hour: Living with HIV: Women and Antiretroviral Treatment in Uganda

Time: Friday, February 22, 2013 - 3:30pm to 5:00pm

Place: 3:30 p.m. Refreshments are offered in the E. Willard Miller seminar room, 319 Walker Building • 4:00 p.m. The lecture begins at 4:00 p.m. in the John J. Cahir Auditorium, 112 Walker Building

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About the talk

Increasingly, HIV/AIDS is an illness that can be lived with over many years. Nonetheless, in sub-Saharan Africa, there are still daily challenges of poverty and limited resources which shape the illness course. The recent discourses surrounding “normalization” and HIV as a chronic disease are useful, though limited in these settings. The narrow gaze of medical interventions, such as antiretroviral treatment, focuses on individuals as patients while leaving other needs unattended. Using data from a study in Uganda, this talk will explore women’s experiences of long-term antiretroviral treatment for HIV and the compounding vulnerabilities of poverty, gender imbalances, and intimate partner violence. Illness narratives reveal strategic ways in which women mobilize resources to maintain adherence to medication and seek help for medical and non-medical daily concerns.

About the speaker

Meg Winchester joined the geography department at Penn State in 2012 as a Postdoctoral Scholar. She is a medical anthropologist with research interests in global health, HIV/AIDS, intimate partner violence, gender, and health policy, especially in eastern and southern Africa. Prior to joining the department, she worked as a visiting lecturer for postgraduate students at Makerere University in Kampala, and previously as a consultant for the Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) and coordinator for the Center for Social Science Research on AIDS (CeSSRA).

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