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Urban Health Disparities in the Developing World: A Geographic Perspective



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Why do we care about space and place? What role do Geography and spatial distributions play in understanding health disparities? In this talk we will explore several examples of urban health disparities from a geographic perspective, including environmental hazards, social vulnerability, environmental management and community education, and neighborhood effects on human behavior. With examples drawn from his own global health research, Dr. Stoler demonstrates how a geographic perspective can illuminate additional strategies for informing community health policy.

Dr. Stoler is Assistant Professor of Geography and Regional Studies, and Epidemiology and Public Health. He is particularly interested in the geographical aspects of infectious diseases and health behavior in the developing world, and has conducted field work in Mexico, Jamaica, and Ghana. He is currently part of a multi-institutional team investigating population health issues in Accra, Ghana, as a model for other rapidly-growing sub-Saharan African cities.

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