

Biomedical and Health Informatics Series

Tuesday, May 22nd, Room T-739, 12:00-12:50

Ann Kurth, RN, CNM, PhD

Assistant Professor, BNHS; Adjunct Assistant Professor,
Epidemiology, Director, UW Graduate Certificate Program in
HIV/STIs

“Information and Communication Technologies for HIV/STD”

Dr Kurth will briefly discuss the literature regarding the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) for HIV/STI diagnosis, partner notification, prevention, clinical management, and provider training, in resource-rich and resource-constrained settings. She also will give examples from her research with ICT tools, discussing usability and efficacy studies conducted in Seattle, Kenya, and Peru.

Ann Kurth, RN, CNM, PhD trained in public health at Columbia University, nurse-midwifery at Yale University, and epidemiology at the UW, and has worked in the area of sexually transmitted infections (STI) including HIV for the past 15 years. She is an Assistant Professor in the Biobehavioral Nursing and Health Systems Department at the UW School of Nursing, and Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology, UW School of Public Health and Community Medicine; she also directs the UW Graduate Certificate Program in HIV/STDs. Dr. Kurth has served as president of the national Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, and is a Coordinator for the UW Center for AIDS Research Sociobehavioral and Prevention Research Core. Her current work focuses on patient-centered informatics and behavioral epidemiology for HIV/STI screening, prevention, and chronic disease self-management, in studies conducted in the US and internationally.

The Biomedical and Health Informatics lecture series covers current topics and developments in Biomedical and Health Informatics. Presenters include faculty, students, researchers and developers from the University of Washington, other academic institutions, government, and industry (locally and nationally). The intended audience is the broader University of Washington and Seattle area community with an interest in BHI as well as BHI faculty and students.

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