

INPEP 2012-13 Brown Bag Lecture Series

# ***Drug Use Involvement among School Adolescents in Bogota, Colombia***

**Please join us:**

- Informal presentation and discussion.

- All faculty, students, and staff are welcome.

**Thursday, Jan. 17  
12:00 noon**

**E-4 East Fee Hall**  
(Near the Medical Bookstore)

**Pizza & Refreshments  
will be provided.**



As drugs become more ubiquitous and fewer resources are available for drug prevention and treatment, understanding the early stages of drug use involvement and identifying at risk populations become increasingly important for prevention efforts.

This seminar will describe the process of drug use involvement, among school adolescents in Bogota, Colombia - a context of high drug availability. At the same time a comparative analysis of this phenomenon in other countries in the American region, including the United States will be discussed. The studies contribute to stimulate the drug-policy debate by providing evidence of the effect of individual, interpersonal and contextual level factors on the risk of using drugs or experiencing drug use related problems.

**Catalina López-Quintero** is a Colombian physician with a PhD in public health, and a senior research associate working with Dr. Jim Anthony in the department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Michigan State University. Her main research projects focus on identifying and understanding factors associated with drug use involvement and drug dependence, and the acquisition of high risk behavior, particularly among minority populations. More recently, Dr. Lopez-Quintero has become interested in the design and evaluation of preventive interventions that aim to reduce health disparities. Her other areas of research interests include: e-health literacy, mental health, and HIV/AIDS.

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