

INPEP 2012-13 Brown Bag Lecture Series

Building and Protecting Health Care Capacity in sub-Saharan Africa: A Critical Issue in Global Health

Please join us:

- Informal presentation and discussion.
- All faculty, students, and staff are welcome.

Sub-Saharan Africa is home to 11% of the world's population with 25% of the world's burden of disease. Unfortunately, it is home to only 3% of the world's health care workers. This disparity has long been recognized and international efforts are ongoing to remedy it. In this presentation, Dr. Smith will present her work related to building the cadre of nurses, nurse faculty, physicians and dentists in sub-Saharan Africa. She will also discuss coordinated efforts protecting the health of frontline nurses and midwives from air and blood-borne diseases such as TB, HIV, and Hepatitis B and C.

Thursday, Feb. 21

12:00 noon

E-4 East Fee Hall

(Near the Medical Bookstore)

**Pizza & Refreshments
will be provided.**



Barbara Smith is Professor and Associate Dean for Research at Michigan State University's College of Nursing (CON). Prior to joining MSU, she was Director for the Nursing Component of the University of Maryland's Institute for Human Virology PEPFAR grant. This grant provided technical assistance related to HIV care and treatment to nurses and other health care workers in seven African and two Caribbean countries. Dr. Smith was also principal investigator of a study which surveyed almost 1000 nurses in 11 sub-Saharan countries about blood-borne pathogens. She has experience securing IRB/Ethics Committee approval in multiple African countries.

Dr. Smith's expertise in capacity building has been internationally recognized. In 2010, she was invited to serve as a consultant for the WHO and PEPFAR's Transformative Scale-Up of Medical, Nursing and Midwifery Education Committee Meetings in Geneva, Switzerland. She is currently assisting the Clinton Foundation as it plans and implements a program to improve Medical, Nursing and Dental capacity in Rwanda.