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**University of Washington/City of Seattle**

# **Research Colloquium**

**Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**12:30 – 2:30 pm (bring your lunch)**

**City Council Chambers, Seattle City Hall**

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Have you ever wondered if there is scientific research that could improve the City program or service that you deliver?

Are you interested in hearing from UW researchers about the City of Seattle programs that they have studied?

Would you like to learn more about how the City might collaborate with university research partners?

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City staff and anyone interested in bringing *research into practice* at the City of Seattle are invited to this afternoon discussion. UW professors and grad students will be on hand to learn about your work and your research interests. We will showcase four recent or ongoing UW research studies that focus on Seattle programs:

- **Evaluation of Seattle's Paid Sick and Safe Time Ordinance**
- **Public Use Bicycle-Share Program**
- **Housing First Approach for Homeless Individuals**
- **Effects of Social Capital and Collective Efficacy on Community Crime Control**

Seattle City Councilmember Tim Burgess will provide opening remarks, and a panel discussion will conclude the event. Light refreshments will be served from 2:30 – 3:00 to allow for additional questions and follow-up with the UW researchers.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Claudia Gross Shader, Assistant City Auditor at 206/684-8038 or [claudia.gross-shader@seattle.gov](mailto:claudia.gross-shader@seattle.gov).

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**Presenter Information:**

**Jennie Romich – UW School of Social Work & The West Coast Poverty Center**  
**Evaluation of Seattle’s Paid Sick and Safe Time Ordinance**

The City of Seattle's Paid Sick and Safe Time Ordinance (PSSTO) went into effect on September 1, 2012. The ordinance requires employers with more than four employees to provide paid time off for personal needs, family physical needs, mental health care needs, or for reasons related to personal safety. This talk will discuss some of the early findings from the PSSTO evaluation. The report looks at how many Seattle businesses will be affected and how; how business operations and employee lives change; how the PSSTO works; and what will be the health, safety, and economic vitality impacts of the PSSTO.

**Ed McCormack – UW Transportation Engineering**  
**Public Use Bicycle-Share Program**

Public use bike-share programs allow bicycles to be rented for short times from unattended, fixed stations and permit renters who have taken bikes from one location to return them to any other stations. Bike-share programs have successfully operated in European cities for several decades and are seen as an effective and “green” tool to enhance urban transportation systems. This talk will discuss a project that analyzed the feasibility of a bike-share program within Seattle. The report was contracted by the City of Seattle and completed, as a studio class, by six University of Washington Urban Design and Planning and Civil Engineering graduate students.

**Susan Collins – UW Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences**  
**Seema Clifasefi – UW Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences**  
**Daniel Malone – The Downtown Emergency Services Center**  
**Housing First Approach for Homeless Individuals**

High rates of alcohol dependence and a lack of basic resources precipitate chronically homeless individuals’ disproportionate use of emergency medical and criminal justice services, which places a high cost burden on publicly funded systems. Unfortunately, traditional sober housing and abstinence-based treatment infrastructures often fail to engage and address these individuals’ complex needs, which has necessitated the development of more flexible and client-centered approaches. In response, Seattle’s Downtown Emergency Service Center developed the Housing First approach, which entails the provision of immediate, permanent, low-barrier, non-abstinence-based supportive housing. UW researchers have teamed up with DESC to evaluate these efforts. In this talk, we will present research findings on Housing First’s association with publicly funded service utilization and costs, alcohol use, and criminal justice outcomes. We will also discuss current and future research collaborations between the UW and DESC.

**Ross Matsueda – UW Sociology**  
**Effects of Social Capital and Collective Efficacy on Community Crime Control**

Criminal violence in local communities is a crucial social problem facing contemporary America. This talk discusses part of an innovative project in Seattle that analyzes three major hypotheses: how community social capital and collective efficacy is produced and how they are correlated with the facilitation or control of crime; the relation between crime and disorder in communities (a.k.a. the broken windows theory); and how the “code of the streets” is cultivated within disadvantaged neighborhoods through alienation from economic opportunity and exacerbated by racial bias.