The Social Determinants of Health

Presented by
• McCaughey VicHealth Centre for Community Wellbeing
• Centre for Women’s Health, Gender and Society

Course details
Date: 1 & 2 May 2013
Time: 9am – 5pm
Venue: THE MATTHAEI ROOM
University House
Professors Road
The University of Melbourne
Victoria, Australia 3010
(Melways reference Map 2B D6)
Cost
Early Bird: by 28 March 2013
Full $1,540/Student $1,100
Standard: by 12 April 2013
Full $1,705/Student $1,400
Application Process
Please complete the online application form via the Centre’s website no later than 12 April 2013
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Spaces are limited. This course is expected to fill so please apply early. You will need to be present for the full two days.

What is the focus of the course?
The purpose of the course is to introduce participants to the major social and economic processes that affect population health including: social class, race and ethnicity, poverty and income distribution, social networks and support, community cohesion, work and neighborhood environments. The course features empirical research linking each determinant to population health status. It will also discuss the role of social policies in addressing health inequalities. Particular emphasis is given to the Australian context, including empirical evidence from Australian studies.

Come and learn from some of the world’s most eminent social epidemiologists about the latest thinking on a topic that is changing the way health policy is made

Who should attend?
The course has been designed for policy-makers, health service providers, academics and post-graduate students who have an interest in social determinants of population health.

What will I learn?
The course will:
• Introduce the social determinants of population health
• Consider a broad range of social determinants: income, ethnicity, race-based discrimination, working conditions, and neighbourhoods.
• Examine policies and practices that are effective in addressing social determinants of population health.

Featuring:
Professor Ichiro Kawachi, MB ChB, Ph.D., is Professor of Social Epidemiology, and Chair of the Social & Behavioral Sciences Department at the Harvard School of Public Health and has taught there since 1992. Professor Kawachi received both his medical degree and Ph.D. (in epidemiology) from the University of Otago, New Zealand. He is the author of over 500 papers on the social and economic determinants of population health. He was the co-editor (with Lisa Berkman) of the textbook Social Epidemiology, published by Oxford University Press in 2000. His other books include The Health of Nations (The New Press, 2002); Neighborhoods and Health (Oxford University Press, 2003); Globalization and Health (Oxford University Press, 2006); Social Capital and Health (Springer, 2008); and the Oxford Handbook of Public Health Practice (Oxford University Press, 2013), with Charles Guest et al. Kawachi is the co-editor in Chief (with S.V. Subramanian) of the international journal Social Science & Medicine. He is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine of the US National Academy of Sciences. Professor Kawachi is an entertaining and thoughtful teacher, who has an interactive and engaging teaching style.
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Course coordinators:
Professor Billie Giles-Corti is the Director and Principal Research Fellow of the McCaughey VicHealth Centre for Community Wellbeing at the University of Melbourne. She is a leading public health researcher in Australia, recognised internationally for her research on the health impacts of the built environment.

Professor Anne Kavanagh is the Director of the Centre for Women’s Health, Gender and Society, at the University of Melbourne. She is a leading Australian social epidemiologist who is also medically trained. Her research interests include gender, place, disability and health.
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Other course presenters:
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