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# Join Us!

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The Global & Local Center for Mental Health Disparities at Boston Medical Center & BU School of Medicine invite you to attend our next Global Dinner Series on Tuesday, April 24th featuring:

**Jennifer Beard, PhD, MPH, MA**

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**Dr. Jennifer Beard**

*Presenting:*

**"The Role of Journalism and the  
Media in Global Mental Health"**

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**EVENT DETAILS**

## When

Tuesday, April 24, 2018  
6:00pm - 7:30pm

## Where

Boston University School of Medicine  
Evans Seminar Room (E112A)  
72 East Concord Street, Boston, MA 02118

## RSVP

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### About Dr. Beard:

Jennifer Beard, PhD, MA, MPH, is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Global Health at Boston University School of Public Health and the Associate Editor of Public Health Post. At BUSPH Dr. Beard oversees the writing program and teaches courses in professional and scientific writing, qualitative research, social determinants of health, and mental health.

She is also a founding member of the BU Program for Global Health Storytelling - a collaboration between BUSPH the BU College of Communication, and the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting - which looks at the similarities and tensions between global health research and journalism and seeks ways we can better work together. She teaches courses on global health journalism and global mental health.

Dr. Beard's research interests include the health and well-being of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC), and highly vulnerable adults such as sex workers, drug users, and other key populations at risk for HIV. From 2010-2014, she was the principal investigator for the multi-study Ghana Operations Research for Key Populations project which entailed 9 qualitative studies focused on the HIV prevention and other needs of populations at high risk for HIV and other forms of harm. The 9 studies, done in collaboration with the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, looked at the HIV prevention and harm reduction needs of young female sex workers, prisoners, men who have sex with men, post-secondary female students, women who work in bars, people who inject drugs, and people living with HIV at risk of dropping out of antiretroviral therapy. She has also worked in

India, Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Ukraine, and Zambia.

She has co-authored academic articles in peer reviewed journals, on a wide variety of topics including the health and wellbeing of OVC, the impact of OVC programming, the vulnerabilities faced by children of sex workers and drug users, and the urgent needs for harm reduction programs for people who inject drugs in Ghana. Though her research is now focused on global health, Jennifer remains a devoted reader of Victorian novels and is convinced that her current research interests have their roots in her passion for Charles Dickens and the Brontë sisters.



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