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## ***Fall 2015 – NH INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR***

### **Global Health**

Friday, October 23, 2015

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### **Lisa Messersmith**

Associate Professor of Global Health and Anthropology  
Boston University

**Talk (open to all):**

***HIV/AIDS, Human Rights and Gender***

Lisa J. Messersmith, PhD, MPH, has 25 years of research, program and policy experience in gender, sexuality, HIV, and sexual and reproductive health and rights primarily in Sub-Saharan Africa and South and Southeast Asia. Dr. Messersmith is currently Associate Professor of Global Health at Boston University School of Public Health and Associate Professor of Anthropology at Boston University's College of Arts and Sciences. She is the principal investigator (PI) on several studies, including two in Ghana that explore the behavioral, socio-economic and structural vulnerability to HIV of injecting drug users and women who work in bars. She was also director of the Vietnam AIDS Policy and Planning Project which trained nearly 850 senior national and provincial level Vietnamese policy makers to design, implement and evaluate multi-sectoral responses to HIV.

Dr. Messersmith has worked in residence for over 13 years in Burkina Faso, Mali, Nigeria, Bangladesh and Vietnam, as well as a number of other countries, including Thailand, Ghana, China, India, Senegal, Brazil, and Jamaica. From 1998 to 2004 she served as the Sexuality and Reproductive Health Program Officer for the Ford Foundation's Office for Vietnam and Thailand. Among her many distinctions, Dr. Messersmith was awarded the People's Health Medal by the Vietnam Ministry of Health, in 2004.

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