

Division Seminar Series **Social and Behavioural Health Sciences**

Tuesday, October 17, 12-1pm
In Person: room 650, HS Building



Dorothy Apedaile
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Housing precarity and HIV vulnerability among young transgender women in Lima, Peru

Transgender women continue to face a high burden of HIV in Peru, where there has been no decrease in the incidence of HIV among transgender women over the last 15 years. Transgender youth also face high rates of homelessness and housing instability due to systemic discrimination and violence, which can further increase vulnerability to HIV and decrease access to health and social services. I will present results from a cross-sectional survey of young transgender women in Lima, Peru to underline the importance of addressing and ending homelessness to end the HIV epidemic.

Dorothy Apedaile is a PhD student in epidemiology in the DLSPH at the University of Toronto. Her current research focuses on housing precarity and HIV-related vulnerability among marginalized youth and young adults in Kenya, Peru, and Canada. She is also involved in research implementing and evaluating peer support and cash transfer interventions to improve HIV prevention and treatment among street-connected youth in Kenya



Dr. Daisy Singla
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Scaling up Psychological Treatments for Common Mental Health Conditions

Psychological treatments—including cognitive, behavioral and interpersonal talk therapies—are among the most effective interventions in healthcare, and usually preferred by patients over medications. Despite their effectiveness, they remain inaccessible for most of the world's population. This presentation will discuss some innovative, evidence-informed and patient-centered solutions to overcome common barriers to access, including lessons learned from the SUMMIT (Scaling Up Maternal

Mental healthcare by Increasing access to Treatment) Trial—a large, multi-site ongoing psychotherapy trial (N=1226) for perinatal women with depressive and anxiety symptoms.

Dr. Daisy Singla is a clinical psychologist by training and global mental health researcher at heart. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto, became the first womenmind scientist at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in July 2022, and is now a womenmind Senior Scientist.