"Women’s Health and Participatory Research: The Sojourner Syndrome"

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6:00 p.m.
White Hall 207

Leith Mullings
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Ph.D. Chicago, 1975. Areas of research include globalization, urbanism, medical anthropology, gender, race, ethnicity, contemporary theory; United States urban populations, Africa.

Professor Mullings has been one of the pioneers in developing theory about the complexities of race, class, and gender in the U.S., in addition to her work in medical and urban anthropology. Her recent books include "On Our Own Terms: Race, Class, and Gender in the Lives of African American Women: Freedom: A Photographic History of the African American Struggle (with Manning Marable); and Let Nobody Turn Us Around: An Anthology of African American Social and Political Thought from Slavery to the Present (with Manning Marable). She is currently editing a book with Amy Schultz entitled "Health and Illness at the Intersection of Race, Class and Gender." She has received the Society for the Anthropology of North America’s Prize for Distinguished Achievement in the Critical Study of North America, and the French-American Foundation Prize: Chair in American Civilization, Ecoles des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France. She has held faculty positions at Yale University, Columbia University, and the City University Medical School where she directed the Program in Medical Anthropology. Mullings’ lecture will discuss the role of participatory research, and will address the persistent reality that African American women, at all socioeconomic levels, are at higher risk than white women for contracting many illnesses, developing chronic conditions, and dying, especially during pregnancy. She has headed a team of scholars and community members in Harlem in a multi-year, multi-site, participatory project on the social contexts of reproduction that was funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and is discussed in her latest book with Alaka Wali, "Stress and Resilience: The Social Context of Reproduction in Central Harlem."

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