Please join us for a special presentation by Dr. Michael Touchton, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, and UMIA Faculty Associate for Global Health

Brazil has made striking gains in public health since its democratization in the mid-1980s. Previous research credits widespread economic growth, the creation of the national healthcare system, and the Family Health Program for these improvements. I address another noteworthy change in Brazilian society: the emergence of local participatory institutions, such as local policy management councils, engage citizens and allow them to design, implement, and oversee municipal policy in important areas, including health. I evaluate the extent to which community health governance institutions in general, and those focusing on women’s rights in particular, influence the spread of HIV. I draw from data on local institutions and HIV incidence from 2006–2017 for all 5,570 Brazilian municipalities. Municipalities with community health governance institutions experience lower HIV rates than other municipalities, all else equal, with women’s rights councils being the key individual institution driving variation in HIV rates.

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