

# EpiCH Seminar Series

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***“The Global Early Adolescent Study: A 15-country Study to Explore the Acquisition and Influence of Gender Norms in a Global Context”***

***Friday, December 4, 2015  
10:00-11:00 a.m.***

***U of MN, West Bank Office Building  
Room 364***

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The age period from 10-14 years is among the most critical for human development, yet one of the most poorly understood. Biological processes are universal, but the social contexts in which these processes occur vary. During this age period, gendered norms and beliefs are solidified.



Dr. Blum will discuss the development, rationale and design for one of his most recent studies, the Global Early Adolescent Study (GEAS). This 15-country longitudinal study will assess how social processes influence young people's health, with particular attention to how gender norms influence sexual health and behaviors. Other outcomes of interest are educational attainment, mental health, and physical health.

***Open to everyone  
Refreshments will be served***