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Center for Public Health Preparedness

2007-2008 Speaker Series presents:

The HSPH-CPHP Speaker Series is designed to bring HSPH students together with Public Health practitioners so they may benefit from their experiences in the field. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend.



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Humanitarian Myths: Twelve Myths and Misconceptions in Disaster Response

**Monday,
December 17th**

Time: 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Location: Kresge G-1

**Harvard School of Public Health
677 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02115**

By the end of this session, the participants will be able to:

- Understand the complexities of humanitarian assistance in war, political crisis and large scale natural disasters.
- Understand the genesis and continuation of public myths in the international response to large scale public health emergencies.
- Discuss ways that academic organizations can engage leaders in international humanitarian organizations to improve response by understanding true priorities in disaster response.

FREE LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!

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