

# PUBLIC HEALTH & PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

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### **Excavating Public Health: Archaeological perspectives on inequality and health disparity**

#### **ABSTRACT**

We know that social inequality breeds health disparity, but did you know a community's social and health status can leave a lasting physical legacy in the archaeological record? Archaeology offers a window into past communities' access to health services, balanced nutrition, sanitary environments, and fair labor conditions. Dr. Raina Croff, a Senior Research Associate in OHSU's Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, has lead excavations in Senegal, West Africa and worked on archaeological sites of the African Diaspora. She shares findings from the field, how anthropological training has prepared her for community health research, and what archaeology can tell us about the public health of past communities.

*Food and beverages will be provided.*