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## **Mark Hayward**

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Presents

# Does the Body Forget?

October 3, 2008

12:00 – 1:00

IBS 3 Conference Room

This talk reports the results of a series of studies designed to articulate the ways in which early life and adult conditions combine to affect chronic health problems. The evidence illustrates that some aspects of social life appear to have life-long effects on the structure/function of organs, tissues and body systems not modified later. Examples include early life health conditions and adult marital loss. Other aspects of early life such as parental socioeconomic status operate indirectly through adult achievement processes. Adult achievement processes, in turn, appear to elevate biological risk so that it accumulates over the life course and thereby increases the risk of chronic health conditions.

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