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UHS health educator is panelist at violence conference

AMHERST, Mass. – University Health Services (UHS) health educator Tom Schiff, Ed.D., is participating in two panel discussions as part of a major conference on violence taking place at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

“Landscapes of Violence: Conflict and Trauma through Time” takes place April 3 and 4, 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. on the ninth floor of the Campus Center. Experts from the U.S., Mexico and Northern Ireland will explore issues surrounding violence, warfare, conflict and human rights around the world.

Schiff’s first session, “The Iceberg of Violence: A Model for Teaching about Violence and Encouraging Bystander Intervention,” is part of a panel entitled “Violence Close to Home: Intervention and Healing.” His second, “Public Health for Social Justice and Violence Prevention” is included in a panel on “Interrupting Implicit and Enduring Infrastructures of Violence: Illustrations of Liberatory Analysis and Action.”

In his role with UHS’ Health Education department, Schiff focuses on violence prevention, men’s health, outreach to international and ALANA students, tobacco education and cessation and the Student Health Advisory Board. He is also an adjunct faculty member in the Social Justice Education program.

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