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Maria Bulzacchelli to Speak on Workplace Injury Prevention Policies

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Assistant Professor of Public Health Maria T. Bulzacchelli will discuss “Why Don’t Workers Protect Themselves from Injury? Challenges to Implementing Effective Workplace Safety Policies” on Monday, February 1 at 12 p.m. in Thompson 620. The talk is part of the Center for Public Policy and Administration’s Spring 2010 Faculty Colloquium.

Policymakers can spend years debating, crafting and adopting a public health policy only to see it fail at the implementation stage. Occupational safety policies that eliminate or reduce workplace hazards through engineering are preferable to interventions that require individual workers to protect themselves. However, many policies rely on changes in worker behavior because eliminating hazards or preventing worker exposure to them isn’t possible.

In this talk, Bulzacchelli will elaborate on these ideas and talk about how evidence of noncompliance with occupational safety regulations highlights gaps in our understanding of how to effectively implement such policies.

Maria Bulzacchelli is an Assistant Professor of Public Health. Her research centers on injury prevention and control, primarily in the areas of occupational injury and physical activity-related injury, with an emphasis on the evaluation of the effectiveness of injury prevention policies and programs. She has a particular interest in the role of the built environment in injury prevention. Dr. Bulzacchelli holds an A.B. from Bowdoin College and a Ph.D. in Health and Public Policy from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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