



# SEMINAR

## Department of Public Health



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### **Decolonizing Indigenous Health Information Systems in Canada – Moving Beyond Patchwork Solutions**

Dr. Janet Smylie, Professor Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto  
Director, Well Living House Applied Research Centre for Indigenous Infant, Child and Family Health, St. Michael's hospital

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 12.30-1.15pm**

Dr. Smylie's presentation will explore the degree to which current standards and methods used within Canadian health information systems are able to explicate and respond to Indigenous population health needs. Using specific examples, she will demonstrate how these information systems are perpetuating colonial discounting of Indigenous populations and masking health inequities. She will discuss strategies for moving forward, drawing on Indigenous community led initiatives and emphasizing the need for systems thinking and alliances.



Dr. Janet Smylie is a member of the Métis Nation of Ontario, with Métis roots in the prairies. She is a family physician and public health researcher who has practiced and taught family medicine in urban and rural Indigenous communities and maintains a part-time clinical practice. Dr Smylie's research work focuses on applied health services research to better understand health inequities experienced by Indigenous infants, children and their families. Dr. Smylie currently leads multiple research projects in partnership with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities/organizations.

**Small Lecture Theatre, Level D, University of Otago Wellington**

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