**Mekong Region Development Research Group Workshop**

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*Measuring Health across Contexts & Populations*

University of Utah, Salt Lake City

May 8-10, 2013

**Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 pm -** Welcome reception at the home of Janet Theiss (meet in guesthouse lobby promptly at 6:00 for transport to dinner)

**Thursday, May 9** (Location: Officers Club, Fort Douglas, University of Utah campus)

9:00-9:30 Workshop Opening Remarks

* Michael Hardman, Univ. of Utah Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
* Kim Korinek and Steve Reynolds, Mekong Region Development Research Group Project Directors

9:30-10:30 Workshop Overview & Introductions

10:30-11:45 Keynote Lecture I:

“Why Health?” Mark VanLandingham, Tulane School of Public and Tropical Medicine (Introduction by John Knodel)

*Dr. VanLandingham's remarks will address why health is important as an outcome variable; related outcomes for which health can serve as a proxy; various measures of health that can be used to address different types of research questions; & challenges & pitfalls of measuring health.*

11:45-1:15 Lunch

1:15-3:00 Panel Discussion: Migration, Health and Development

* Hongyun Fu, PSI/China, Kunming, China
* Kim Korinek, Department of Sociology, University of Utah
* Zachary Zimmer, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of San Francisco
* Ming Wen, Department of Sociology, University of Utah
* Sara Curran (Moderator), University of Washington

3:00-3:15 Tea & Coffee break

3:15-5:00 Break out session: Research priorities & research questions around health & migration in the Greater Mekong Subregion

**Friday, May 10** (Location: Officers Club, Fort Douglas, University of Utah campus)

9:00-10:00 Small groups report on research priorities & ideas to full group

10:00-11:30 Keynote Lecture II:

“Measuring Health: What and How,” Eileen Crimmins, University of Southern California, Davis School of Gerontology (Introduction by Steve Reynolds)

*Dr. Crimmins’ remarks will address important dimensions of health and approaches to measurement. Multiple dimensions of health across the age-range will be discussed. Some aspects of health must be reported by subjects, as no one else has the knowledge to report on them. Other aspects of health need to be measured, as subjects do not have the information to report validly and reliably. Potential methods for field collection vary with the setting, the design of the study, and the expertise of staff. Expanding the measured dimensions of health allows insight into the processes of health change and health differences.*

11:30-12:30 Lunch

12:30-2:15 Panel Discussion: Studying Health in Social Context

* Nathalie Williams, Department of Sociology, University of Washington
* Norm Waitzman, Department of Economics, University of Utah
* DeVon Hale, Global Health Initiative, University of Utah
* Karol Kumpfer, Department of Health Education & Promotion, University of Utah
* Puk Teerawichitchainan (Moderator), Singapore Management University

2:15-2:30 Tea and Coffee break

2:30-4:00 Break out session: Discussing measurement in studies of health – validity, optimal approaches and challenges

4:00-4:45 Wrap-up discussion, setting priorities for future workshops

4:45-5:00 Complete workshop evaluations