

Open Discussion Scheduled to Address Connection Between Poverty and Mental Illness

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The St. Mary's County Health Department and St. Mary's College of Maryland's anthropology, environmental studies, psychology, and sociology departments will jointly host an open discussion focusing on the connection between poverty and mental illness. This event is scheduled for **Monday, February 3 (4:30 – 6:00 p.m.)** in St. Mary's Hall (Building 34) on the St. Mary's College of Maryland campus.

Guest speaker Annie Harper, PhD, cultural anthropologist at Yale University, researches how people with mental illness, including those with incarceration histories, struggle with poverty and financial difficulties. This event will share strategies for supporting this population, and discuss interventions to provide them access to safe and affordable services crucial for good financial health.

The discussion is open to all students, staff and faculty, public health professionals, clinicians and community members who would like to learn more about this public health issue. To learn more and to register, please visit <https://moneymentalhealth.eventbrite.com>.

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