The Centre for Work, Organisation and Wellbeing invite you to a seminar:

“Men’s experience of leisure across the life course”

When: 12:00 – 12:45 pm, Friday 12 March, 2010
Where: Room +1.02, Law Building N61, Nathan campus
Food: A light morning tea will be served; please RSVP

Abstract: The concept of what is leisure has often been criticized for being androcentric and eurocentric (Henderson, Bialeschki, Shaw and Freysinger, 1996). Iwasaki et al. (2007) indicates that the term “leisure” should be placed within the social and culture context of the person. Research on leisure and aging sits at the intersection of two bodies of knowledge that often provide differing insights to how the terms “leisure” and “aging” are defined (Gibson, 2007). McPherson (1983, p. 417) notes, "In short, the meaning and availability of leisure may change across the life cycle in response to personal needs, interests, and abilities; to institutional (work and family) demands; and to cultural change. For this reason chronological age is a weak predictor of leisure behaviour." Scholars have found that the stage of an individual's life course (single, married with no children, married with young children, married with teenagers, empty nest, divorced or widowed) may be more useful in identifying the activity patterns as we age (Horna, 1989, 1993; Zuzanek and Smale, 1999, Harvey and Singleton, 1989,2009; Singleton and Harvey 1995). The purpose of this presentation is to provide insights into understanding male’s experience of leisure across the life course (Singleton, Forbes and Agwani, 1993, Genoe and Singleton, 2006)

Speaker: Jerry Singleton is Professor of Leisure Studies at Dalhousie University. He is also cross appointed with nursing, sociology and social anthropology at Dalhousie. He completed his BA at the University of Waterloo (1975), MA at Pennsylvania State University (1977) and his PhD at the University of Maryland (1981). He also has a Doctorate Certificate on Aging from the University of Maryland Center on Aging (1981). Dr. Singleton is certified as a Therapeutic Recreation Specialist (NCTRC) and has been involved with therapeutic recreation and older adults for 30 years. He was made a Fellow of the World Demographic Association in 2006 and was named Canadian Therapeutic Recreation Association Professional of the Year in 2007. He was recognised by the Recreation and Leisure Studies program at the University of Waterloo as a Distinguished Alumni in 2008. He is a founding member of the Leisure and Aging Research Group which was established in 2008. He is also an Associate of the European Union Center of Excellence at Dalhousie University (2009).

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