**Dr. Sherrilynne Fuller to speak about “Prevention Informatics” on April 11**

Dr. Sherrilynne Fuller, Professor of Biomedical and Health Informatics at the University of Washington, will speak in Lexington, KY, at 4PM on Monday, April 11, on the topic of “From intervention Informatics to prevention informatics.” The lecture will take place at the downtown Hyatt Regency Lexington Hotel (401 West High Street)at 4PM, in conjunction with the annual Public Health Systems and Services Research (PHSSR) Keeneland Conference.  A reception will follow the lecture.

The lecture will be the first in an annual series funded by the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T). This year’s lecture funding went to the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) of the University of Kentucky. Other co-sponsorsinclude the UK College of Communication and Information Studies (CCIS), the College of Public Health(CPH), and the Ohio River Valley chapter of ASIS&T (ORVASIST).

Dr. Fuller’s speech will focus on her work on developing health information systems (from individual patient records to building integrated databases and tools to support disease surveillance). She will discuss how the established model of information systems to support intervention is leading to what she calls "prevention informatics,” in which information systems help prevent disease in the first place.  She will discuss how the use of information and communications technologies for improving health in low resource settings. She believes that many of the information systems problems in developing countries are mirrored in a variety of ways in the United States.

Dr. Fuller is a Professor in both the School of Public Health and the Information School, of the University of Washington. Professor Fuller is also Co-Director of the UW Center for Public Health Informatics. She received her BA (Biology) and MLS (information Science) degrees from Indiana University and her PhD (Information Science) from the University of Southern California.Dr. Fulleris aFellow of both the American College of Medical Informatics and the Medical Library Association (MLA).

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