A Mixed Methods Exploration of How State-level Substance Use and Sexual Health Policies Impact LGBT Youth

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The majority of research on youth sexual health and substance use risk behaviors has focused on individual- or community-level factors; the potential impact of the socio-structural and policy level remains under-explored. Also, policy-focused research frequently uses a ‘one policy one outcome’ approach as opposed to examining how the policy climate as a whole may impact young people’s health. Dr. Philbin will present quantitative work that explores the relationship between the state-level policy climate and youths’ sexual risk behaviors (using the Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System–YRBSS) and qualitative research that examines how sexual and gender minority youth in New York City understand state-level policies, which they see as most relevant, and how they believe these policies play out in their daily lives.

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Bring your lunch!
Cold drinks, coffee and dessert will be provided.

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