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Tuesday, October 27th, 1:30pm – 2:30pm - lunch provided
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“Skin-Lightening Practices and Mercury Exposure in the Immigrant Communities.”

Presented by: Amira Adawe, MPH and Charles N. Oberg, MD, MPH
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Amira Adawe is a public health researcher and community health advocate. Her research has focused on women and children’s health in the areas of access to health care, skin-lightening practices and mercury exposures. She also leads and manages statewide campaign to combat skin-lightening practices and chemical exposures. In addition, Amira is a founding member of SoLaHmo – a community based research organization based at Westside Clinic in St. Paul that conducts health related research within the Somali, Latino and Hmong immigrant communities.

Dr. Oberg has an extensive background in teaching and curriculum development in Medical Education and Public Health. Dr. Oberg’s scholarship focuses on the policy implications of health disparities and access to care for vulnerable populations. In addition, he has a documented record of providing access to primary care to refugee and immigrant families and their children. Dr. Oberg has been involved in public policy affecting children at both the federal and state levels. This includes serving on numerous committees dealing with advocacy and health care access.