

CENTRE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SEMINAR SERIES

Massey University
Room 4D08 (Block 4, Level D), Wellington Campus

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**Collaborative Projects with American Indian Communities
to Reduce Risk of Obesity and Diabetes in Native Youth and
Improve Food Environments**

**Tuesday 12th April 2016
1.30-2.30pm**

All welcome



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Professor Blakely Brown's research focuses on childhood obesity and diabetes prevention, non-communicable disease risk reduction, maternal-child health, food systems and food insecurity and community-based participatory research. Her areas of expertise and interests most relevant to the international faculty exchange she is engaging in with the Centre for Public Health Research at Massey University are successful research collaborations with rural and American Indian communities that have resulted in longitudinal, prospective studies reporting risk factors for diabetes in children and adolescents, assessments of nutrition and built environments, and food insecurity. Using community-based participatory research approaches, Prof. Brown has successfully worked with American Indian communities for more than 14 years to implement interventions to improve food environments and food security and out-of-school and family-based programs to prevent obesity and diabetes in American Indian and non-Native youth.