



## Detroit Neighborhood Health Study

### First Annual Mini-Symposium

“Health in the City,” the first annual DNHS mini-Symposium will be held at the UM Detroit Center at Orchestra Place in the Ann Arbor Room on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 9:00am. Dr. Sandro Galea will review early results from DNHS. Researchers from the Detroit Health Department, Wayne State University and the Urban Research Center will join him to discuss the state of health in Detroit. Prominent city figures will be invited to attend. The Symposium is free and open to the public.

### Second Annual Data Collection

In September we will begin contacting study participants for a second telephone interview. We plan to complete the telephone surveys by the end of 2009. You can check our progress on the interviews through these newsletters and [www.detroitneighborhoodhealthstudy.org](http://www.detroitneighborhoodhealthstudy.org)

**Thank you in advance for your participation in the second phase of this important research study.**

### Meet Dr. Allison Aiello



As an Investigator, Dr. Aiello directs the biological (blood and saliva) portion of the study to assess the interactions between the nervous and immune systems and their relationships to mental and physical health.

Dr. Aiello’s Ph.D. is from Columbia University, her MS is from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill-School of Public Health and her BS is from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Dr. Aiello is an Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, UM School of Public Health. She is Principal Investigator on a number of grants and served as co-Principal Investigator on the M-Flu Study.

### Meet Mr. Felix Siris



As a member of the Community Advisory Board, Mr. Siris brings broad knowledge and experience of the intersection between health and community in the City of Detroit, having dedicated himself to these issues for over 20 years.

Mr. Siris is employed by the HIV/AIDS Counseling and Testing Department at the Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion. He is also a Substance Abuse Counselor. Mr. Siris serves on the boards of MHAC, SEMHAC, Michigan PWA TASK FORCE, Project Hope, Michigan Rehabilitation Council, and Community Health Outreach Workers. He is currently a Consultant to Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center (MATEC).