"Behavioral Economics and the Smarter Lunchrooms Movement"

In the Fall of 2009, the Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics in Child Nutrition Programs launched the Smarter Lunchrooms Movement. Since that time the Smarter Lunchrooms Movement has been included in national health and wellness initiatives such as the Healthier US School Challenge and can be identified in over 20,000 schools across the country. Behavioral economics – the practice of altering the physical environment in order to affect purchasing and consumption behavior – lies at the heart of the Smarter Lunchrooms Movement. This module gives participants a solid foundation in the theory behind Smarter Lunchroom interventions, explaining why traditional methods of influencing eating behavior (such as choice restriction and financial subsidies) have failed and why the Smarter Lunchroom Approach Six Principles have proven to be so much more successful.

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1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Discovery I, Room 140

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This is a free seminar and all faculty, staff, students, and guests are welcome to attend.

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