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Systems Thinking: A tool to address inequality in teaching, research and outreach

We are all part of complex adaptive systems and understanding our role within them is crucial for comprehending the various aspects of our lives and the world around us. Work in agriculture and the environment includes interacting components such as humans, ecosystems, and organizations. Systems thinking can offer a fresh perspective on the intricate webs in which we operate and help find points of leverage for change. I'll describe how systems thinking has aided in my understanding of issues related to gender, race, age and class-based inequality and how to employ it in research, teaching, and outreach.

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LECTURE

SERIES

December 4, 2023

**PLS Building RM
2107/2109**

Time:

12PM

[UMD Zoom](#)

**Graduate student
lunch w/ speaker**

1PM

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Dr. Jera Niewoehner-Green is a leadership educator who has engaged students in experiential learning at the high school and post-secondary level for over 15 years. Her research interests include the engagement of marginalized groups in leadership development and community change. Specifically, she examines women's participation in leadership roles and community groups as well as youth empowerment through social capital building and leadership development.