

# SPRING 2011 RESEARCH FORUM



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### ***Acting Gendered Age: Lessons from Finnish Middle-aged Men***

Monday, April 11, 2011

2:00 - 3:00 pm

(Reception to follow)

Virginia Bioinformatics Institute (VBI) Auditorium

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Dr. Pietilä will discuss his study of Finnish paper-mill workers, aged 40+, and the ways in which their conceptualizations of age and aging are interwoven with gender and class.

His work has largely focused on health as a gendered phenomenon including topics such as interplay of various discourses around masculinity and health, lay interpretations of the causalities of health and illness, cultural comparisons of these interpretations, health in transitional societies (Russia, in particular) as well as the moral and ideological features of lifestyle in relation to health.