Ms. Mari Gallagher: 
Food Deserts, the USDA SNAP, Health Code Violations – and How Smart Technology Can Improve All Three

Date: April 12, 2011
Time: 12pm-1:30pm
Location: Raytheon Amphitheatre, 240 Egan, Northeastern University

Mari Gallagher is President of Mari Gallagher Research & Consulting Group (www.marigallagher.com) and the National Center for Public Research (www.NCforPR.org), both headquartered in Chicago. Mari authored Examining the Impact of Food Deserts on Public Health in Chicago, a breakthrough study that popularized the term “Food Desert” nationally in 2006 and encouraged Congressman Bobby Rush to enter “Food Desert” language into the Farm Bill. Mari was the first to develop a block-by-block metric for “Food Deserts” and “Food Balance” linked with health measures and has since done similar work across the US. Mari is also very honored to be an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Institute on Urban Health Research at the Bouvé College of Health Sciences at Northeastern University. She is thrilled to have this occasion to visit with colleagues, collaborators, students, and friends. Her lively and informative presentation on new findings and solutions in food environments will include how emerging technology can help researchers, health departments, community residents and others document food access conditions and take action.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not necessary. Contact Vanessa Farias at v.farias@neu.edu for more information.

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