

COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEAN'S LECTURE SERIES



Presents



Dr. Boakye Boatin
Research Leader

**UNICEF/UNDP/World Bank/ WHO Special Programme for
Research and Training in Tropical Diseases**

**“Community Directed Intervention in Onchocerciasis
Control and for Public Health Interventions”**

Friday, April 9, 2010

12:00 – 1:00 pm

The Samuel P. Bell, III Auditorium, COPH 1023-A

Dr. Boakye Boatin holds a degree in Medicine, International Public Health and Epidemiology. He currently leads the research in integrated community based interventions at the WHO based TDR, the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Disease. Before taking on the current role, he managed research in Lymphatic Filariasis and was responsible for the link between the TDR and the Neglected Tropical disease department of the WHO. For over 15 years he worked in onchocerciasis, its epidemiology and it's control through chemotherapy, publishing a wide range of over 40 scientific articles in this field. Most of his work on onchocerciasis was carried out our while working at the Onchocerciasis Control Programme in west Africa (OCP) first as its epidemiologist, during which time the research leading to the strategy of Community Directed Treatment with ivermectin for onchocerciasis was undertaken, its head of Planning Evaluation and Transfer and later as the Director of the Programme. He currently has the task of leading the research to establish how far one can go with community directed interventions as one of the strategies to strengthen Primary Health Care in the disease endemic countries.

University of South Florida College of Public Health