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**Title of presentation:** Listening to the forest and singing along with it: Amazonas peoples' integrated health experiences

**Abstract:** The Guarani say that the forest acts like a filter through which pathogenic agents do not pass. These indigenous people of South America had their territory invaded by farmers who cut down the forest. Since the creation of the world, songs and dances are the tools the Guarani use to overcome the difficulties of existence. Their rituals are conducted to maintain the health of both people and the earth. Song and dance are also central languages in communications with the invisible beings who inhabit the cosmos. In this talk, Prof. Deise Lucy Montardo will speak about the relationship between music and health, raising some examples of the peoples of the Amazon forest.