

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STIGMA

Friday, November 21, 2014, 8 am – 5 pm
Howard University, College of Medicine

Emcees: Lisa Fager Bediako, Caroline Reed, Javed Khan, Patricia Houston

AGENDA

8:00 AM **Registration, Exhibits and Refreshments**

8:30 AM **Opening Session**

Musical Invocation
Afro Blue, Howard University

Poem, “HIV and Me” Recited by Wanda Collier
Written by *Goulda A. Downer, PhD, RD, LN, CNS, Principal Investigator, Assistant Professor, AETC Capitol Region Telehealth Center, Howard University*

Greetings
Joxel Garcia, M.D., MBA
Director, District of Columbia, Department of Health

***Sohail Rana, M.D.*, Professor of Pediatrics and Child Health, Howard University**
Ecology of Fear, Shame, Blame and Stigma: the secret life of “its”, them and those”

9:10 AM **PLENARY SESSION I: HUMAN RIGHTS AND HEALTH**
Location: Howard University College of Medicine Red Room (3019)
Moderators: ***Mónica Palacio, J.D.***, Director, Office of Human Rights, District of Columbia

Speakers
Benjamin Mason Meier, J.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Global Health Policy, Department of Public Policy, University of North Carolina
Title: The Evolution of Human Rights in the Global HIV/AIDS Response

Salaam Semaan, MPH, DrPH, Deputy Associate Director for Science, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Title: Addressing the Stubborn and Deadly Stigma of Addiction and Infectious Diseases

Pauline Muchina, Ph.D., Founder, Future African Leaders Project / African Women and Youth Initiative, US Representative

Title: Social Taboos that Exacerbate Stigma and HIV

Dazon Dixon Diallo, MPH, Founder/President, SisterLove, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia

Title: All About Justice: Locating the HIV/AIDS Struggle in the Reproductive Justice Framework

Questions and Answers

11:25 AM **Keynote Address**

Douglas Brooks, MSW

Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy, The White House

11:45 AM **LUNCH** **Promising Futures Youth performance, Posters and Exhibit Tables, Afro Blue, Howard University's Premier Vocal Jazz Ensemble**

12:45 PM **Personal Perspectives**

Maria Mejia, International Social Media Activist, Author, Co-chair of the Women and Minorities Outreach for the Dab the AIDS bear project, and Ambassador for The Stigma Project

Jamie Gentile, MPH, Author of "Surviving HIV: Growing Up a Secret and Being Positive"

Mary Bowman, Poet, Singer, Author

1:30 PM **PLENARY SESSION II: COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS STIGMA**

Location: Howard University College of Medicine Red Room (3019)

Moderators: **Lisa Fager Bediako, M.B.A.**, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. and **Joseph L. Wright, M.D., MPH**, Chairman, Department of Pediatrics and Child Health, Howard University

Speakers

Maurice Evans, Network Navigator, Multnomah County Health Department, Portland, OR, Health Resources & Services Administration, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Special Programs for National Significance (SPNS)

Title: Community Programs and Interventions to Address Stigma: Experiences from the HRSA SPNS initiative on Building a Medical Home for the Multiply Diagnosed HIV positive Homeless Population

Carla Zelaya Ph.D., Assistant Scientist, Johns Hopkins University

Title: The Importance of Addressing Stigma when Offering HIV Care and Treatment Services, Evidence from Vietnam.

Noerine Kaleeba, Ph.D., Programme development adviser for the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), Founder and Patron of The AIDS Support Organization TASO

Title: Building Resilience, Challenging Stigma—Lessons from Uganda

Questions and Answers

3:05 PM **BREAK**

3:20 PM **CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

TRACK 1: Ethics of HIV Disclosure: To Tell or Not to Tell?

Location: 1008 (First Floor Auditorium off Lobby)

Moderator: *Lisa Bediako, MBA*, Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.

Panelists: *Catherine Hanssens, JD*, Executive Director, The Center for HIV Law & Policy

Jeffrey Birnbaum, M.D., MPH, Associate Professor of Pediatrics,

Executive Director, HEAT Program, SUNY Downstate Medical Center, NY

Maria Mejia, International Social Media Activist

TRACK 2: Let's Talk About Sex!

Location: Red Room (3019)

Moderator/Coordinator: *Rodney McCoy, Jr*, Health Educator, Nova Salud

Panelists: *P. Justin Goforth, RN, BSN, Director, Community Relations, Whitman Walker Health*

Patricia Nalls, Executive Director, The Women's Collective

Justin B. Terry-Smith, HIV Activist, Justin's HIV Journal

Debbie McMillian, HIPS, Enhanced Harm Reduction Services Manager

*Gee Session-Small*s, Co-Founder, JuanandGee.com

TRACK 3: Stand Strong: Using the Peer Community Health Worker Model to Overcome Stigma

Location: Classroom 2208

Coordinator/Moderator: *Elisabeth Michel*, Program Assistant, Institute for Public Health Innovation

Panelists: *Doug Fogal*, Community Health Worker, Institute for Public Health Innovation and AIDS Response Effort, Inc.

Dwyan Monroe, Program Coordinator, Institute for Public Health Innovation

Christopher Barnhill, Community Health Worker Institute for Public Health Innovation and Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc.

Lonita Sheppard, Community Health Worker, Institute for Public Health Innovation and Andromeda Transcultural Health, Inc.

TRACK 4: HIV Stigma in the Faith Community: How can we change?

Location: Room 211

Coordinator/Moderator: *David Hoover, M Div. LCSW*, INOVA Juniper Program

Moderator: *Todd Brown*, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook (McLean Va.) and Community Health Specialist for the Fairfax County Health Department

4:50 PM **Call to Action and Closing Remarks**

Sohail Rana, MD