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Targeting the Complexities of HIV

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Welcome

Delegates,

Welcome to the 13th Annual Ontario HIV Treatment Network Research Conference—*Research at the Front Lines: Targeting the Complexities of HIV*—the second in an innovative three-year plan to promote effective interdisciplinary interventions in HIV prevention, treatment and support in Ontario and Canada. We have brought together a stimulating mix of presenters from in and outside the province:

- People living with HIV in Ontario will provide personal and professional perspectives on the complexity of HIV care, treatment and support.
- Jeff Crowley, Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy and Senior Advisor on Disability Policy at the White House, will speak about the role of research in the new National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States.
- Amy Justice, Principal Investigator of the U.S. Veterans Aging Cohort Study, will present her groundbreaking research on the complexities of aging with HIV, co-morbidities and ways to improve health-related quality of life.
- Three Ontario researchers -- Charu Kaushic, Sharon Walmsley and Mona Loutfy (the Susan King Lecture) -- will discuss prevention and care challenges for women, including family planning.
- Yves Calmette joins us from New South Wales, Australia, where he has developed innovative prevention programs in diverse communities of gay, bisexual, queer and men who have sex with men.
- Robb Travers (the Dr. Charles Roy Lecture) and Ron Shore will provide insights into community-based research and understanding risk for two marginalized groups: the trans community and people with high-risk drug use.
- A harm reduction resource room, staffed by trained peer outreach workers, will provide harm reduction information and resources.

This year's conference will feature more than 150 research presentations, opportunities to network and a new approach to poster presentations. For the first time, it will also include challenge panels where speakers and participants will discuss key HIV issues.

A conference for over 500 people doesn't happen without a lot of help and goodwill from many people. The OHTN would like to thank the members of the abstract review committee who helped develop the conference program by reviewing over 200 abstract submissions. We are also appreciate the ongoing generous support of our industry sponsors, and CATIE's significant contribution to community scholarships. We would also like to acknowledge the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, which provides the funding for the OHTN.

This is the first conference under OHTN's new strategic plan, *Striving for Excellence, Achieving Impact: Strategic Plan to 2015*. We look forward to collaborating with you to create evidence to drive change and improve the health and well-being of Ontarians living with and at risk of HIV.

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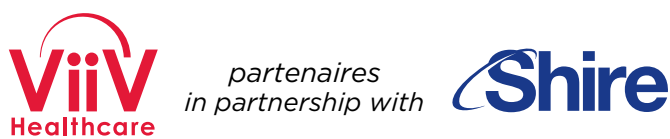
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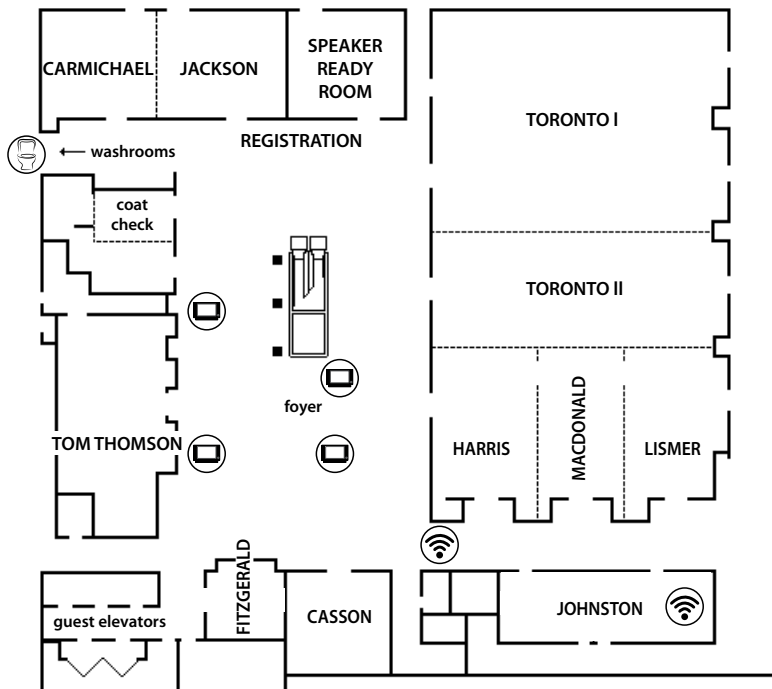
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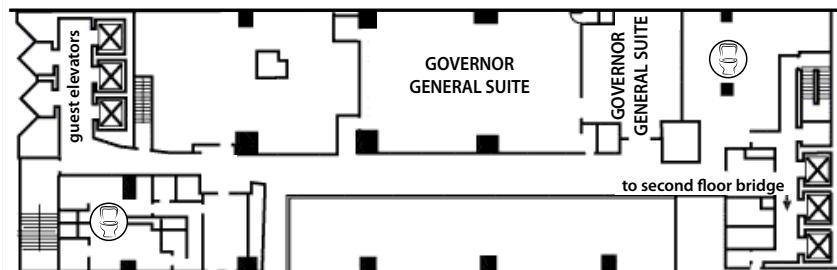
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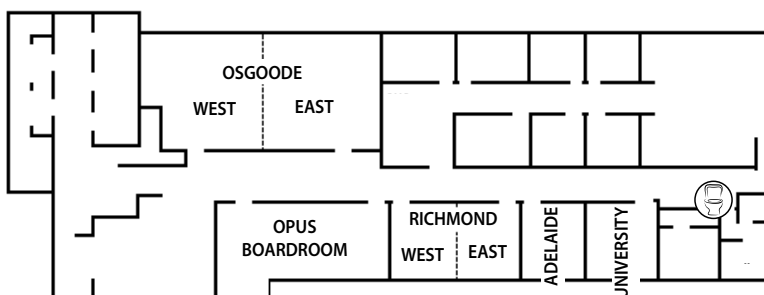
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Program at a Glance

Monday, November 15, 2010

8:00 am	Registration / Breakfast							
8:30 - 10:45 am	Toronto I & II Welcome PANEL: Not Just a Virus: Living with a Complex Disease							
	PLENARY: <i>Ageing with HIV: Growing Older with the Epidemic</i> Amy Justice Ontario Perspectives Panel and Plenary Posters							
	Break							
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Harris Young People, Big Decisions	MacDonald Doing It For Themselves	Lisner Still a Decade Away?	Carm/Jackson Who is Lighting Up or Butting Out?	Tom Thomson Who's Going to Care?	Governor General From the Ground Up	Casson Targeting the Complexities	
	Foyer: Epidemiology and Harm Reduction Poster Tour							
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch <i>Striving for Excellence, Achieving Impact: OHTN's Strategic Plan to 2015</i> Sean Rourke							
1:00 - 2:15 pm	Toronto I & II PLENARY: <i>From Her Point of View</i> Charu Kaushic and Sharon Walmsley Ontario Perspectives Panel and Plenary Posters							
	Break							
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Harris People with HIV. Who Are They? What Do They Need?	MacDonald The Role of Social, Political and Human Sciences	Lisner A Trek along the Genital Tract	Carm/Jackson A Woman's World?	Tom Thomson From GIPA to MIPA	Governor General Film: Bevel up	Casson Speed Meeting for Research	
	Foyer: Socio Behavioural Poster Tour #1							
	Break							
3:45 - 4:45 pm	Harris What Works?	MacDonald First, Do No Harm	Lisner Under the Microscope	Carm/Jackson Identity and Immigration	Tom Thomson Crime and Punishment	Governor General Is HIV a Chronic Manageable Disease?		
	Foyer: Socio Behavioural Poster Tour #2							
4:45 - 5:15 pm	Toronto I & II Dr. Susan King Lecture: <i>Complexities of Reproductive Issues Facing People Living with HIV</i> Mona Loutfy Plenary Poster							
	Break							
5:30 - 7:30 pm	Foyer Reception							

Program at a Glance

Tuesday, November 16, 2010						
8:00 am	Registration / Breakfast					
8:30 - 9:15 am	Toronto I & II Welcome PLENARY: <i>No Magic Bullet: Setting Targets for a National HIV Strategy</i> Jeff Crowley					
9:15 - 10:30 am	Toronto I & II PLENARY: <i>MSM Prevention: More Complicated than a Condom</i> Yves Calmette Ontario Perspectives Panel and Plenary Posters					
	Break					
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Harris	MacDonald	Lismer	Carm/Jackson	Tom Thomson	Governor General
	Why is HIV Different?	Les services en francais	Helping the Body Fight Back	Make It Better	Still #1?	Films: Women's Experiences of HIV
	Foyer: Clinical Research Poster Tour					
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch Jay Browne Living Legacy Award Presentation: <i>Celebrating Innovation in Harm Reduction</i> Jay Browne and Gordon Arbes					
1:00 - 1:30 pm	Toronto I & II Dr. Charles Roy Lecture: <i>Putting 'Community' in Community-Based Research: Reflections from the Trans PULSE Project</i> Robb Travers Plenary Posters					
1:30 - 2:15 pm	Toronto I & II CHALLENGE PANEL: <i>Can a Pill Prevent HIV?</i> Mark Tyndall and Vinh-Kim Nguyen					
	Break					
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Harris	MacDonald	Lismer	Carm/Jackson	Tom Thomson	Governor General
	Going Global		Testing and Treatment	Who is Being Served?	Going Viral?	The Next Step
	Foyer: Basic Science Poster Tour					
	Break					
3:45 - 5:00 pm	Toronto I & II PLENARY: <i>The Ecology of Risk: Seeing Into and Beyond Individual Risk Behaviours</i> Ron Shore Harm Reduction Panel					
	PLENARY: <i>Working at the Margins: A Population Health Approach to Improving Access to Services</i> John Cairney					
	Closing Remarks Sean Rouke					

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8:00 am Registration and Breakfast

Foyer

8:30 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

Toronto I & II

Sean B. Rourke, Murray Jose and Len Moore, Conference Co-Chairs
The Honourable Deb Matthews, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ontario

9:00 am PANEL: Not Just a Virus: Living with a Complex Disease

Toronto I & II

Panelists: Catherine Beaver, John McTavish and Zanini Phakathi

Moderator:

Murray Jose, Toronto People With AIDS Foundation

9:30 am PLENARY: Aging with HIV: Growing Older with the Epidemic

Toronto I & II

HIV and Aging: The Importance of a Nuanced Approach

Amy Justice, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Veterans Affairs

By 2015, at least half of those living with HIV infection in the US will be 50 years of age and older. More than half the clinical events and deaths occurring among those on cART are now classified as "non-AIDS", (i.e., not attributable to the 26 AIDS-defining conditions identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Many consider these observations the inevitable price of success. Current HIV guidelines suggest that management of most non-AIDS conditions can be addressed according to the general Preventive Services Task Force Guidelines. But this is not the end of the infectious disease story. The Strategies for Management of Antiretroviral Therapy trial (SMART) and the commentaries and analyses that followed suggest that many "non-AIDS" events are strongly influenced by ongoing HIV disease. HIV has become a complex chronic disease in which end organ injury and resulting morbidity, functional decline, and mortality do not have a single etiology. Rather, cumulative loss of organ system reserve from multiple interacting sources leads to functional decline, increased vulnerability to organ system failure, and death. As a result, we need a new approach to clinical care and research in HIV: one that embraces complex and overlapping etiologies of morbidity and mortality among those on cART and individually tailors medical care to address those factors posing greatest risk to the patient. This shift in paradigm could be greatly facilitated by an index that accurately predicts the risk of morbidity and mortality in a more comprehensive and integrated manner rather than an exclusive focus on CD4 count, HIV-1 RNA, and AIDS defining conditions.

Ontario Perspectives Panel

Anita Rachlis, University of Toronto, Sunnybrook Hospital

Len Moore, Sandy Hill Community Health Centre

Judy Latendre-Paquette, The HAVEN Program

Plenary Posters

- 300 Ron Roseness, *Challenging Stigma and Discrimination within the Canadian Medical System against PLWHAs in Need of Liver Transplantation*
- 301 Ali Sakhdari, *Tim-3 Expression Correlates With CD-8 + T Cells Cytotoxicity In Chronic Viral Infections*
- 302 Patty Solomon, *Age Related Challenges in Living with HIV: A Preliminary Analysis*

Moderator:

Jennifer Gunning, Canadian Institutes of Health Research

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10:45 am	Break
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11:00 am <i>Foyer</i>	Epidemiology and Harm Reduction Poster Tour Posters: 243, 244, 255, 270, 277, 280, 283 Tour Guide: Carol Strike, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto
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11:00 am <i>Harris</i>	Young People, Big Decisions: Programs for and by Youth Young adults from marginalized communities are at high risk of HIV and other sexually transmitted and bloodborne illnesses. Community based research and programs hold the key to improving the sexual health of Aboriginal, street involved, newcomer and LGBTQ youth and young people with disabilities. 113 Trevor Hart, <i>Childhood Sexual Abuse and Motivations for Sex as Predictors of Sexual Health Outcomes Among Homeless Youth in Canada</i> 115 Robb Travers, <i>Telling the TRUTH: Contextualizing HIV risk for LGBTQ Newcomer Youth in Toronto</i> 112 Ciann Wilson, <i>Condoms and Contradictions: How Queer and Trans Youth Labelled with Intellectual Disabilities Navigate Safer Sex Decisions</i> 114 Jessica Yee, <i>Taking Action! Building Aboriginal Youth Leadership in HIV Prevention Using Arts-Based Methods</i> Moderator: Lorraine Barnaby, SHOUT Community Health Centre
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11:00 am <i>MacDonald</i>	Doing it For Themselves: People Living with and Affected by HIV Driving Research and Change The GIPA principle—the greater involvement of people living with HIV—recognizes the universal rights of people living with HIV to self-determination and participation in decisions that affect their lives. This session explores GIPA in practice—the involvement of people living with and affected by HIV and HCV in the choice, design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of prevention, care and support programs and research. 190 Raffi Balian, <i>Meaningfully Driven</i> 140 Giselle Dias, <i>The Role of Prisoners in the Fight Against HIV/AIDS, HCV and Co-Infection in Canadian Prisons</i> 192 Krysta Williams, <i>Challenging Institutional Racism in HIV treatment and GIPA</i> 100 Josephine Wong, <i>Mainstreaming Community-Based Research: From the Margin to the Centre, or Gradual Usurpation?</i> Moderator: Alex McClelland, York University
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11:00 am

Still a Decade Away? Vaccine Answers and Questions

Lismer

Since the 1980s, we've been searching for a vaccine for HIV. Are we getting closer or is an effective vaccine still a decade away? This session combines basic science and sociobehavioral research to highlight the current state of vaccine research and community responses to vaccination programs.

- 118 Logan Broecker, *Vaccines are complicated: What the Introduction of Gardasil Teaches Us about a Future HIV Vaccine Roll Out*
- 116 Haitham Ghunaim, *Multivalent Peptides Representing HIV-1 gp120 and Gag Hypervariable Regions Induce Strong Cell-Mediated Immune Responses*
- 119 Brad Jones, *HIV-1 Up-Regulates Type 1 Long-Interspersed Nuclear Elements Retrotransposition by Vif and Vpr*
- 117 Peter A. Newman, *Speaking the dialect: Public Discourse in the Aftermath of an HIV Vaccine Trial Shutdown*

Moderator:

David Willer, University of Toronto

11:00 am

Who is Lighting Up or Butting Out? Cigarette Smoking and HIV

*Carmichael /
Jackson*

We know tobacco has a negative impact on health. That impact is particularly severe for people with HIV who smoke cigarettes. This session will focus on research examining smoking among people with HIV and ways to promote smoking cessation.

- 106 Louise Balfour, *The HIV Quit Smoking Intervention Pilot Study*
- 107 Tsegaye Bekele, *Factors Associated with Cigarette Smoking among Persons Living with HIV: Findings from the OHTN Cohort Study*
- 105 Qu Cui, *Effectiveness, Safety and Tolerability of Varenicline (Champix) in HIV-infected Smokers*
- 104 Tracy Dalglish, *Mindfulness, Depression and Smoking in Individuals Living with HIV, Hepatitis C and HIV/Hepatitis C Co-infection*

Moderator:

Marek Smieja, McMaster University

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11:00 am
Tom Thomson

Who's Going to Care? Developing the Next Generation of HIV Practitioners

Access to, and experience of health services is greatly affected by the knowledge, attitudes and beliefs of health care professionals. This session will look at interventions designed to develop HIV expertise among the next generation of teachers, medical students and health care practitioners.

108 Denise Jaworsky, *Involving People Living With HIV in an Interactive HIV Counselling and Testing Simulation for Medical Students at the University of Toronto: A Pilot Study*

111 Anna Krylova, *Enhancement of Medical Student Education in HIV through a Student-Organized Buddy Program at the University of Toronto*

110 Jessica O'Reilly, *Teacher Training in Sexual Health Education*

109 Darrell Tan, *Translating Research to Practice: Advancing Quality Immigration HIV Testing through an Accredited Training Program for Designated Medical Practitioners*

Moderator:
Gayathri Shyamal, Sherboure Health Centre

11:00 am
Governor General

From the Ground Up: Reflections from Community-based Research

Community-based research (CBR) is a meaningful way to engage affected communities in the research for and about them. This session will explore ways to ensure CBR remains community driven and to engage populations at risk. It will also present findings from CBR studies.

101 Lindsey Fockler, *Community Researchers' Experiences with Community-Based Research*

120 Lawrence Korhonen, *Engaging Populations at Risk*

102 Brent Oliver, *From Online to the Frontlines: Reflections on Community Research and Learning by Universities Without Walls Fellows*

103 Sean Rourke, *Upstream determinants Of Health and Housing are Major Contributors to Health-Related Quality of Life in HIV infection*

Moderator:
Andrew Matejic, Canadian Institutes of Health Research

11:00 am
Casson

Targeting the Complexities: Developing your "Knowledge User" CV for CIHR

One of the biggest challenges to getting involved in community-based research is navigating the web-based grant submission process to create the "Knowledge User" CV to apply for Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) funding. According to CIHR, "knowledge users" are people involved in research who, rather than being based in an academic setting, work in community-based settings, such as community health services, health charities, government, media outlets, and private sector and non-profit organizations. These people may include practitioners, policy-makers, educators, decision-makers, health care administrators, community leaders or patient group representatives. This interactive workshop-style session will include: 1) a brief overview of how to use the CIHR Common CV website to create your Knowledge User CV; 2) tips and tricks for creating a winning Knowledge User CV; and 3) individual and group exercises to put it all into practice. Given the applied, interactive nature of this session, participants should plan to attend the whole session.

Speakers:
Jennifer Major, Ontario HIV Treatment Network
Meredith Kratzmann, Ontario HIV Treatment Network, CIHR Centre for REACH in HIV/AIDS

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12:00 pm <i>Toronto I & II</i>	Lunch <i>Striving for Excellence, Achieving Impact: OHTN's Strategic Plan to 2015</i> Sean B. Rourke
1:00 pm <i>Toronto I & II</i>	PLENARY: From Her Point of View <i>Influence of Microenvironment on HIV Infection in the Female Genital Tract</i> Charu Kaushic, McMaster University <p>Recent statistics show that globally approximately 40% of HIV-1 transmission occurs via heterosexual transmission in the female genital tract. Despite recent progress in understanding the mucosal transmission, the acute events involved in HIV pathogenesis in the female genital tract are still unclear. Our research has focused on understanding the complex local microenvironment in the female genital tract and the factors that affect HIV transmission and replication. Our studies indicate that genital epithelial cells, which line the genital mucosa, play an important role acting as the primary barrier to HIV entry as well as in initiation of innate and adaptive immune responses. Our recent studies provide an insight into the complexity of these interactions, as inflammatory cytokines made by epithelial cells in response to HIV exposure facilitate viral and bacterial entry into the female mucosa. Ongoing studies are examining the influence of co-infections and seminal plasma on HIV-1 transmission and replication. These studies will provide insight into the mechanisms and factors that determine whether HIV can successfully infect the female genital tract. This information may be critical in designing effective preventative and intervention strategies.</p> <p><i>Bench to Bedside is not Always a Straight Line: The Challenges in the Care of Ontario Women Living with HIV</i> Sharon Walmsley, University Health Network <p>Despite advances in HIV care, many challenges remain, particularly for women. Although women now represent over 50% of prevalent cases worldwide, there is limited gender-specific research relating to the care of women living with HIV. Issues remain at all stages of the treatment paradigm. These include issues of prevention despite greater vulnerability, testing beyond the pregnancy screen, accessing appropriate care, and dealing with psychosocial aspects of isolation, discrimination, depression, violence, poverty, literacy, food, housing and education. Then there are the considerations of antiretroviral therapy, the potential risks to an unborn child and the further complications of aging with HIV. In this plenary I will highlight some of the challenges in managing women across the life spectrum, where we have knowledge and where there are gaps. I will also discuss opportunities to increase the profile of women living with HIV and broaden the research agenda.</p><p>Plenary Posters</p><p>303 Anu Rebbapragada, <i>Prevalence and Associations of Anal Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Infection in African-Caribbean (AC) Women in Toronto</i></p><p>304 Robert Remis, <i>Epidemiology of Sexually Transmitted Co-infections in HIV-positive and HIV-negative African-Caribbean women in Toronto</i></p><p>311 Wangari Tharao, <i>Reducing HIV Transmission through Disclosure of HIV Positive Status: HIV Disclosure</i></p><p>Moderator: Lisungu Chieza, Ontario HIV Treatment Network, Intervention for African, Caribbean and Black (ACB) Women in Canada</p></p>
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Socio Behavioural Poster Tour #1

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Tour Guide: Sarah Flicker, York University

2:30 pm

Harris

People with HIV. Who Are They? What Do They Need? Lessons from Cohort Studies

Cohort studies offer insight into different populations' experience of living with HIV. They also provide evidence on best practices that can be used to inform policy and improve services. This session will showcase recent findings from the OHTN Cohort Study and the Canadian HIV Vascular Study.

128 Denise Jaworsky, *Comparison of Late HIV Diagnosis as a Marker of Care for Aboriginal versus Non-Aboriginal People Living with HIV in Ontario*

130 Kelly O'Brien, *What are the relationships between Dimensions of Disability? A Structural Equation Model*

131 Janet Raboud, *Representativeness of the Ontario Cohort Study: Comparing Participants who Complete the Core vs Extended Questionnaires*

129 Kunyong Xu, *Factors Associated with Depression and Anxiety among HIV-positive Subjects in the Canadian HIV Vascular Study*

Moderator:

Ann Burchell, Ontario HIV Treatment Network

2:30 pm

MacDonald

The Role of Social, Political and Human Sciences in Advancing the HIV Research Agenda in Ontario and Beyond

In December 2009, the International AIDS Society released, *The State of Social and Political Science Research Related to HIV*. According to the Executive Summary:

Appreciation of the significant role that the social and political sciences have played in HIV prevention, treatment and care has declined as the focus on treatment and biomedical prevention technologies has grown stronger. Yet, as many social and political scientists point out, HIV is a profoundly social disease, its causes and consequences deeply embedded in the social, cultural and political processes that shape national development, social institutions and civil society, interpersonal relations and everyday lives. HIV transmission continues to increase in many countries and universal access to treatments continues to be an unmet aspiration. In these circumstances, social and political science research is essential to complement and strengthen biomedical research in order to identify ways forward in the global pandemic.

This session will explore the necessity of incorporating social and political sciences and humanities in HIV research and in the implementation and evaluation of interventions. We shall explore the range of challenges biomedicine is incapable of meeting on its own; and the limitations of gathering and deploying knowledge while ignoring key sociopolitical and cultural dimensions of the contexts of its production and utilization. The goal is to lay the foundation for the development of innovative, interdisciplinary approaches to the prevention, care and treatment of HIV that, while requiring a broad range of research and communication skills, can inform policy and enhance programs in Ontario (and beyond).

Speakers:

Llana James, Managing Director, Incwell Consulting

Randy Jackson, McMaster University

Rupert Kaul, University of Toronto, University Health Network

Frank McGee, AIDS Bureau, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

Moderator:

Rosemary Jolly, Queen's University

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A Trek along the Genital Tract: Implications for Men and Women

Researchers continue to explore how the virus works within the human body. This session examines how viral transmission occurs in women and why some men who have undetectable levels of HIV in their blood still have high levels of HIV in their semen.

- 132 Aisha Nazli, *Direct Interaction of HIV Envelope Glycoprotein with Genital Tract Epithelial Cells Initiates Pro-Inflammatory Cytokine and Type I Interferon Production, Independent of Infection*
- 135 Brendan Osborne, *Mucosal Associations of Isolated Semen HIV RNA shedding in Individuals Taking Effective Antiretroviral Therapy*
- 134 Anu Rebbapragada, *Prevalence and Associations of Vaginal Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Infections in African-Caribbean Women in Toronto*
- 133 Charlene Young, *HIV-1 Binds to Sperm via Interaction with Sulfogalactosylglycerolipid*

Moderator:

Irving Salit, University of Toronto, Toronto General Hospital

2:30 pm

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Jackson*

A Woman's World? Improving Prevention, Care, Treatment and Support for Women

Women have distinct HIV prevention, care, treatment and support needs. This session examines the relevance of HIV research to women, the services available for women co-infected with HIV and hepatitis C (HCV), and how some women are coping with HIV disclosure and neurocognitive challenges .

- 122 Evan Collins, *Relevance of HIV Research to Women: A Survey of Two Major HIV Journals*
- 123 Stephanie Nixon, *Exploring the Lived Experiences of Women with HIV-Associated Neurocognitive Challenges using a Disability Framework*
- 121 Colleen Price, *Women with HIV/HCV Co-infection in Canada: A Review of Research Evidence Related to Treatment, Care and Support Needs*

Moderator:

Lisungu Chieza, Ontario HIV Treatment Network

2:30 pm

Tom Thomson

From GIPA to MIPA: Peers Taking the Lead

How can we ensure greater and more meaningful involvement of people with HIV/AIDS in research? This session highlights peer training, mentorship and leadership programs that are helping people with HIV take lead roles and improve their health.

- 124 Anna Demetrakopoulos, *Turning To One Another: Towards integrating PHA Facilitators into Support Services and Programming at Ontario AIDS Service Organizations*
- 126 Rick Lees, *Peer Leadership: Building Pathways to Health and Resiliency*
- 127 Patrick Truong, *Building Capacity For People Living with HIV/AIDS (PHAs) Through Peer Mentorship Program*
- 125 Derek Yee, *Walk With Me*

Moderator:

James Watson, Ontario HIV Treatment Network

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Bevel Up: A Documentary Film about Drugs, Users and Outreach Nursing (2007)
Director: Nettie Wild
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Casson

Speed Meeting for Research: Student Support and Involvement in the CIHR Centres for Research Development

Where do students fit into the SRC and REACH? The two CIHR Centres for Research Development in HIV/AIDS (the CIHR Social Research Centre in HIV Prevention and the CIHR Centre for REACH in HIV/AIDS) are both committed to student training and support. In this interactive "speed meeting" session, small groups of students (at any level of study) will sit at a table facilitated by one research manager to: 1) learn about how the SRC and REACH operate, how the centres provide support for student research, and how students can get involved with the centres' research and KTE activities; 2) receive overview information about the centres; and 3) discuss two to three key questions about interdisciplinary approaches to research, posed by the facilitator. Participants will rotate among the three tables in three 10-minute rounds to get a chance to engage with all three centre managers and other students.

Speakers:

Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco, Universities Without Walls

Elisabeth Marks, CIHR Centre for REACH in HIV/AIDS

Robin Montgomery, CIHR Social Research Centre in HIV Prevention

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Tour Guide: Tim Guimond

3:45 pm

Harris

What Works? Lessons from Evaluating Interventions

To prevent HIV transmission and improve the health of people with HIV, we need effective interventions. Program evaluation is crucial to document success and ensure the strength, relevance and sustainability of health services. In this session, researchers present evaluation results from a range of interventions including a safer inhalation program, a social marketing program, supportive housing and a hepatitis C program.

147 Amrita Ahluwalia, *Permanent Supportive Housing: An evaluation of the Fife House-Denison Program for People Living with HIV/AIDS*

144 Lynne Leonard, *Evidence For Scaling Up Harm Reduction for People Who Smoke Crack*

145 Jeff Reinhart, *CATIE's Hepatitis C Program Evaluation*

146 Helena Shimeles, *HIV/AIDS Social Marketing Campaigns for African, Caribbean and Black Communities in Canada: Lessons from the "Keep it alive" Evaluation Study*

Moderator:

Charles Shames, Ontario HIV Treatment Network

3:45 pm

MacDonald

First, Do No Harm: Ethical Issues in Community-based Research

This session explores emerging ethical issues in HIV community-based research (CBR). Presenters will discuss ethical and methodological challenges and opportunities encountered in their collaborative work with communities affected by HIV. They will highlight the unique ethical issues that emerge at various stages of CBR projects (formation, design, ethics review, data collection, data analysis, and dissemination). Presenters will emphasize the relational aspects of ethical issues in CBR, highlight community-based approaches to ethical decision making, and offer new directions for ethical community engagement. This session takes us beyond the "ethics review" to the "ethical work" we do.

186 Marni Amirault, *Emerging Ethical Issues in Aboriginal HIV Community-Based Research: Moving Beyond Usual Ethical Obligations towards Doing Good in a Community*

187 Victoria Bungay, *Ethical Issues of Payment for Research Participation: Reflections from Experiences of Working with Women on the Margins*

184 Sarah Flicker, *Peer Research in Action: Ethical Issues*

185 Stephanie Nixon, *Ethical Issues Experienced During a Community-Based Study of HIV Vulnerability Among LGBTQ Youth Labeled with Intellectual Disabilities*

Moderator:

Adrian Guta, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

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3:45 pm

Lismer

Under the Microscope: Understanding the Virus at Work

The human immune system—how the body fights HIV—holds the key to more effective treatments and vaccines. In this session, researchers explore biological processes that may provide HIV immunity, inhibit HIV replication and induce HIV cell death.

- 148 Aurelia Busca, *Macrophages Differentiation Confers Resistance to HIV-Vpr Induced Apoptosis*
150 Bethany Henrick, *Milk Matters: Predominant Natural Forms of Soluble Toll-like Receptor 2 (sTLR2) Vary Significantly in Size and Function in Human Milk*
149 Minji Kim, *Cell-Surface Expression of Gb3 in HIV Pathogenesis of CD4+ T-Cells*
151 Wen Chi Yin, *Identification of Host Factors Critical for HIV-1 Gene Expression*

Moderator:

Juan Carlos Zúñiga-Plücker, University of Toronto

3:45 pm

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Identity and Immigration: The Impacts on Access to Services

Where people are from and how they identify can affect their experience of health services. Programs that respond to peoples' identity, place of origin, culture and sense of community are most effective. This session explores the experiences of diverse communities in accessing services for HIV prevention, treatment, care and support.

- 136 Shamara Baidoobonso, *Similarities and Differences in Health Care Use and HIV-Related Concerns Based on Immigration Profile: Findings from the BLACCH Study Interviews*
191 David Lewis-Peart, *Community Initiated, Community-based, and Community Led: Black CAP's First Steps in Evaluating the Many Men, Many Voices (3MV) Intervention for BMSM Youth*
138 Basanti Majumdar, *Cultural Considerations in HIV Prevention in the Indian Immigrant Community of Canada*
139 Y. Rachel Zhou, *Globalization, Transnationalism, and Multiculturalism: Some Reflections on HIV/AIDS Services for Chinese Immigrants in Canada*

Moderator:

Marvelous Muchenje, Women's Health in Women's Hands

3:45 pm

Tom Thomson

Crime and Punishment: HIV in the Criminal Justice System

The criminalization of HIV non-disclosure is one of the most significant legal issues facing people with HIV. Presenters will discuss the complex issues related to criminalization of non-disclosure and HIV transmission as well as evidence that can be used to shape public policy and education programs.

- 143 Barry Adam, *What do HIV-Positive People Think about the Criminalization of HIV Transmission? Results from the Positive Spaces Healthy Places survey*
141 Eric Mykhalovskiy, *Criminalization of HIV Non-disclosure in Ontario: Promoting and Informing Sound Public Policy*
142 Alison Symington, *Women and Criminalization of HIV Non-Disclosure in Canada*

Moderator:

Ryan Peck, HIV and AIDS Legal Clinic (Ontario)

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Challenge Panel: Is HIV a Chronic Manageable Disease? The (Dis)Advantages of the Chronic Disease Model for People with HIV

The chronic disease model is now being used to organize care for people with a range of diseases, from diabetes to arthritis. Now that people are living 20 years and longer with HIV, has it become a chronic disease? Will treating it as a chronic disease improve care for people with HIV or improve access to services? What are the advantages and disadvantages for people with HIV, clinicians and the health care system? Our speakers will vigorously debate the issues, and invite participants to join the discussion.

Speakers:

Gordon Arbess, St Michael's Hospital

Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco, Universities Without Walls

Amy Justice, Yale School of Medicine, Department of Veteran Affairs

Moderator:

Rick Kennedy, Ontario AIDS Network

4:45 pm
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PLENARY: Dr. Susan King Lecture

Complexities of reproductive Issues Facing People Living with HIV: What are They and How do We Address Them?

Mona Loutfy, Women's College Hospital

For decades, many fears have blocked the desire of people with HIV to have children: fear of transmitting the virus; fear of not living long enough to see their children grow; fear of harming the health of their babies; fear of disclosing one's status or of not disclosing and being isolated; and fear of stigma and discrimination from friends, family and healthcare supports.

Today, in the HAART era, HIV positive people are living longer, healthier lives and the risk of a child contracting HIV has been reduced to below 1%, leading many to consider starting or enlarging their families. While optimism has begun to replace these fears, there is still much work to be done in order to reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with pregnancy and conception planning in the context of HIV. A great deal of work is also needed to develop the supports, services and resources needed to ensure healthy pre-conception, pregnancies and families for people living with HIV.

Dr. Mona Loutfy and her team at the Women and HIV Research Program of Women's College Research Institute are working on dozens of projects aimed to reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with HIV-positive pregnancies and increase access to pre-conception prevention and fertility services. Dr. Loutfy's vision is to develop both provincial and national programs to guide all people infected and affected by HIV with their pregnancy planning in a holistic, ethical, supportive and medically sound manner. Her program is developing and launching programmatic interventions including: 1) the development of National HIV Pregnancy Planning Guidelines, 2) the creation of four new pamphlets in partnership with CATIE, 3) the piloting of workshops, 4) the development of a website and 5) the creation of a multidisciplinary community-based network of informed, supportive experts to assist HIV-positive people with their reproductive issues.

305 Lise Huynh, *Bridging the communication gap: Improving the Quality of Care in Prevention, Treatment, and Support Through Access to Safe Pregnancy Planning Information and Support Services for People Living with HIV and their Health Care Providers in Ontario, Canada*

Moderator:

Stan Read, Hospital for Sick Children

5:30 - 7:30 pm
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Reception

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Tuesday, November 16, 2010

8:00 am Registration and Breakfast

Foyer

8:30 am **PLENARY: No Magic Bullet: Setting Targets for a National HIV Strategy**

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Jeff Crowley, Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy and Senior Advisor on Disability Policy at the White House

Mr. Crowley will speak about the role of research and evidence in the *National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States* and the *Federal Implementation Plan*. He will describe the ways in which research and evidence: (1) informed the goals and targets in the Strategy and Implementation Plan, (2) will contribute to achieving the targets, and (3) will be used to gauge progress and enhance accountability.

Moderator:

Frank McGee, AIDS Bureau, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

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9:15 am

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PLENARY: MSM Prevention: More Complicated Than a Condom

How Can We Be Heard...Again?

Yves Calmette, ACON Sydney

Even if HIV notifications have been stable among gay men for the past decade in Sydney, HIV educators are facing the same challenges as in any other jurisdiction of the developed world: HIV is not being seen as a death-sentence any longer, there is a growing safe sex fatigue within the gay community, HIV testing is less and less on gay men's agenda, unprotected anal intercourse with casual partners is on the rise and ... sexual pleasure often wins over risk.

The gay media landscape is also changing and new forms of gay sociability and sexuality via internet make it more difficult to reach gay men. In addition, HIV has very different meanings and implications for many diverse sub-gay populations and sub-sex cultures. Finally, within limited budgets, HIV prevention programs have to stand out in the communication jungle where more than 3,000 messages per day are sent by advertisers.

How can we get gay men's attention again? How can we be heard? To reinvigorate and make HIV prevention programs relevant and sound, to engage and talk to the right person with the right message, we have no other choice but to develop a new social marketing framework and to shift from a monologue to an on-going dialogue with gay men alongside new community development models.

This presentation will explore new health promotion approaches to better target, reach and engage with totally different gay audiences. We will look in particular at:

- How to be part of the Gen Y's digital world... or how message placement strategies and viral online marketing can be highly relevant in health promotion programs
- How to re-engage all gay men with testing or how online one-to-one interventions can help address individual barriers to testing
- How to work with and talk to highly sexually active and adventurous men and what approach, language, imagery work best with them

Ontario Perspectives Panel:

David Hoe, Ontario HIV Treatment Network

Owen McEwen, Ontario Gay Men's Sexual Health Alliance

Carlos Rivas, AIDS Committee of Toronto

Plenary Posters

306 Rupert Kaul, *Understanding HIV Susceptibility in the Foreskin: Characterization of Foreskin T Cells Subsets and Their Function*

307 Mathew Leonardi, *Level of Awareness and Usage of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV in Men who have Sex with Men in Downtown Toronto*

308 Ted Myers, *Prevalence of Unprotected Anal Intercourse (UAI) and Factors Associated with Primary HIV Infection and Secondary HIV Transmission among Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) in Ontario, Canada*

Moderator:

Barry Adam, Ontario HIV Treatment Network, University of Windsor

10:30 am

Break

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Clinical Research Poster Tour

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Posters: 220, 221, 222, 223, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232

Tour Guide: Bill Cameron, University of Ottawa

11:00 am

Why is HIV Different? Understanding and Overcoming Stigma

Harris

People with and at risk of HIV continue to face prejudice and discrimination. Recent research explores the complex nature of stigma as experienced by different communities. The research presented in this session will deepen our understanding of stigma and suggest opportunities for community response.

160 Omer Abdulghani, *Common Threads of HIV-Related Stigma amongst Canadian Ethno-Racial Communities: Opportunities for Collaborative HIV Prevention Strategies*

161 Evan Collins, *HIV-Related Stigma and Discrimination Blocks Access to Prevention, Treatment, Care and Support, and Sexual Reproductive Health Services: Results of a Global Survey*

162 Carmen Logie, *The Intersection of Race, Gender, Sexual Orientation, and HIV: Understanding Multi-Dimensional Forms of Stigma and Discrimination Experienced by Women Living with HIV in Ontario, Canada*

163 Yimeng Zhang, *Gender and Ethnicity Differences in HIV-Related Stigma*

Moderator: Fanta Ongoiba, Africans in Partnership Against AIDS

11:00 am

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MacDonald

11:00 am

Helping the Body Fight Back: Cellular Findings

Lismer

This session explores research that drills down into the depths of virus-cell interactions. Exciting new knowledge will be presented that improves our understanding of how HIV causes disease and may reveal new targets and strategies for treatment.

164 Simon Duffy, *The Role of Cytoplasmic Localization of hnRNP-C on HIV-1 Gene Expression*

167 Peter Fairman, *Effects of HIV-1 on Dendritic Cell Maturation and Function*

166 Scott Sugden, *Molecular Characterization of the HIV Tat Protein and Its Ability to Down Regulate CD127 on CD8 T Cells*

Moderator: Ashok Kumar, The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario

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Make It Better: Improving Health, Reducing Risk

People living with and at risk of HIV are coping with complex physical, social and psychosocial issues. In this session, presenters discuss the challenges and explore different strategies that improve health, reduce risk and enhance well-being.

- 153 Louise Binder, *Exploring PLWHAs' Medication Decisions: Benefit-Harm Trade-Offs and the Modulating Effect of Uncertainties*
- 155 Andree Germain, *Significantly Higher Rates of Using Recommended Drug Injection and Preparation Materials Associated with Introduction of the Ontario Harm Reduction Distribution Program*
- 152 Jeya Nadarajah, *Infectious Complications of Bio-Alcamid™ Soft Tissue Endoprosthesis Treatment of HIV-associated Facial Lipatrophy*
- 154 Catherine Worthington, *A Conceptual Framework of Labour Force Participation for People Living with HIV in Canada: Translating Knowledge for Community Results*

Moderator:

Norbert Gilmore, McGill University

11:00 am

Tom Thomson

Still #1? Why MSM remain at the forefront of the epidemic

Although gay, bisexual, queer and other men who have sex with men have made great advances in civil rights, they still experience stigma and discrimination related to their sexual identity and their HIV status. This session explores social factors that have a negative impact on the health of men who have sex with men.

- 157 David Brennan, *Factors Associated with a Drive for Muscularity among Men Who Have Sex with Men*
- 158 Diana Fox, *Male Homosexuals Living with HIV/AIDS in Ottawa: A Liminal State of Being*
- 159 Henry Luyombya, *HIV Invisibility and Homophobia: Key Barriers in Ethno-Racial Leaders' Readiness to Engage in HIV/AIDS Work in the Canadian Diaspora Communities*
- 156 Kunyong Xu, *Seventeen Years Later – Have the Reasons why Gay and Bisexual Men (MSM) Do Not Test for HIV in Toronto Changed?*

Moderator:

James Murray, AIDS Bureau, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

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11:00 am <i>Governor General</i>	<p>Video Documents: Womens' Experiences of HIV and HCV</p> <p><i>As the Moment Passes</i> (2009). See page 29 for description. Director: Lulu Gurney</p> <p><i>U R Not Alone</i> (2009). See page 29 for description. Director: Briony</p> <p><i>Her Decision—a Day in the Life of an HIV-positive Woman</i> (2010). See page 29 for description. Directors: Jag Parmar and Christy Woolnough</p> <p>Features a panel discussion, including Jag Parmar, writer and co-director of <i>Her Decision</i> and Lisa Campbell Salazar, TRIPP Project Coordinator, Queen West Community Health Centre.</p> <p>Moderator: Meredith Kratzmann, CIHR Centre for REACH in HIV/AIDS</p>
12:00 pm <i>Toronto I & II</i>	<p>Lunch</p> <p>Jay Browne Living Legacy Award Presentation Jay Browne and Gordon Arbess</p>
1:00 pm <i>Toronto I & II</i>	<p>Dr. Charles Roy Lecture</p> <p><i>Putting "Community" in Community-Based Research: Reflections from the Trans PULSE Project</i> Robb Travers, Wilfrid Laurier University, University of Toronto</p> <p>Community-based research (CBR) partnerships are a powerful tool for giving decision-makers the information they need to create meaningful and lasting changes that will enhance health outcomes in marginalized communities. CBR strengthens the relevance and validity of research, and deepens our theoretical understanding of health-related issues by elevating the status of community knowledge and incorporating people's lived experience. CBR also strengthens capacities in communities, positioning them for greater involvement in advocacy efforts. Our ability as "allies/researchers" to assist communities in attaining action-oriented change is also considerably improved through CBR. Central to the success of CBR, however, is ensuring that research processes increasingly shift away from the "greater involvement" model towards a more "meaningful" involvement of community members so they themselves are positioned as agents of change. Trans PULSE, now in its fifth year, has managed to solidify a model of CBR that transcends the concept of "community engagement" in favour of community members being in full control of the project. While this has been a remarkable CBR success story, we have learned some important lessons along the way that can help others in their work. In sharing the Trans PULSE story, I outline the principal means by which we accomplished community control, including the community selection of academic partners, the prioritization of lived experience and community knowledge, and team processes that ensure that trans people are key decision-makers in the project.</p> <p>Plenary Posters</p> <p>309 Rebecca Hammond, <i>HIV-Related Behavioural Risk in Ontario's Trans Communities: Trans PULSE</i> 310 Alex McLelland, <i>The Production of Safe and Unsafe Spaces to be Sexual for Queer and Trans Young People Labelled with Intellectual Disabilities</i></p> <p>Moderator: Glen Brown, Glen Brown and Associates Consulting</p>

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1:30 pm <i>Toronto I & II</i>	CHALLENGE PANEL: Can Pills Prevent HIV? Perspectives on Treatment as Prevention One of the five pillars in the new UNAIDS Treatment 2.0 platform is treatment as prevention: treating people early to suppress viral load and reduce the risk of transmission. The "Seek and Treat" approach is now being used in a number of jurisdictions. What are the implications of this focus on treatment for "traditional" prevention efforts? How much should we rely on pills to prevent HIV? In this session, our two speakers will present the issues and challenges, and encourage open discussion of the proposed paradigm shift in HIV prevention. Speakers: Mark Tyndall, University of Ottawa Vinh-Kim Nguyen, Université de Montréal Moderator: Laurie Edmiston, Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange
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2:30 pm <i>Foyer</i>	Basic Science Poster Tour Posters: 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 284 Mario Ostrowski, University of Toronto
2:30 pm <i>Harris</i>	Going Global: Working Beyond our Borders Ontario-based researchers have long been involved in HIV research outside Canada, working collaboratively with partners around the world. In this session, presenters discuss some of the challenges of working beyond our borders as well as successful interventions and their potential application closer to home. 178 Ian Lubek, <i>Ontario Students' Continuing Contributions with an HIV/AIDS "Primary Intervention" Program in Cambodia (2006-2010)</i> 176 Eleanor Maticka-Tyndale, <i>6 Month Impact Evaluation of a School-Based Initiative to Reduce Youth Vulnerability to HIV Infection in Nigeria</i> 177 Francisca Omorodion, <i>Impact of Peer-led HIV Prevention Activities on the Sexual Behavior of Rural Youth in Edo State, Nigeria</i> 179 Sarah Jane Taleski, <i>The Role of the Political Economy in Determining HIV and AIDS Policies</i> Moderator: Liviana Calzavara, University of Toronto

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Testing and Treatment: Finding Better Ways to Provide Care

HAART has prolonged life for people with HIV, but the medication regimes must be carefully managed. Clinicians need more and better information to help them prescribe appropriate medications. In this session, researchers present findings that will help clinicians understand potential drug interactions and enhance their ability to monitor their patients' response to antiretrovirals.

- 180 Ann Burchell, *Increased Uptake of Treatment-naïve HIV Genotyping in Ontario, 2002-09*
- 183 Charles la Porte, *Therapeutic Drug Monitoring of Antiretrovirals in HIV-1 Infected Patients: A Review of the Ottawa Hospital Program Database*
- 182 Kevin Robillard, *Functional Expression of ATP-binding Cassette (ABC) Transporters at the Blood-Testis Barrier (BTB): Relevance to Antiretroviral Drug (ARV) Permeability*
- 181 Alice Tseng, *Polypharmacy in Older Patients: A Study of Medication Use and Potential Drug Interactions in an Aging Ambulatory HIV Clinic Population*

Moderator:

Mark Tyndall, University of Ottawa

2:30 pm

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Who is Being Served? Factors Affecting Access to Prevention and Care

Many people seeking access to HIV care, treatment and support services still face social, cultural and linguistic barriers. In this session, researchers discuss the barriers and strategies to overcome them.

- 171 Jennifer Grochocinski, *Many Options, One Goal: A Treatment Information Needs Assessment Survey of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Toronto*
- 170 Sarah Lyons, *The Role of Social Support and Psychological Resources in Depression in People Living with HIV/AIDS: Examining the Mediating Role of Mastery and Self-Esteem*
- 169 Amy McGee, *Alcohol Use by Aboriginal Persons Living with HIV/AIDS and its Association with Access to Care and Treatment*
- 168 André Samson, *HIV/AIDS Prevention, Education and Intervention in a Minority Context: The Case of PHA Francophones Living in Ontario: The Unknown Reality of an Invisible Minority*

Moderator:

Adrian Betts, AIDS Committee of Durham Region

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Tom Thomson

Going Viral? Innovative Interventions for MSM

A significant amount of work is underway to improve the sexual health of men with HIV and men at risk. Looking at the experience of different communities of gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men in Ontario, researchers discuss innovative interventions that are helping men who have sex with men take control of their sexual health.

- 174 Barry Adam, *Evaluation of One Year of Mano en Mano, the First Sexual Health Intervention for Latino MSM Newcomers to Canada*
- 175 Jessica Cattaneo, *Evaluating Interventions in Unconventional Settings: Counselling in Toronto's Male Bathhouses*
- 172 Mikiki Hickey, *Pushing the Positive: Assessing Individual and Community Benefit from POZ Prevention Programming for Gay Men*
- 173 Rick Julien, *Gay Poz Sex (GPS): A Community-based Counselling Intervention for HIV-positive Gay and Bisexual Men*

Moderator:

David Hoe, Ontario HIV Treatment Network

2:30 pm

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The Next Step: Translating HIV Research to Community Practice

Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange

Community participants: think you may have missed something important at the OHTN Research Conference? Want to make sure you can go home and put research into action? This session highlights the main findings from OHTN 2010. Conference participants are invited to reflect on the practical, on-the-ground implications of HIV research for community-based AIDS work and for those of us who are living with HIV or "at-risk". In this session, expert rapporteurs will outline major research findings from the conference in four areas: clinical and basic science, prevention, community-based research, and epidemiology. The session will allow participants to examine how community-based AIDS organizations can use this information in their work, and what impact research will have for people living with HIV and others in their lives and care. Part of CATIE's annual Learning Institute, in partnership with the OHTN.

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PLENARY: Starting at the Front Lines: Integrating Services for People who Use Substances

The Ecology of Risk: Seeing into and Beyond Individual Risk Behaviors

Ron Shore, Ontario Harm Reduction Distribution Program

While epidemics and the spread of infectious disease are social by nature, the overt focus of much of our risk reduction and disease prevention campaigns over the past 25 years has been individualistic in focus. Such a micro lens on fundamentally social behavior mirrors the rational, individualistic underpinnings of modern democratic capitalism. But isn't health, on the whole, socially conditioned? This presentation seeks to address the underlying conditions promoting risk behavior (in this case, illicit/injection drug use) both in the individual and in society. What determines, or creates, the cognitive and personal conditions to engage in known risk? Why does risk behavior cluster in certain settings? Do neighbourhoods play a role in the creation of risk behavior?

While there is a rich literature on the social determinants of health, the role of setting has been under-investigated in our understanding of addiction and high-risk drug use. This presentation will combine the gained insights of 20 years in the field of harm reduction with an overview of what we know scientifically about problematic drug use and about health outcomes. I will also present some hypotheses about the connection between neighbourhoods and risk behavior.

While high-risk drug use continues to baffle policy-makers and health providers alike, there is an underlying logic with some uncomfortable truths. While we hold individuals responsible for their behaviour and theoretically assign just deserts, much about addiction lies beyond an individual's choice (such as who they were born to and where). The cognitive patterns leading to risk behaviours may themselves be rooted in adverse childhood experiences.

While the current policy focus on the early years evolves with varying degrees of traction, the importance of the link between early childhood experiences and later life health outcomes is clear. Also evident is the impact of poverty, marginalization, and education on health. So where does that leave us as we conceive contemporary, and above all, effective programs of primary and secondary prevention?

Ontario Perspectives Panel:

Jason Altenberg, South Riverdale Community Health Centre

Peggy Millson, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

Trevor Stratton, Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network

Moderator:

Lynne Leonard, University of Ottawa

4:45 pm

Toronto I & II

PLENARY: Working at the Margins: A Population Health Approach to Improving Access to Services

John Cairney, McMaster University

In this talk, I will focus on the use of population health approaches to the study of access and use of mental health services in Ontario and Canada; explore conceptual frameworks for understanding access at the population level; and discuss new initiatives underway that will provide a platform for examining mental health services (allocation, access, continuity) in the province using linked administrative data.

Closing Remarks

Sean B. Rourke, Ontario HIV Treatment Network

Harm Reduction Resource & Demonstration Room

Fitzgerald Room. Open daily throughout the Conference.

In 2008, injection drug users made up slightly over 6% of new HIV-positive tests in Ontario. To raise awareness about the needs of people who inject drugs and the important harm reduction work being done in Ontario, the OHTN asked South Riverdale Community Health Centre's COUNTERfit Harm Reduction Program and Central Toronto's Community Health Centres Harm Reduction Programs to partner with this year's conference. These peer-driven programs have agreed to organize a harm reduction resource and demonstration room, with harm reduction information and resources, including pipe stems, sterile needles, other safer drug use equipment and condoms. The room will be staffed by trained peer outreach workers from COUNTERfit and Queen West Community Health Centre.

We encourage all participants to visit the room and talk with the peer outreach workers and one another – to exchange personal, professional and research knowledge about illicit drug use, the harms associated with drug use, the resiliency and activism of people who use drugs, and peer-driven harm reduction programs.

Having a harm reduction resource room at the OHTN conference is part of a promising trend: across Ontario HIV and harm reduction services are joining forces to address the need of illicit drug users. Through community and peer-led projects, HIV and harm reduction services are now working together to pursue an anti-oppression, human-rights based agenda that will reduce risk, ensure access to a range of services, and enhance the health of people who use drugs.

Film Information



Bevel Up (Nettie Wild, 2007)

BEVEL UP: Drugs, Users and Outreach Nursing was produced by the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control, Street Nurse Program and the National Film Board of Canada. It is not just a documentary, but part of an educational interactive DVD and teaching guide for students and practicing health and social service professionals who wish to improve their understanding and skills when working with people who use drugs.

For more information go to www.BevelUpOutreach.com or www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/Bevel-Up-Drugs-Users-Outreach-Nursing/18134497297.

As the Moment Passes (Lulu Gurney, 2009)

Lulu Gurney, aged 24, moved to Vancouver after high school to attend college, but got involved in the party scene and stayed involved for four years. In this time she became infected with HIV. At the time of making this film Lulu had successfully stayed clean for 10 months and returned to school to upgrade for a Pharmacy Technician course. Lulu's resiliency has helped her achieve her aspiring goals.

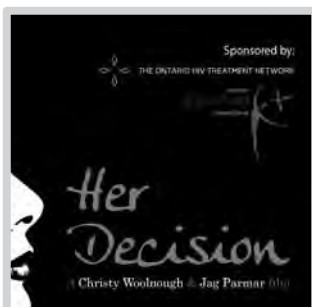


U R Not Alone (Briony, 2009)

At the time of making this film, Briony (aged 29) had been living on the streets for 14 years and addicted to heroin for over 10. She currently has a girlfriend who is her main and only support/family. She feels like she can go far in life once her addictions and issues are under control.

As the Moment Passes and *U R Not Alone* were produced as part of *Playing It Safe*, a partnership between the National Film Board of Canada, YouthCo AIDS Society in Vancouver and iHuman Youth Society in Edmonton. The project allowed young people with high-risk lifestyles to tell their stories through videos written and directed by the youth themselves. Their stories are raw, urgent, inspiring and real.

Follow Briony and Lulu and other youth stories at www.playing-it-safe.nfb.ca.



Her Decision (Jag Parmar & Christy Woolnough, 2010)

Her Decision is a short film about a woman newly diagnosed with HIV who makes many subtle changes in her life as a means of coping. While trying to understand life with HIV, she is unable to disclose to her family. It is a glimpse of the challenges of self-imposed stigma and living in silence. *Her Decision* is written and co-directed by Jag Parmar, a Benefits and Assistance Case Manager at Toronto People with AIDS Foundation. Jag has a Master's Degree in Psychology and maintains a passion for giving a voice to matters of social justice.

Cover Art

About this year's cover artist: joe average

I am a self taught artist. I have expressed myself through art since childhood. The art of B.C.'s Native Indians played a big role in inspiring my creativity. I loved the simplicity of the images, the graciousness of the lines and curves and the emotional impact of the bright simple primary colours. I then discovered the Pop Art of Warhol, Lichtenstein and Peter Max. I was inspired that these fun and colorful images could be presented seriously on canvas.

At 27 years old, I was diagnosed with HIV. Three years later I decided to dedicate the remainder of my life to art. Leaving work and declining the assistance of unemployment insurance or welfare, I challenged myself to live completely through my art.

With paper, charcoal, pastels, paint and a will to survive, I continued developing my survival skills and artistic abilities.

I did not want to be on a deathbed wondering if I could have succeeded as an artist or wake up at 40 questioning the same. This threat and my awareness of mortality inspired and changed me. Art heals. I produced shows out of my modest apartment with pieces priced according to my rent. I have promoted myself, got my work out there and had many one-man shows in unusual locations: apartments, studios and alternative galleries. In addition, I donate art and involve myself with many local and national charities that I feel strongly about. I have now been surviving on my art alone for many years. This decision, I believe, is in part responsible for my longevity and health. Passion for art and living have become one. There have been many lean stretches over the early years and I still live pretty hand to mouth despite the celebrity created around me, but remain determined to live out my self-imposed challenge to survive solely off my art.

Over the years I have been invited to elementary and high schools and the Emily Carr College of Art and Design, where teachers had students studying my art. On those occasions I would show my art, answer questions, view and discuss their works and, my favorite, make art with them. I constantly seek new ways to express my emotions with fewer lines and more intensity and language from the colours. Colour is a universal language, and colour combinations are pure poetry.

www.joeaverageart.com



One World One Hope, 1994

Biographies



Barry Adam

Barry D. Adam is Professor of Sociology at the University of Windsor with a distinguished research and publication record devoted to issues of domination and empowerment. He is an author of books on *The Survival of Domination*, *The Rise of a Gay and Lesbian Movement*, *Experiencing HIV*, and *The Global Emergence of Gay and Lesbian Politics*. He is also Senior Scientist and Director of Prevention Research at the OHTN, and co-principal investigator with the CIHR Centre for REACH. With an extensive background of community-based research in HIV prevention and issues of living with HIV, his current work includes: an HIV prevention and sexual health program for HIV-positive men; the first study of Spanish and Portuguese speaking gay and bisexual men; *Impacts of Criminal Prosecutions for HIV Exposure and Transmission on People Living with HIV*; a study of the social networks that HIV is currently moving through; and effects of the introduction of marriage on same-sex couples. Barry Adam was a co-founder of the AIDS Committee of Windsor and is currently active with the Ontario Gay Men's Sexual Health Alliance.



Jason Altenberg

Jason Altenberg has been the Director of Urban Health at South Riverdale Community Health Centre since its inception in 2006. The Urban Health Team was created to enhance integration of harm reduction, social and clinical services for illicit drug users, homeless and underhoused, non-insured and those with co-occurring mental health issues. The team includes the COUNTERfit Harm Reduction Program, the East Toronto Hepatitis C Program, and the Outreach Clinic. Prior to assuming this role, Jason was the Clinical Services Director at South Riverdale CHC and the Executive Director of Alternatives: The East York Mental Health Counselling Services Agency. Prior to these positions Jason provided front-line services in East Vancouver and Downtown Toronto. Jason's focus is program design, integration and research that supports innovative high quality care to illicit drug users and other marginalized communities.



Gordon Arbess

Dr. Gordon Arbess is a staff physician in the Department of Community & Family Medicine at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and is on staff at Casey House Hospice. He specializes in HIV Primary Care and has an extensive clinical HIV practice. A native of Montreal, he is a graduate from McGill University (BSc. Honors) and did his medical degree at Queen's University, then completed his Residency in Family Medicine at the University of Toronto. He is actively involved in teaching at the University of Toronto and organizes an HIV Inner City Health Elective for medical students and residents. He is also involved in research projects in Zimbabwe looking at preventing the transmission of HIV from mother to child. He has lectured across Canada on topics related to HIV/AIDS and has appeared in the media including the CTV National News, City TV, Global, CBC, CFRB and the Toronto Star. Together with Jim Truax, he was the recipient of the OHTN Jay Browne Living Legacy Award for excellence in HIV care in 2009.



Dorothy Attakora

Dorothy Attakora, is the African Diaspora Capacity Building and Health Promotions Coordinator for Peel HIV/AIDS Network. Her passion for anti-oppression and equity work has been the catalyst for HIV work in countries such as Macedonia, Modesto, California, Venezuela, Ghana, Kenya and more recently Ontario. As a strategy worker for ACCHO, Dorothy works to address the correlation between social determinants of health and HIV/AIDS. Her program at PHAN allows her to build more supportive communities in response to health related issues such as HIV/AIDS, by recognizing the inter-sectional relationships that lack of access, racism, classism, homophobia, patriarchy, heterosexism and other oppressive factors have for those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. She is currently studying at the University of Toronto. She is the CEO and creator of mina danielle designs, African inspired clothing created in partnership with HIV+ women in Kenya. Visit her website at www.minadanielle.com.

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Catherine Kerrigan Beaver

My name is Catherine Kerrigan Beaver. I am a 30 year-old Two-Spirited aboriginal female originally from Fort Francis, Ontario. My adoptive family is from Alderville First Nations. I am currently residing in Toronto, Ontario. I am co-infected with HIV and Hepatitis C. I have been co-infected since 2005. I also live with diabetes. I was adopted at the age of two. I grew up just north of Toronto in a small community. I grew up in a Japanese and Native family. I was living on the streets at a young age, which has led me to overcome drug and alcohol abuse. I have also overcome eating disorders and different forms of abuse. I currently have three healthy children.

Today I am proud to say that I am working on bettering my life by going back to school and living life to the fullest. I am proud of my accomplishments and continue to strive for the best.



Glen Brown

Glen Brown is an accomplished leader, manager and communicator who has been active in HIV/AIDS organizing for over 25 years. For the past decade he has headed a consulting firm specializing in strategic planning, organizational development, communications and policy development for the not-for-profit sector. Prior to that he served as the senior manager at the Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange (CATIE). He has been a leader and board member in many organizations including AIDS Action Now, the Canadian AIDS Society, the 519 Church Street Community Centre, and the Wellesley Institute.



Jay Browne

Jay Browne received his Masters in Social Work from Ohio State University and a PhD in interdisciplinary studies (sociology, community health, applied psychology and adult education) from the University of Toronto (OISE). Jay was Director of Social Work at Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals and held a faculty appointment in the Department of Psychiatry at McMaster University as an Associate Professor. As the Chair of the Ontario Public Education Panel on AIDS, Jay was instrumental in helping the Ontario government launch a very successful prevention/education campaign. Jay was a member of the Ontario AIDS Advisory Committee and coordinator of AIDS programs for Ontario. An inspirational force in the creation of the OHTN, Jay briefly served as the OHTN's interim executive director. He is well known for his kindness and compassion and has a great deal of respect for people with HIV and encourages them to

speak out on their own behalf.



John Cairney

Dr. Cairney has two main areas of interest—the epidemiology of mental health problems across the life span and mental health services research, and the impact of childhood physical disability on psychosocial and physical development in children. He is the inaugural holder of the McMaster Family Medicine Professorship in Child Health Research, Associate Director of Research in Family Medicine, and an Associate Professor in both the departments of Family Medicine and Psychiatric and Behavioural Neuroscience at McMaster. From 2005 to 2008, Dr. Cairney held a Canada Research Chair in Psychiatric Epidemiology from the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto, and was also a Senior Scientist in the Health Systems Research and Consulting Unit at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). He has published 100 articles in peer-reviewed journals since 1996. Dr. Cairney is co-

editor and contributor to *Mental Disorders in Canada: An epidemiological perspective*. It is the first and only edited collection of Canadian scholarship in psychiatric epidemiology. Dr. Cairney has received numerous awards for his scholarly achievements, and has twice been nominated for the prestigious Canada's Top 40 under 40 Award.

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Yves Calmette

ACON is Australia's largest community-based gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) health and HIV/AIDS organisation. ACON promotes the health and wellbeing of the GLBT community and people affected by HIV. ACON runs HIV prevention programs for the groups most at risk of HIV transmission – gay men, sex workers and people who inject drugs. For people with HIV, their families and carers, ACON provides a broad range of health promotion and support services. In the area of policy and advocacy, ACON provides advice on issues related to HIV and human rights. Yves is in charge of ACON's education unit which includes HIV/STI prevention campaigns (condom reinforcement, testing, STI, risk reduction strategies, online engagement), peer education (workshops for gay adults and young gay men) and venues liaison (outreach and distribution of resources and safe sex packs—more than 280,000 a year—to bars, clubs and sex-on-premises venues). He also sits on and/or chairs or co-chairs several HIV/STIs working groups and inter-agencies in Sydney and in Australia. Prior to ACON, Yves spent more than 15 years in the corporate sector and held senior management roles within a variety of major international advertising agencies where he developed online and offline award-winning programs, including fund-raising for charities and health promotion interventions.



Lisungu Chieza

A micro-biologist and counselor by profession, Lisungu has lived openly with HIV for more than a decade. During this time she has worked passionately to ensure the rights of women and girls living with HIV/AIDS in Zimbabwe, Africa and more recently for African and Caribbean women living in Toronto. She currently works for Women's Health in Women's Hands (WHIWH) as the Clinical Research Coordinator for the CIHR Emerging team in HIV and Co-Infections study. Through her involvement and personal achievements she works to empower others to live positively with HIV/AIDS and also ensures that the capacity of PLWHA is enhanced so that PLWHA are not just consumers of services but become providers of service as well. She is a proud mother of two teenagers, Taku and Tapi.



Jeffrey Crowley

Jeffrey Crowley is the Director of the Office of National AIDS Policy and Senior Advisor on Disability Policy at the White House. In these roles, he is the President's lead advisor on HIV/AIDS policy and responsible for coordinating disability and health policy issues for the Domestic Policy Council. From 2000–2009, Mr. Crowley was a Senior Research Scholar at Georgetown University's Health Policy Institute and a Senior Scholar at the University's O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law. His primary areas of focus involved Medicaid and Medicare policy issues as they impact people with disabilities and chronic conditions, including people with HIV/AIDS. Prior to this, he served as the Deputy Executive Director for Programs at the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA), overseeing the organization's public education, community development, and training activities. He is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer, having served in Swaziland from 1989–1991, and is a member of the National Academy for Social Insurance (NASI). Mr. Crowley holds a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Kalamazoo College.



Laurie Edmiston

Laurie Edmiston is the Executive Director of CATIE (The Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange). In the more than 20 years since Laurie began working in the HIV/AIDS sector, she has developed HIV prevention and support programs geared to diverse populations including street youth, sex trade workers and injection drug users. Before taking up her role at CATIE, Laurie served as the Manager of YouthLink-Inner City, the Interim Director of AIDS Support and Services at the AIDS Committee of Toronto and, most recently, as the Executive Director of Toronto People with AIDS Foundation. Laurie chaired the first National Conference on HIV/AIDS and Youth and coordinated a province-wide Youth and HIV/AIDS conference for the AIDS Bureau in Ontario. She has co-chaired the Toronto AIDS Network and she currently serves as a member of the Ontario Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

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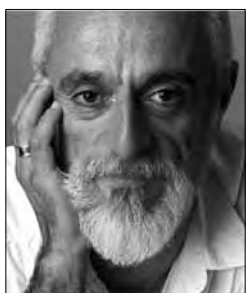
Jennifer Gunning

Jennifer Gunning is the Associate Director of the CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative. Jennifer has worked at CIHR for almost 10 years, the majority of which have been dedicated to its HIV/AIDS Research Initiative. The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is the Government of Canada's agency responsible for funding health research in Canada. The mandate of the CIHR HIV/AIDS Research Initiative is to provide national leadership in the support and facilitation of HIV/AIDS research, research capacity building, research partnerships and knowledge translation that contributes to ending the spread of HIV and improves the lives of people living with or susceptible to HIV/AIDS.



David Hoe

David Hoe has worked in HIV/AIDS for over 20 years. He was the first executive director of the AIDS Committee of Ottawa, a senior policy advisor on HIV/AIDS with the Government of Canada, Co-Chair of the Ontario Minister of Health's Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS, the chairperson for the development of Ontario's Strategy on HIV/AIDS to 2008, a consultant and advisor to the Ontario Organizational Development Program and a consultant to the Toronto PWA Foundation on Poz Prevention. Prior to his work in HIV, David was a director for a centre for disabled and deaf children, a director of social services for Iqaluit, Nunavut, a social worker, and a professor at Montreal CEGEP and Laurentian University in Sudbury. He is now a social entrepreneur with his own business as a life coach and consultant focusing on personal and system transformation.



Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco

The driving force behind Universities Without Walls is Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco, Program Manager. Over the past year he has worked tirelessly to promote the Centre, enlist faculty, coordinate UWW Fellowship reviews, establish Community Service Learning opportunities and connect and inspire the Class of 2010 Fellows. His incredible career was recently recognized with the 2010 Award of Excellence of the Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR). An AIDS activist, teacher and researcher, Francisco was born in Santiago de Chile where he taught high school during the Pinochet bloody regime. He came to Canada in 1985 and tested HIV positive six months later. Since completing his PhD in Education in 1999 his research interests are in community based research, gay men's sexuality, and rehabilitation in the context of HIV. Between 2003 and 2009, he built the HIV/AIDS

British Columbia Community Based Research Facilitator program at BC Persons With AIDS Society (CIHR funded). Francisco's unconventional fiction and non-fiction is published in a number of edited collections, magazines, and newspapers such as *Public Acts: Disruptive Readings in Making Knowledge Public in Re-Engaging the Public Sphere Series*, RoutledgeFalmer, 2004 (co-edited with Erica Meiners), "Organizing CBR knowledge between university and communities: Lessons Learned" in *Journal of Community Development* with Pilar Riaño-Alcalá, and *Posi+ive Prevention for Gay Men: Dismounting Missionary Positions In Adult Education in Queer Contexts: Power, Politics, and Pedagogy* with Peter Hall (Eds. Bob Hill and André Grace).



Murray Jose

As an HIV-positive individual with the privilege of being public about his status, Murray often speaks about the impact and issues of living with HIV. He is passionate about this work and appreciates the fact that he is in the rare position of doing meaningful work that he truly loves. Murray was diagnosed HIV-positive in 1991 and has been working within the sector since 1994. He has worked with the AIDS Committee of Guelph and Wellington County, the AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo and Area, the AIDS Network in Hamilton as well as being a founding co-chair of the Ontario HIV Treatment Network. He is currently the Executive Director of the Toronto People With AIDS Foundation and involved with various regional and provincial projects.

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Amy Justice

Dr. Justice has researched outcomes in chronic HIV infection for more than 20 years. Her goal is to use HIV infection as a model for improving outcomes in chronic disease by studying the association between mutable mediators of clinical outcome in HIV and intervening on these mediators. She is the Principal Investigator on the Veterans Aging Cohort Study (VACS) (www.vacohort.org). This research, funded by the National Institute on Aging, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the NIAAA, considers the complex roles of aging, symptoms, medical treatment, adherence, patient-provider relationships, disease severity, and medical and psychiatric comorbid illness in determining survival and quality of life for people with HIV infection. Dr. Justice has published over 100 papers, served on 20 expert panels addressing issues of understanding and improving clinical outcomes in HIV infection, and chaired NIH special emphasis grant reviews. She is currently a steering committee member of the Bedford Center of Excellence in VA HSR&D, a mentor for the Yale CTSA, and a mentor to the Indiana University-Moi University Kenya AIDS Care Initiative. She also serves on the National VA HIV-QUERI Executive Committee and the National VA HIV/HCV Technical Advisory Committee.



Charu Kaushic

Charu Kaushic is an Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine at McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada. She is also a member of the Michael De Groote Institute of Infectious Disease Research and associate faculty in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at McMaster. Her research interest is women's reproductive health, specifically basic research examining the effect of local microenvironment on interactions between female genital tract and sexually transmitted pathogens, including HIV-1 and HSV-2. Dr. Kaushic received her doctoral training at the National Institute of Immunology, India and her post-doctoral training at Dartmouth Medical School, USA. She is a recipient of a number of national and international awards, including a post-doctoral fellowship from The Rockefeller Foundation, a Scholarship award from Ontario HIV Treatment Network, a New Investigator Award from Canadian Institutes of Health Research and an Early Researcher's Award from Ontario Government. She has received research funding from several national and provincial agencies including CANFAR, OHTN and CIHR. She has also served on a number of NIH and CIHR grant review panels and is an ad-hoc reviewer for several international immunology, reproductive biology and infectious disease journals. Dr. Kaushic has close links with community organizations in Toronto and has been involved for many years in efforts to educate health workers and women about risk factors for HIV transmission in women.



Rick Kennedy

Rick Kennedy is the Executive Director of the Ontario AIDS Network and a member of the OHTN Board of Directors, Cohort Study Governance Committee and Community Network Advisory Committee. Previously, Rick was the Director of Marketing and Development for the National Office of the Canadian Mental Health Association and served on the boards of the Distress Centres of Ontario and the Toronto Distress Centre. Rick is a former chair and vice chair of the AIDS Committee of Toronto. He currently serves on the board of the Executive of Federated Health Charities and the Ontario Provincial Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.



Vinh-Kim Nguyen

Dr. Nguyen is a physician and anthropologist. He practices HIV medicine at the Clinique médicale l'Actuel as well as Emergency Medicine at the Jewish General Hospital, both in Montréal, and is also Associate Professor in the School of Public Health at the Université de Montréal. He is the author of "The Republic of Therapy: Triage and Sovereignty in West Africa's Time of AIDS" and, with Margaret Lock, of "An Anthropology of Biomedicine".

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Susan King

The OHTN proudly honours the life of Dr. Susan King, Professor of Paediatrics at the University of Toronto and a specialist in paediatric infectious diseases at The Hospital for Sick Children, with a permanent lecture series in her name. As the co-director of the HIV/AIDS Comprehensive Care Program at the Hospital for Sick Children, Susan always had a special focus on the care of families with HIV. Her passion was the care and treatment of children with HIV and pediatric-related HIV research. A tireless advocate for children and families affected by HIV, Susan was a founding member of the Canadian Paediatric AIDS Research Group and the coordinator of the Canadian Perinatal HIV Surveillance Program. Susan King died on February 15, 2009.



Judy Latendre-Paquette

A registered nurse for 30 years, Judy has worked in HIV care for the last 13: first as the Clinical Research associate and then as Coordinator of The HAVEN Program, the outpatient HIV clinic at the Sudbury Regional Hospital that serves all of Northeastern Ontario. She is a member of the Ontario HIV Outpatient Clinic Network 2000-2010 (past Chair 2003-2005), Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care CANAC 1997-2010, CANAC Board, Treasurer -2007. She is a past member of the American Association of Nurses in AIDS Care and the Sudbury Regional Hospital, Research Ethics Committee.

It is a challenge to ensure access to the same standard of HIV care to people living both in the northeast and over a large, rural geographic region. Judy is pleased to be able to share issues experienced by communities that The HAVEN Program serves.



Lynne Leonard

Dr. Lynne Leonard is a social epidemiologist and Assistant Professor and Research Scientist in the Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine at the University of Ottawa. A social scientist by training, Lynne is particularly interested in the social determinants of health and in conducting community-based research to effect policy and program change at the community, provincial and national level. An active research investigator in the HIV/AIDS field for many years, she has directed several collaborative studies in HIV prevention research at the national, provincial and local level as principal investigator.



Mona Loutfy

Dr. Mona Loutfy received her B.Sc. in Chemistry from the University of Western Ontario and went on to Medical School at the University of Toronto where she completed both her internal medicine residency and infectious diseases fellowship. Dr. Loutfy then completed an MPH at the Harvard School of Public Health and a Canadian Institutes of Health Research postdoctoral research fellowship at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec. Dr. Loutfy is an assistant professor at the University of Toronto and director of the research component of the Maple Leaf Medical Clinic (MLMC). Dr. Loutfy also launched the Women and HIV Research Program at Women's College Research Institute, Women's College Hospital in 2006 and is currently its research director. The program is committed to working collaboratively with HIV-positive women and affected communities, HIV clinicians and caregivers, policy makers and other research teams of various disciplines to improve the lives of women infected and affected by HIV. Dr. Loutfy's research focuses on reproductive issues, access to care, adverse events and stigma. Dr. Loutfy works from a community-based approach involving a multitude of members and groups representing the communities directly impacted by her research and collaborates with them at all stages of her research.

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The Honourable Deb Matthews

Elected to the Ontario Legislature in 2003 and re-elected in 2007, Deb Matthews was appointed Minister of Health and Long-Term Care in October 2009. Deb previously served as Minister of Children and Youth Services and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services. Her work on social assistance reform, including her report, Review of Employment Assistance Programs in Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program, has received strong support from a wide range of community leaders. She was recognized in the 2007 Ontario Budget speech as being a driving force behind the new Ontario Child Benefit. Deb received the 2007 Political Award of Merit from The Social Work Doctors' Colloquium, given to an individual

who in their political, professional and social life, practices and exemplifies the values of the social work profession including the fight for social justice.



Owen McEwen

Owen McEwen is the Director of the Ontario Gay Men's Sexual Health Alliance (GMSH). Previously, Owen worked as the prevention services coordinator at the Peterborough AIDS Resource Network (PARN) where he managed the region's harm reduction programs and coordinated the agency's gay men's programming. Owen has also worked as PARN's Rainbow Youth Coalition coordinator and, prior to entering the HIV/AIDS sector, as a provider of rehabilitation programs for survivors of brain injuries. Before moving to Toronto in July of this year, Owen worked and lived in a variety of Canadian cities, including Whitehorse, Vancouver, Victoria and Peterborough. He grew up on a small farm north of Parry Sound.



Frank McGee

Frank McGee has been the Coordinator of the AIDS Bureau, Ontario Ministry of Long-Term Care since February 1997. Frank is currently the co-chair of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS and is an ex-officio member of the federal Minister of Health's Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS. Prior to becoming Coordinator of the AIDS Bureau, Frank held a number of AIDS-related positions in the Public Health Branch and the AIDS Bureau.

John McTavish

John MacTavish is currently the Executive Director of HIV/AIDS Regional Services in Kingston and has been with the agency for 20 years spending 15 years as support services coordinator. He has spent the last 25 years involved in the AIDS movement starting off volunteering in Belleville providing support to individuals living with HIV/AIDS and promoting AIDS Awareness in the rural areas of eastern Ontario. He has been involved with many committees over the years, local, provincial and national. Diagnosed with HIV in 1995, he continues to be involved in the movement.

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Peggy Millson

Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Millson is an Associate Professor and researcher in the HIV Social, Behavioural and Epidemiological Studies Unit in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and the University of Toronto. Peggy is a medical doctor with a Master of Health Science. Her current research interests include injection drug use, HIV prevention and harm reduction, social, behavioural and epidemiological aspects of HIV infection, especially among women and injection drug users, care, treatment and support for HIV positive persons, tuberculosis and HIV, and epidemiology and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.



Leonard Moore

Dr. Leonard Moore is a family physician who has been providing primary care services for over a decade to people with or affected by HIV. His daily work allows him to have insight into the issues of individuals who are: unstably housed or street-involved, have addictions, have mental health disorders, and who are co-infected with Hepatitis C. Len continues to formally and informally educate medical students, medical residents, team members and colleagues on HIV prevention and treatment issues.



Zanini Phakathi

I was born in Mankayane village in Manzini district of Swaziland, and I lived all my life in and around the Manzini district. I attend high school and college in Swaziland where I was trained. I have three children aged 10, 12, and 15 (two of biologically mine and one I adopted) all girls. Due to reason beyond my control I had to leave Swaziland in 2008 to come and seek refuge in Canada. As immigration requires, I had to do my medicals in December 2008 and to my surprise I got a call from my immigration doctor who told me I was HIV-positive and I felt my world falling apart. I was alone no family. I had to deal with the news all by myself and it was a very trying time, until I got referred to ASOs and started getting counseling and support from the organizations. I started volunteer work immediately as a way of healing and giving back to the community. I have volunteered with TPWA, APAA, BLACKCAP and

ACCHO. I have been involved with the speakers bureau since 2009 telling my personal story and my experiences living with HIV and fighting stigma and discrimination for people living with HIV.



Anita Rachlis

Dr. Rachlis is Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of Toronto. She has worked in HIV/AIDS care since 1983 at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and has been involved in clinical research in the treatment of opportunistic infections and antiretroviral therapy. She received a Council Award in February 2002 from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario for her work in the care and treatment of HIV patients. She facilitated the development of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Primary Care Physician Mentorship Program (CHAMP) and the HIV Ontario Observational Database (HOOD) which was the forerunner of the OHTN Cohort Study (OCS). Dr. Rachlis is a member of the Board of Directors of the Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN), participates in the Canadian HIV Trials Network, and serves as a scientific reviewer for granting agencies. She has been a member of the

Ontario Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS since 1991 and the Ministerial Advisory Council on the Federal Initiative to Address HIV/AIDS in Canada since September 2003.

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Stan Read

Dr. Stanley Read is a Pediatric Infectious Diseases specialist at the Hospital for Sick Children and a Professor Emeritus at the University of Toronto. He has been Director of the Family Centered HIV/AIDS Program at The Hospital for Sick Children since its founding in 1988. He has served on many Canadian and Ontario HIV/AIDS advisory committees and has been involved in capacity building in pediatric HIV/AIDS in Russia and Ukraine. He is Consultant in Child and Adolescent Health to the Ministry of Health in the Bahamas as well as Director of Clinical Research and Laboratory Services for the Bahamas HIV/AIDS Program. He is also Consultant to the HIV/AIDS Program in Turks and Caicos Islands. Dr. Read is an Honorary Professor at the University of the West Indies.



Carlos Rivas

Carlos Rivas is the Gay Men's Community Education Coordinator at the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT). He studied Psychology in his native Venezuela and is a certified psychotherapist. He has been involved in the HIV/AIDS and gay movements since 2002. In 2005 he received the Psychotherapy Research National Award given by the Venezuelan Association of Psychotherapy (in Caracas, Venezuela), to acknowledge his research about the psychological dynamic of people living with HIV. Due to homophobia and political struggles he left Venezuela in 2007. Since then he has been working in Canada, involved with communities at different levels.



Sean B. Rourke

Sean is the Scientific and Executive Director of the Ontario HIV Treatment Network, a Scientist with the Centre for Research on Inner City Health, Keenan Research Centre in the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital and an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto. He is also the Director of the CIHR Centre for REACH (Research Evidence into Action For Community Health) in HIV/AIDS and Universities Without Walls, the training arm of REACH. In his role at the OHTN, Sean is a leader and facilitator: identifying and exploring current and emerging issues in HIV prevention, care and treatment; building partnerships between researchers and the HIV community; actively promoting community-based research and mentoring community-based researchers; helping secure research funding; and assisting the community and academics in developing

participatory research that will better HIV care, support, treatment and prevention in Ontario and Canada. Sean holds a doctorate in Clinical Psychology with a specialization in Clinical Neuropsychology from the University of California, San Diego.



Charles Roy

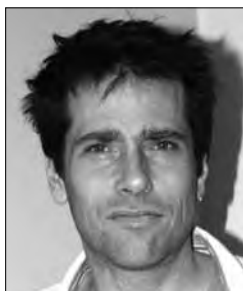
Active since the early years of the HIV epidemic, Charles Roy organized the first support group at the Montreal AIDS Resource Centre and was the social worker at the Hemophilia Clinic of the Montreal Children's Hospital. Upon moving to Ontario, he was involved with numerous HIV organizations eventually becoming the Executive Director of the AIDS Committee of Toronto. Diagnosed with HIV in 1987, Charles played an important leadership role in the Canadian PWA movement, tirelessly advocating for the meaningful involvement of people with HIV in research and service organizations. He died of HIV-related complications in 2002 after a professional and personal life dedicated to the AIDS movement, community-based research, and social justice issues.



Ron Shore

Ron Shore is the Director of Urban Health and Research, Kingston Community Health Centres. He is also an adjunct instructor with the Department of Kinesiology and Health Studies, Queen's University. Ron has a degree in philosophy and a master's in Public Administration with a concentration in health policy. Ron began his career as a needle exchange and prison outreach worker with the Kingston AIDS Project 20 years ago. He recently authored *Understanding Addiction, a Primer on Drugs, Drug Use and Drug Dependence*.

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Trevor Stratton

Trevor Stratton is an HIV-positive, 45 year-old band member of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation with mixed English and Ojibwe heritage. Trevor lives in the Niagara region and is the father of a 26 year-old son. Trevor has been an Aboriginal HIV/AIDS activist, volunteer and consultant since 1999 and now works as the Advocate for Aboriginal Persons living with HIV/AIDS with the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN). As Coordinator of the Harm Reduction Project for the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network, Trevor authored the Harm Reduction Implementation Guide.



Robb Travers

Dr. Robb Travers is an Assistant Professor in Community Psychology at Wilfrid Laurier University and holds appointments as Assistant Professor, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, and Associate Research Scientist, Centre for Research in Inner City Health, St. Michael's Hospital. Robb is a leader in the community-based research movement in Canada and his community and academic partnerships focus on social exclusion and the health and well-being of trans communities and LGBT youth. He serves as co-principal investigator on the Ontario-wide Trans PULSE project, the largest health-related research initiative focussed on trans people in Canada to date. Robb is also the Director of the Equity, Sexual Health and HIV Research Group at the Centre for Community Research, Learning and Action at Wilfrid Laurier University. In this role, he is dedicated to mentoring students in action

research, building community capacity for change, and improving quality of life for marginalized communities.



Mark Tyndall

Dr. Mark Tyndall is a Professor of Medicine and Head of Infectious Diseases at the University of Ottawa. He received his Medical degree from McMaster University and a Doctoral degree in Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health. He was the Director of Epidemiology at the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS from 1999 to 2010 where he conducted a number of research projects on the epidemiology of HIV and Hepatitis C transmission, antiretroviral access among injection drug users, health care utilization among marginalized populations, and the evaluation of novel HIV prevention strategies including Vancouver's supervised injection site. He is an author on over 170 peer-reviewed publications.



Sharon Walmsley

Sharon Walmsley, MD, is Director of Clinical Research, Immunodeficiency Clinic, Toronto Hospital, University Health Network and a Professor, University of Toronto Department of Medicine. She received her MD from the University of Western Ontario, and a master's degree in Clinical Epidemiology at the University of Toronto. Dr. Walmsley has been actively involved in the design and conduct of many clinical trials, including trials in HIV therapy; prophylaxis and treatment of opportunistic infections; and management of the complications of treatment. Her current research interests involve the interaction between HIV and herpes virus co-infection. Dr. Walmsley also has a strong interest in HIV in women, and is a co-investigator of the Canadian Women's HIV Study group, which is currently evaluating the HPV vaccine in HIV infected women and girls. She has numerous peer-reviewed publications and research

awards and is the recipient of a Career Scientist Award from the Ontario HIV Treatment Network. She is the elected national chair of the steering committee and co-chair of the clinical management core of the Canadian HIV Trials Network.

Electronic Posters

Posters will be presented exclusively in electronic format at this year's conference, using powerful new software called Pivot. There will be five poster tours (basic science, clinical science, epidemiology & harm reduction, and 2 socio-behavioural) during concurrent sessions. A leading researcher will guide each poster tour, in front of the big screen, located under the escalator in the main foyer. Conference delegates will also be able to use the big screen and three additional E-Poster Stations—dedicated TV-sized monitors—throughout the conference to search and browse the poster collection. The poster collection will be available on OHTN website following the conference.

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