2019 Ending the Epidemic Summit

MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM, EXPANDING THE VISION!

December 3, 2019 from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
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Empire State Plaza Convention Center and The Egg
Albany, New York

The New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute (NYSDOH AI) is hosting the fourth annual Ending the Epidemic Summit on December 3-4, 2019 at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center and accompanying meeting rooms. The 2019 Ending the Epidemic Summit is intended to bring key stakeholders to one forum to share Ending the Epidemic implementation efforts focusing on the theme of Maintaining the Momentum, Expanding the Vision!
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<td>Join us as this panel of public health researchers and HIV experts present on relevant ETE-focused research that aims to Maintain the Momentum and Expand the Vision. These distinguished experts will be discussing why social determinants of health among marginalized populations are crucial to Ending the Epidemic among all populations. Panelists will be addressing themes such as HIV and aging, medical mistrust, structural and institutional barriers to care, strategies for sustained community engagement, and HIV-related co-morbidities.</td>
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<td>Join us as we look at the intersection of the opioid epidemic and pregnancy, HCV, and syphilis. Presenters will share current research and epidemiological data including findings from a study involving three upstate syringe exchange programs to better understand the prevalence of HCV and HIV among People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) living in rural areas of NYS and facilitators and barriers to accessing HCV and HIV care; results from a sero-study aimed at determining HCV prevalence among pregnant women in NYS; and information on increases of syphilis, congenital syphilis, and an examination of risk factors.</td>
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<td>While many public health researchers and practitioners may recognize the inherent value of community-university partnerships in HIV prevention research, perceived barriers and obstacles may prevent momentum toward the development of collaborative relationships with mutual benefits. An additional layer of complexity is the involvement of student engagement as an integral component of their academic training program. A diverse, community-friendly panel will engage the audience in discussion about HIV prevention research studies in Western New York and include discussion of challenges in and opportunities for conducting research with student engagement and a specific focus on patient- and provider-level projects on pre-exposure prophylaxis.</td>
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Talk ETE: Family Feud Meets Jeopardy!
Moderators: Deepa T. Rajulu, MS; James Tesoriero, PhD
Presenters: The AIDS Institute ETE Game Team
An interactive session where audience members participate in Family-Feud-style teams led by AI staff to compete for ETE-knowledge bragging rights. Elements of Jeopardy and Family Feud are fused together to test team knowledge about wide-ranging ETE topics in a tournament-style format, the ultimate objective of which is to increase shared knowledge and understanding of ETE data and programming for all participants and to crown the “2019 ETE Knowledge Champion.” ... And yes, there will be prizes.

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm  BREAK OUT SESSION, MEETING ROOM 7
Structural Interventions to End the Epidemic: Where is the Evidence? Evaluation Research to Document Your Program’s Success
Moderator: Abigail Gallucci, BS
Presenters: Angela A. Aidala; PhD; V. AnnDenise Brown, DrPH; Gloria Thomas, MSW; Maiko Yomogida, MA
An interactive workshop for community-based service providers and stakeholders. Learning objectives are to gain skills for linking programs addressing social determinants of health to ETE outcomes and to improve local program evaluations. There will be opportunities for program-specific discussions.

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm  World AIDS Day Commissioner’s Special Recognition Awards Ceremony
Empire State Plaza Convention Center
An event to recognize individuals for their commitment and contributions to improving and promoting the health and well-being of all New Yorkers.

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  Commissioner’s Reception and Musical Performance
Empire State Plaza, Base of The Egg
Musicians: Harrison Moss, Piano; AJ Neyerlin, Tuba

4:30 pm - 4:45 pm  TED-style Talk
Empire State Plaza, Convention Center
AIDS Centers of the 21st Century: Ending the Epidemic through Sex-Positive and Status-Neutral Care
Moderator: Kalvin Leveille, MHA
Presenter: Raffaele M. Bernado, DO
While many advancements have been made in both the treatment and prevention of HIV, the number of new diagnoses in the Bronx, particularly among young MSM of color and those of trans-experience, continues to be staggering. As AIDS service organizations evolve, the model of care must be adapted to better serve these demographics, with a focus on the treatment and prevention of STIs, co-located transgender healthcare, concurrent care of sexual partners and networks, and behavioral health services within an LGBTQ+ friendly environment.

4:45 pm - 5:30 pm  Debate: PrEP On Demand vs. Everyday
Empire State Plaza, Convention Center
Engaging Minds. Empowering Success. Embracing New Advances in PrEP.
Moderator: John Meade, MPH
Presenters: Johanne E. Morne, MS; Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH
Join us as Dr. Demetre Daskalakis and Johanne Morne, MS, engage in an intense intellectual showdown that is sure to inform, entertain and enhance your understanding of PrEP, an effective HIV prevention strategy. This dynamic and engaging debate will be sure to answer some unanswered questions about new advances in PrEP on demand and everyday PrEP. You will leave this session empowered and ready to embrace new opportunities to End the Epidemic.

5:30 pm - 5:45 pm  TED-style Talk
Empire State Plaza, Convention Center
Working Toward Viral Load Suppression in Transgender Women of Color
Moderator: Kalvin Leveille, MHA
Presenter: Zil Goldstein, BSN, MSN, RN, FNP
This presentation will discuss the disparities among transgender women of color from a national and local lens as they relate to HIV viral load suppression. Furthermore, we will discuss the challenges in achieving optimal health due to the intersectional oppression transgender women of color experience.
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9:00 am - 10:30 am  ETE City and State Update - Empire State Plaza, Convention Center
Presenters: Oni Blackstock, MD, MHS; Johanne E. Morne, MS
Join Johanne Morne, Director, New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute and Dr. Oni Blackstock, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene during the morning plenary session, where they will provide New York State and New York City Ending the Epidemic Updates. They will showcase 2018 surveillance data, progress towards ETE metrics, and innovative programming that illustrates how New York is “maintaining the momentum and expanding the vision”.

11:00 am - 12:30 pm  BREAK OUT SESSION ONE, MEETING ROOM 1
Providing Access to Health Services to People of Transgender Experience: A Medicaid Case Study
Moderator: Kathryn Cooke, MPH
Presenters: Julian Cabezas, LMSW; Alister Rubenstein; Kevin Steffens, RN, MBA
This workshop describes the experience of Amida Care, New York State’s largest non-profit Medicaid Special Needs Health Plan (SNP), developing and implementing programming to provide comprehensive health coverage and coordinated care to over 1,100 New Yorkers of transgender and gender nonconforming experience. The session will include staff of the Plan’s Transgender Health Program, which includes care coordination and utilization management for gender-affirming primary care, behavioral health, hormone therapy, and surgery; HIV care and PrEP; and a specialized health navigation program that is trauma-informed and strives to address the social determinants of health and remove barriers to care.

11:00 am - 12:30 pm  BREAK OUT SESSION ONE, MEETING ROOM 2
Working Together Toward Eliminating HIV Disparities: National Lessons Learned Applied Locally
Moderator: Clemens Steinböck, MBA
Presenters: Ivelisse Correa; Jennifer Lee, MPH, PhD Candidate; Amy Newton, MPH; Scott Petersen, LMSW; Clemens Steinböck, MBA; Dawn Trotter; Carlene Vesprey, MSW
Providers across New York State will share experiences and successes that impact health disparities and measurable improve viral suppression rates. This interactive workshop presents the lessons learned from a national, high-impact quality improvement collaborative, explores how to apply them in local communities, and demonstrates the virtual communication platform that was used to create a national HIV community of learners.

11:00 am - 12:30 pm  BREAK OUT SESSION ONE, MEETING ROOM 3
Consumer Input in FOCUS: Rethinking Consumer Engagement for the 21st Century
Moderator: Claire Simon
Presenters: Katrina Balovlenkov, MSW
The Montefiore AIDS Center revised its Continuous Quality Improvement Plan in 2019 to gather more meaningful consumer involvement in QI activities focused on Ending the Epidemic. Moving away from the traditional Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) model, the AIDS Center implemented a focus group process to attract new voices and increase the quality and quantity of feedback on specific initiatives.

11:00 am - 12:30 pm  BREAK OUT SESSION ONE, MEETING ROOM 4
Beyond High Risk: Immigrant Latina "Meseras" and PrEP
Moderator: Alberto Guzman, MSW
Presenters: Jaqueline Coral; Paola Marin; Marisol Ramirez; Nathaly Rubio-Torrio; Ivettlisse Velandia
In this workshop, you will hear from and learn about a subpopulation of immigrant Latinas who, because of immigration status, are forced to work in the bars where their sexual health is at risk. You will hear directly from them as to how they became aware of PrEP and why they decided to get on PrEP. Lastly, you will learn about a home-grown approach that was driven by the women working in the bars to make PrEP more visible, understood, and accessed by immigrant Latinas.
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Criminal Justice Initiative (CJI): Addressing Continuum of Care for Persons Living with HIV and/or Hepatitis C (HCV) from Incarceration to Re-entry
Moderator: Arianne Watson, MA
Presenters: Rick Cook, Eugene Eppes; Jennifer Lee; John Massarotti, RN
This interactive presentation and panel discussion will showcase efforts to provide high impact prevention and support services to incarcerated individuals and community reentrants who are living with HIV and/or HCV within New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision correctional facilities. Panelists will discuss techniques used to address clients’ social determinants of health and to create tailored linkage action plans for individuals living with HIV and/or HCV.

11:00 am - 12:30 pm  BREAK OUT SESSION ONE, MEETING ROOM 6
Ending the Epidemic by Expanding Employment Opportunities
Moderator: Richard Cotroneo, MA
Presenters: Sharen I. Duke, MPH; Perry James Junjulas, MBA; Mark Misrok, MS Ed; Jay Shufelt
This workshop spotlights the Ending the Epidemic benefits of employment and responses to employment needs, the successful program models of the Alliance for Positive Change and the Albany Damien Center, and opportunities for advocacy to expand access to effective employment services for people living with HIV.

11:00 am - 12:30 pm  BREAK OUT SESSION ONE, MEETING ROOM 7
HIV STOPS WITH ME
Moderator: William D. Karchner, JD
Presenters: Sheldon DeSouza; Les Pappas, MPA; Sam Shoemaker
This workshop will share results from a recent statewide campaign evaluation measuring campaign exposure and impact. Comparisons with previous evaluations will be provided. At the heart of the campaign is an increased effort to mobilize the 30 campaign spokesmodels’ social media impact. Strategy, training, and ongoing support to expand social media results will be discussed.

12:30 pm - 1:00 pm  Networking Lunch - Base of The Egg

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  BREAK OUT SESSION TWO, MEETING ROOM 1
Mount Sinai’s Institute for Advanced Medicine: Building Value-Based Payment and Delivery Models for Medically Complex Patients
Moderator: John Godfrey
Presenters: Matt Baney, MS; Shruti Ramachandran, MPH, MID; Vivek Vishwanath; Doug Wirth
As the HIV population ages, managing the quality and cost of care requires coordination between multiple care providers, better integration with community-based organizations, and stronger partnerships with managed care organizations (MCOs). The Institute for Advanced Medicine at Mount Sinai (IAM) and their partners will share their experience developing innovative care delivery models to address prevention, treatment, and long-term HIV management, including establishing one of the first Value-Based Payment (VBP) arrangements at a New York Designated AIDS Center. Panelists will discuss the current structure of HIV value-based payments and innovative full-risk models like HIV-specific ACOs. They will also share principles in designing VBP arrangements that others can adapt, such as the IT infrastructure and clinical workflow redesign necessary for quality improvement.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  BREAK OUT SESSION TWO, MEETING ROOM 2
Real-Time HIV Care Cascades in Community Health
Moderator: Walter Fosdick
Presenters: Noreen Colon, LMSW; Christine Kerr, MD, AAHVS; Roland Morrero; Lisa Reid, LCSW; Katrina Winston
As HIV programs grow and the population we care for ages, we have a responsibility to continually assess the quality of our programs and develop new technologies. At Hudson River HealthCare, a network of 41 federally qualified health centers with integrated primary and HIV specialty care, we have developed an HIV Care Cascade which gives our team members an immediate understanding of who is retained in care, who is on medication, and who is virally suppressed.

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  BREAK OUT SESSION TWO, MEETING ROOM 3
The NYC HIV Planning Group Prioritizes Eliminating HIV Stigma: Data, Progress, and Successes - 2017-2019
Moderator: Karen Bovell, MA
Presenters: Ivan Monforte; Rachel O’ Sullivan; Christina Rodriguez-Hart PhD, MPH; Shirley Torho, MPH
The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the NYC HIV Planning Group (HPG) will co-present on the science behind stigma, prevalence of stigma in NYC, and the HPG’s work to address stigma from 2017-2019, as well as next steps.
Proceedings of the Sexual Health of Immigrant Latino Gay and Bisexual Men Summit & Discussion on the Future of Sexual Health Services
Moderator: Domingo Almonte
Presenters: Pedro Carneiro, MPH; Jesus Casado, MS; Daniel Castellanos, DrPH, MPH; Carlos N. Molina; Luciano Reberete
This panel will present community organizing, research, policy, funding, and programmatic recommendations developed at the Summit on the Sexual Health of Immigrant Latino Gay and Bisexual Men held on October 4th, 2019, in New York City. These recommendations will serve as the background for a discussion on the current and future vision for sexual health services for new generations of gay and bisexual men.

Sippin’ and Spillin’: An Innovative Approach to Engaging Women of Color in HIV Prevention Services
Moderator: Nkechi Oguagha, MPH
Presenters: Omotayo Balogun; Janelle Eradiri
This session will highlight the need for innovative, culturally sensitive PrEP interventions that prioritize women of color—specifically black women—through a presentation on the locally developed intervention, “Sippin & Spillin.” The intention is for the audience to leave this presentation with the tools to implement best practice interventions for women who are at the most significant risk for HIV.

Get Ready to Rapid: A Workshop to Help Your Agency Roll out Rapid HIV Treatment
Moderator: Rebecca Deamer
Presenters: Charles Boyd-Wallace; Lex Curry, LMSW; Rebekah Glushesfski, LMSW
This workshop will feature the Institute for Family Health’s step-by-step workflow for initiating same-day ARV treatment for newly diagnosed patients, utilized by a team of social workers, case managers, and peer educators. Participants will leave the workshop with tips and tools to support their own implementation of rapid treatment.

Integrating Financial Incentives for Viral Load Suppression into HIV Care Coordination Programs: Considerations for Development and Implementation from The Undetectables Program in New York City
Moderator: John Meade, MPH
Presenters: Gina Gambone, MPH; Virginia Shubert, Esq.
This workshop will provide a brief overview of the research on financial incentives as an evidence-based ART adherence strategy. The group will discuss how key considerations from the literature—including feasibility, acceptability, and the importance of using financial incentives in conjunction with other evidence-based strategies—were applied to the development and implementation of The Undetectables Citywide scale-up.

Poster Presentations
Poster presentations will be held on December 3rd from 11:30am – 1:00pm at the base of the EGG.

1. Providing Consumer-Based Frameworks to Ending the Epidemic & Reducing HIV Disparities: Strategies to Meaningfully Engage People with Shared Lived Experience to End the HIV Epidemic
   Jennifer E. Lee, MPH; Dawn Trotter
2. Implementation of the Undetectables Program at Brightpoint Health and Evaluation of Program Success
   Sharifa James, MS
3. Prioritizing Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming New Yorkers in Updating Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Data Collection Categories
   Charles Ferrusi, MPH
4. Cascading to the End of the Epidemic: 2018 Review
   Daniel Belanger, MSW; Nova West, MPH
5. Increasing HIV Screening for Adolescents: A Quality Improvement Study
   Erica Bostick, MD; Melissa Alexis Dundas, MD
6. Using Organizational Treatment Cascades to Help End the Epidemic in NYS
   Nova West, MPH
7. Using Fatal & Nonfatal Overdoses as Catalysts for System & Individual Level Change
   Rebecca Goldberg
8. Mobilizing Faith Communities to Address the HIV/AIDS Epidemic: Use of Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) in NYC’s Ending the Epidemic (ETE) Plan, 2019
Lisa Matthews, Ed.D, MPH; Moses O. Akintunde, BS

9. Identifying the Underpinnings of Engaging Seniors and Sexual Health. What Can We Do?
Michele Lopez

10. Back to Brooklyn: Linkage and Retention Among Individuals Returning to Brooklyn Following Incarceration
Jessica Yager, MD, MPH; Lamont Bryant, BS, MPS

11. The Long Island ETE Campus Advisory Committee: A Pilot Project to Engage College Students in Ending the Epidemic
Anthony J. Santella, DrPH, MPH

12. Cisgender Women and Use of HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis via a 24/7 Hotline
Joshua Villanueva; Annie Ristuccia

13. Cohort Profile of Transgender Youth Receiving Care in An Integrated HIV/PrEP/Transgender-Affirming Care Model
Jeffrey M. Birnbaum, MD

14. Brookdale Hospital Medical Center FOCUS Project: Increasing HIV Testing and Linkage to Care in a Busy Emergency Department
Alexis Fields, MPH; Jessica Yager, MD, MPH

15. Native American ETE Recommendations – A Matter of Urgency
Jennifer Cuffee-Wilson; Pete Hill

16. Youth Peer Educators As An Intervention In Ending The Epidemic
Sara Weinstein, MS; Kailin Kucewicz, MEng

17. Sin Buscar Excusas: Enhancing Hispanic/Latinx MSM Engagement and Retention in HIV HIP Services
Luciano Reberte; Luis Scaccabarrozzi, MPH

18. Acceptability of an Online HIV Prevention Toolkit Among Black Heterosexual Couples in Western New York State
Natalie M. LeBlanc, PhD, MPH, RN, BSN

19. Let’s End the Stigma: A Debate on the MSM Blood Donation Deferral Policy
Anthony J. Santella, DrPH, MPH

20. Youth Perspectives on Ending the Epidemic
Stephen Stafford

21. Telehealth Services and Management of Chronic Disease
Catherine Sawyer, DNP, FNP

22. Use of Digital Marketing to Recruit Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) of Color for PrEP Services in a New York City FQHC
Philip Miner

23. Dynamic Outreach: Adjusting on the Fly
Shirley Farmer-Tyner; Nadia S. Pizarro

24. Burnout Avoidance: Refresh, Re-energize and Re-commit
Christopher Banks; Bridget Kasaoka

25. Medically Tailored Meals for PWH: Research, Policy, and Practice
Dorella Walters, MPA

26. Comparing Neighborhood-Level Discrimination and HIV Stigma by Race/Ethnicity Among HIV-Infected Men Who have Sex with Men (MSM) in New York City (NYC)
Anna McEvoy

27. IART - Patients Who Have Early Initiation on ART Achieve VLS Lowering the Risk of Getting Sick and Transmitting to Others
Fidel Bu Contreras

28. The Community Pharmacy’s Role in HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis in New York State
Dennis Adey

29. Evaluating Clinicians’ Attitudes toward Rapid Initiation of Antiretroviral Treatment
Monica Barbosu, MD, PhD, MsBA

30. Identifying Burnout in NYS Clinicians Involved in HIV/HCV/STD/Drug User Health Care
Monica Barbosu, MD, PhD, MsBA; Lissette Moreno, MD

31. Implementing Viral Load Suppression Programs with Financial Incentives Across Sectors
Anna Thomas-Ferraiali

32. Using Social Media Apps and Heat Maps to Identify People Living with Undiagnosed HIV
Jessica Clark; Jorge R. Montes-Altamar

33. The CEI STI Clinical Cards at the Point of Care – Useful Tools Even in the Digital Age
Melinda Godfrey, MSN

34. Stable Housing - A Crisis For Over 4,000 PLWHA Outside of NYC
Elizabeth Deutsch

35. Hep C TIP: Employing a Community-Based Treatment Incentive Program to Engage and Retain Vulnerable Persons in Curative Hepatitis C Treatment
Virginia Shubert, JD

36. Black Gay Men Aren’t Hard to Reach: Strategies for Welcoming Black Gay Men at the Door
Kevin Williams

37. Using a Data-Driven Team-Based Care Approach to Viral Load Suppression
Jasmine Javier

Raymond Sison, MD

39. Improving the Mental Health of Depression-Diagnosed Clients’ Care Coordination Program
Timothy Au, LMSW
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40. **PEPTALK! A Media Campaign and Brief Advocate-Delivered PEP Support Intervention to Increase Uptake, Care Engagement & Adherence among MSM of Color In New York City**  
Barry S. Zingman, MD

41. **Employing Consumer Workers to Reach ETE Goals: Developing and Implementing Successful Peer Programs**  
Julian Cabezas, LMSW; Victwan McCorkle, CPW

42. **Ending the Epidemic in New York: A Medicaid Case Study**  
Jerome Ernst, MD; Sima Toussi, MD

43. **Implementing Trauma-Informed Organizational Change**  
Rhonda Harris; Samantha Koury

44. **Motivational Interviewing or Stages of Change - Why Not Both? An Integrated Approach**  
Peter McGrath, MPH

45. **Needs of Older Adults with HIV in Upstate New York**  
Nelly Maina, MPH

46. **Impact of Financial Incentives on Viral Load Suppression Rates in an HIV Special Needs Plan**  
Sima Toussi, MD

47. **Identification of HCV and Linkage to Care from a Detoxification Unit**  
Jason Edwards, MD

48. **Client Case Outcomes and Benefits Received from Legal Services for Individuals and Families Living with HIV & Family Stabilization Support Services**  
Deborah Hanna

49. **Innovative Public Health Funding: Capacity Building as an Upstream Approach to Addressing HIV and Other Health Disparities in TGN CNB Populations**  
Donovan Jones

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**Judith A. Aberg, MD, FIDSA, FACP**, is the George Baehr Professor of Medicine at Icahn School of Medicine. She earned her MD from Penn State. She completed internal medicine and chief residency at the Cleveland Clinic and ID fellowship at Washington University. She served as Assistant Professor and Co-Principal Investigator (PI) of the AIDS Clinical Trials Unit (ACTU) at University of California, San Francisco and then as Associate Professor and Director of HIV at Washington University. She was recruited to NYU in 2000 and served as PI of the ACTU and Director of Virology at Bellevue and later served as Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases and Immunology for NYU. In 2014, she was recruited to serve as Chief of ID for the Mount Sinai Health System, which provides care to a large, diverse population of over 15,000 patients with HIV. She founded the Clinical and Translational Research Center which has five sites in Manhattan offering participation in behavioral and treatment interventional trials. She has conducted numerous trials focusing on the complications of HIV disease, specifically pathogenesis of inflammation contributing to the co-morbidities in the aging HIV population. Her work has contributed to national guidelines in primary care, cardio-metabolic complications and on prevention and treatment of opportunistic infections for persons with HIV.

**Dennis Adey** is a bilingual Prevention Navigator at Trillium Health in Rochester, NY. In this role, Mr. Adey provides HIV testing, outreach, and education to the community and insurance navigation and PEP/PEP services to patients at Trillium Health. He has a Bachelor's degree in Spanish and plans on pursuing an MPH with a focus on epidemiology to further his career in HIV and LGBTQ+ health.

**Angela A. Aidala, PhD**, is a Research Scientist at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, Department of Sociomedical Sciences. Her primary interest is research, teaching, and service delivery strategies to work effectively with disadvantaged and often ‘harder to reach’ populations - adults and youth with housing instability, food insecurity, mental illness, criminal justice, and/or substance use challenges. She has served as Principal Investigator or Co-PI for over 20 community research projects. Dr. Aidala is Study Director of the Community Health Advisory & Information Network (CHAIN) Project, an ongoing cohort study of persons living with HIV in NY, now in its 25th year. Her collaborative work with service providers has been a primary source of empirical data for service planning and policy initiatives in New York as well as nationally. Her recent work studies the role of, and need for, the provision of supportive services and HIV/AIDS prevention and care, and methodological and statistical approaches to improve ‘practice-based’ evidence. Dr. Aidala served on the Institute of Medicine expert committee on Data Systems for Monitoring HIV/AIDS Care, charged with recommendations for improving data systems to better assess behavioral health and social services as well as biomedical needs and outcomes.

**Moses O. Akintunde, BS**, is working toward completing his MPH at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. Mr. Akintunde has also been employed by the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (NBLCA) as a Data and Evaluation Consultant which involves working as a health advocate and communications consultant. Past experiences in epidemiology and health disparities work includes his time as a guest researcher at the CDC's Center for Global Health, as a fieldworker in a Senegalese hospital, and as a project manager for Merck Pharmaceuticals.

**Timothy Au, LMSW**, currently works as the Assistant Director of Support Services at Apicha Community Health Center. Mr. Au is a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) and has ten years experience in care coordination services for clients living with HIV/AIDS as well as HIV prevention services including PrEP and PEP.

**Omotayo Balogun** (she/they pronouns) is a public health professional at Ryan Health, West 97th Street. In her role, Omotayo oversees the implementation and management of the reporting for HIV testing, treatment, and prevention programs. Omotayo is also an MPH candidate at the George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health, where she is studying global health policy centering on women and the LGBTQ+ community. Omotayo hopes to use her background in public health to one day inform her practice as an OB/GYN for people of trans experience. She co-manages Sippin' & Spillin' alongside Janelle Eradiri.

**Katrina Balovenkov, LCSW**, is the Administrative Director of Montefiore Medical Center's AIDS Center and an advocate for the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS, sex workers, and people who use drugs. She has a wealth of expertise implementing best practices for the prevention, care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS and harm reduction. Katrina's expertise in health care and harm reduction derives from her experience as the Program Director for Whitney M. Young, Jr. Health Center's HIV and HCV Program, Interim Executive Director at New York Harm Reduction Educators, Director of The Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, and currently as the administrator of New York's largest single site HIV provider (Montefiore). Prior to this, Katrina's biography includes eight years of direct clinical experience as a therapist and case manager. Katrina is a 2007 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Social Work where she earned her MSW. In 2017, the University awarded her the "Alumni of the Year Award." Katrina received a certificate in Financial Social Work from the Center for Financial Social Work in 2009. Katrina is currently on faculty at the Columbia University School of Social Work and the New Jersey AIDS Education and Training Center.
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Matt Baney, MS, has over 30 years of experience in the HIV field and is now the Senior Director of the Institute for Advanced Medicine (IAM) of the Mount Sinai Health System. The IAM encompasses all HIV outpatient services across the system with over 15,000 patients in care. Mr. Baney is a faculty member of the School of Public Health of the Icahn School of Medicine. Matt holds BS and MS degrees from Rutgers University.

Christopher Banks works as a Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) for Evergreen Health Services in Buffalo, NY, in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health. As a DIS, Mr. Banks works with individuals who test positive for gonorrhea, Chlamydia, syphilis and HIV to ensure they and their partners are appropriately tested, treated and linked to care. Mr. Banks previously worked in medical management with Independent Health where he provided authorizations for medical treatment. Mr. Banks attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh where he studied Illustration and Graphic Design.

Monica Barbosu, MD, PhD, MsBA, is a physician specializing in applied public health, particularly in the HIV/AIDS area. Dr. Barbosu is a research assistant professor in the Obstetrics and Gynecology (OBGYN) Department, University of Rochester, and currently serves as the Director of Resource Center of Excellence, Clinical Epidemiology and Evaluation (CEIE), and as the Project Manager for the Rapid Initiation of ART (RiART) project, NYSDOH AIDS Institute-supported projects. Dr. Barbosu received her MD and PhD from University of Medicine and Pharmacy “Iuliu Hatieganu” Cluj-Napoca, Romania, and her Master of Business Administration, specialization in Medical Management, from Simon School of Business, University of Rochester.

Daniel Belanger, MSW, spent 18 years coordinating a Bronx-based HIV clinic, providing support and treatment for people living with HIV and HIV prevention services. He served for seven years as the Quality Manager of a Designated AIDS Center clinical HIV program. Mr. Belanger earned his Masters of Social Work from Hunter College and is a graduate of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement’s Improvement Advisor Program. Mr. Belanger has been with the New York State HIV Quality of Care Program Director since 2008.

Raffaele M. Bernardo, DO, is a graduate of Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, located in his home state of New Jersey. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Rutgers University where he also served as chief medical resident. He went on to a fellowship in Infectious Diseases at Yale where he focused on the treatment and prevention of HIV as well as chronic viral hepatitis. Dr. Bernardo is currently on the faculty at the Montefiore AIDS Center, where he serves as a clinical lead for the AIDS Center’s sexual health clinic, The Oval Center at Montefiore. The Oval Center started with a focus on STIs, HIV prevention with PrEP and PrEP, sexual health, and trans care. With approval from the NYSDOH to expand its AIDS Center program, The Oval Center now also offers comprehensive HIV care to young ages 16-30, LGBTQ+ individuals. Dr. Bernardo is board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, and maintains credentialing through the American Academy of HIV Medicine. He enjoys traveling and is an aspiring polyglot.

Jeffrey Birnbaum, MD, is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Public Health at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University Center and currently serves as the Executive Director of the Health & Education Alternatives for Teens (HEAT) Program, a program in Brooklyn, NY which offers comprehensive medical and mental health care, supportive services, and access to clinical research for HIV+ and at-risk youth, aged 13 to 24. Dr. Birnbaum is an adolescent medicine specialist and board-certified pediatrician who has devoted most of his professional career working with marginalized populations of youth, including HIV+ and LGBT youth. He has pioneered efforts in Brooklyn to engage young gay, bisexual male youth and transgender youth from communities of color in medical care, prevention activities, and HIV counseling and testing efforts. His advocacy for the health care rights of transgender youth has been recognized locally and nationally. Through his leadership at HEAT, Dr. Birnbaum continues to bring SUNY Downstate acclaim at the local, state, national and international levels.

Oni Blackstock, MD, MHS, a Brooklyn native, is the Assistant Commissioner for the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Bureau of HIV. In this role, she oversees the City’s response to the HIV epidemic. She is a primary care physician, HIV specialist, and researcher who sees patients at Harlem Hospital’s HIV clinic. She has developed, implemented, and evaluated innovative community and clinic-based programs to promote HIV treatment and prevention. She received her undergraduate and medical degrees from Harvard University, and her Masters of Public Health in Policy from Harvard University, and her Masters of Public Health in Policy from Harvard University. She trained in primary care internal medicine at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx and completed a fellowship in HIV medicine at Harlem Hospital. Dr. Blackstock is passionate about racial equity and social justice and is committed to ending the HIV epidemic among all New Yorkers.

Erica Bostick, MD, is board certified in Internal Medicine. Dr. Bostick completed her Internal Medicine residency at Mt. Sinai St. Luke’s- Mt. Sinai West in New York City, and her Adolescent Medicine fellowship at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. She specializes in caring for adolescents and young adults, specifically in the fields of transgender medicine, sexual and reproductive health care, as well as eating disorders. Given her adult medicine training, Dr. Bostick also provides the aforementioned care to those patients transitioning into adulthood. Additionally, Dr. Bostick is a collaborating physician for gender health services at the Rochester Institute of Technology Student Health Center. Part of her clinical time is also spent at the Monroe County STD Clinic, focusing on treatment, prevention and education surrounding sexually transmitted infections. Dr. Bostick is passionate about empowering patients with the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy decisions. In her spare time, Dr. Bostick enjoys reading, eating delicious food, and spending time with her husband and two young daughters.

Charles Boyd-Wallace (he/him pronouns) is a Retention and Adherence Specialist at the Institute for Family Health. He is currently completing a Bachelor’s Degree in Clinical Psychology at Hunter College with the intent of completing his Master’s in Social Work. Charles is interested in working therapeutically with patients as well as on social justice initiatives to end disparities and stigma in both mental health and medical care.

V. AnnDenise Brown, DrPH, is the Director of Research and Evaluation of The Balm in Gilead. Dr. Brown has extensive experience in survey research, monitoring and evaluation. For more than 10 years, she has conducted public health research in a variety of settings, focusing on issues as diverse as HIV/AIDS, asthma, smoking and adolescent sexuality. She has designed instruments targeting a variety of health topics and other issues, developed curricula for training research personnel and administered and conducted research projects both in the United States, Africa and the Caribbean.

Lamont Bryant, BS, MPS, is a community health worker with the Back to Brooklyn (B2B) program, a new program of the STAR (Special Treatment and Research) Program aimed at providing immediate access to comprehensive medical care, behavioral health care, and support services to the previously incarcerated. Mr. Bryant is originally from Manhattan and was incarcerated as a teenager. He served 22 years in a NYS correctional facility. During that time, he worked as a health advocate and ran Prisoners for AIDS Counseling & Education (PACE), providing HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C education, counseling, and transitional planning services for Peer Educators. Mr. Bryant received his GED, bachelor’s degree, and master’s degree while incarcerated.
About the Artist

James Bruno graduated from SUNY Albany with a major in English and a minor in Film Studies. He is a lifelong casual artist who has dabbled in a variety of media but prefers pencil, pen & ink, charcoal, and watercolor. He’s currently an Eligibility Determination Specialist with the Uninsured Care Programs.

Thematically he wanted to maintain a piece of last year’s beautiful graphic. He felt it was important to show that we are maintaining the momentum and expanding out and away from where we have been. To that end the bottom piece of the graphic is its foundation. The blue circle represents an abstract eye with the arrows representing the expansion of vision.

The text, color, and length of the arrows are different, diverse and bright, representing and reflecting the efforts of those dedicated to Ending the Epidemic.
Art Submissions, Honorable Mention

Glenda Umana

Ingrid Hahn

Amida Care

Ayesha Malik
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Fidel Bu Contreras is the HIV Program Director for Betances Health Center and has been in the field of HIV for over 16 years. In 2003, Mr. Bu Contreras started working at Betances Health Center. He began as a volunteer HIV counselor and quickly advanced to become a full-time staff member in administrative and case management roles. In 2011, he assumed managerial oversight for the Center’s HIV program. Mr. Bu Contreras has hands-on knowledge and experience working in the field of HIV/AIDS and is fully committed to the End of the HIV Epidemic and its goals. Mr. Bu Contreras also contributed to the reintroduction of the Center’s hepatitis C program, including a center-wide training and education program for all providers. In addition, he implemented the PrEP program in 2013 to support the preventive services component of the HIV continuum of care. Mr. Bu Contreras has a Master’s in Business Administration and project management certification.

Julian Cabezas, LMSW, is the Assistant Director of Outreach Programs at Amida Care, a not-for-profit Medicaid health plan that specializes in providing comprehensive health coverage and coordinated care to New Yorkers with chronic conditions. Prior to joining Amida Care, Julian worked at Community Healthcare Network as Manager of the Transgender Family Program and at the New York City LGBT Community Center as a Group Facilitator.

Pedro B. Carneiro, MPH, is a doctoral student in Epidemiology at the CUNY School of Public Health. He is also the Director of Population Health at Callen-Lorde Community Health Center. Pedro’s work focuses on initiatives that can bridge the gap between social determinants of health and health outcomes. In 2016, Pedro was awarded the Joep Lange and Jacqueline van Tongeren Prize for young investigators by the International AIDS Society for his work on implementation research and PrEP. In 2019, Pedro was awarded the Emerging Leaders award by the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC).

Vivian Carter, PhD, MHR, is the Chair of Psychology and Sociology and Department Deputy Director for Community Engagement for the Tuskegee University Health Disparities Institute at Tuskegee University. Dr. Carter is the recipient of the Delta Sigma Theta Distinguished Professor Endowment. In addition, Dr. Carter also served as the Assistant Director for Community Outreach with The Tuskegee National Center for Bioethics. Dr. Carter is an experienced social scientist with specialties in organizational development and transformation, medical sociology, race and gender relations, and community-based participatory research. Dr. Carter is the Cancer Outreach Team leader and Tuskegee Primary Investigator for the Cancer Outreach component of the US4 Cancer Research Partnership. Dr. Carter is a Governor appointee to the HIV Taskforce and an advisory member of Montgomery AIDS Outreach (MAO) Incorporated. Dr. Carter has worked internationally with the United Nations Women’s Coalition (UN Women) to address sexual assault and gender violence. Dr. Carter is a past President of the National HBCU Research Network for Research and Health Disparities. She has served as editor and journal reviewer for the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, Sage Publishing Journal of Best Practices, Journal of International Bioethics, and Health Quarterly.

Jesus Casado, MSc, served as the Capacity Building Coordinator for the New York State LGBT and Human Services Network, based out of The LGBT Community Center in NYC. Jesus currently serves as an independent consultant for LGBT health-focused centers as well as the Director of Public Relations at VAEX-Venezolanos Activos en el Exterior, a nonprofit organization focused on the Venezuelan humanitarian crisis. Jesus has vast experience working in gender rights activism and advocacy. Jesus holds a Master’s degree in Global Gender Studies from New York University (NYU) and two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Global Studies and Political Science from Arizona State University.

Daniel Castellanos, DrPH, MPH, is currently the Director of Programs for the Hispanic AIDS Forum and the Director of Queens Pride House. Daniel initiated his career in public health as a community activist. In 1996, he co-founded and co-chaired the Colombian Lesbian and Gay Association (COLEGÁ), and in 1997, he co-founded Queens Pride House, Queens Lesbian and Gay Community Center, to address the needs of LGBTQ Queens residents. Dr. Castellanos developed Proyecto P.A.P.I., Gay Men’s Health Crisis’ first HIV prevention program for Latino gay and bisexual immigrants. He obtained MPH and DrPH degrees from Columbia University and has overseen and conducted research on HIV/STI prevention and health care access among sexual minorities, male sex work, LGBT youth, homelessness, and social movements.

Jessica Clark is the Community Outreach Liaison at the Center for AIDS Research & Treatment (CART) at Northwell Health and an adjunct professor at Monroe County Community College. She holds a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science with a minor in Black Studies from the City College of New York (CCNY), and a Master in Public Health from Hofstra University. Ms. Clark has worked in the HIV field for over five years starting with training young adults to provide sexual health education to Nassau County youth. At CART, she continued her career as Behavioral Health Educator to educate patients living with HIV about the mental, emotional and physical benefits of entering mental health and substance treatment. Ms. Clark serves as the Co-Chair of the Nassau County Ending the Epidemic (ETE) Steering Committee. When she’s not working her full time job, Jessica spends time building Aya Libre, a revolutionary jewelry line geared towards ending STI transmission through handmade jewelry.

Noreen Colon, MS, is the Genesis Program Coordinator at HRHCare. She supervises case managers and assists individuals living with HIV to reduce barriers and improve their health outcomes. She has 30 years of experience working in the field of HIV.

Rick Cook is the Criminal Justice Initiative (CJI) Coordinator with the Bureau of Community Based Services, Division of HIV/STD/HCV in the NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute. He provides oversight for the administration of the 18 contracts with 12 Community Based Organizations (CBOs). Rick ensures contractors implement a prevention and support services portfolio that offers the best combination of evidenced based approaches targeted to key populations in priority geographic areas. He ensures the services align with AIDS Institute priorities and supports Ending the Epidemic goals. He works in close collaboration with New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (NYS DOCCS) health and transitional services staff to provide HIV/STD/HCV programs and services within all 52 NYS DOCCS correctional facilities. He oversees and monitors the outcomes and deliverables of these funded CBOs as they provided HIV/STD/HCV linkage and navigation services, peer education, trauma-informed and supportive services, and anonymous HIV testing.

Jacqueline Coral is from Colombia. She is 45 years old and has two daughters. She is a single mom and works in a bar in Queens as a waitress “mesera.” She is also a Promotora at Voces Latinas and is currently working on three campaigns: Zero Abuse Project, Liver Cancer awareness, and Community Promise.

Ivelisse Correa is the Women’s Program Coordinator at the Jack Martin Clinic within the Mount Sinai Institute of Advanced Medicine. During her 22-year career at Mount Sinai, she has served as a Community Liaison Worker, a Health Educator and a Patient Representative. In these roles, she provided psychosocial support services, educational counseling, and advocacy for underserved and at-risk patients. In her current role, she provides care coordination services, such as outreach, case management, crisis intervention and psychoeducation, for women living with HIV. She also provides programmatic services such as assessing and reevaluating eligibility for the Ryan White Part D grant program, identifying and implementing evidence interventions, as well as participating in Ryan White Part D continuous quality improvement efforts. Ivelisse resides in the East Harlem community she is so passionate about serving, along with her husband and daughter.

Matthew Crehan Higgins has worked in the fields of HIV, HCV, and LGBTQ health since 2002. He worked at the Erie County Medical Center’s Immunodeficiency Services in data entry, clinical education, medical social work, and program management. He was named one of the facility wide Employees of the Year in 2007. Beginning in 2004, he served as LGBTQ community liaison for the election campaign of Rep. Brian Higgins, D-NY26. As a playwright he has written or co-written six plays, all produced by Buffalo United Artists, including Confessions - the most honored offering at the 2004 National Gay and Lesbian Theatre Festival. Favorite onstage experiences include playing Ned Weeks in Larry Kramer’s landmark The Normal Heart and roles in F*cking Men, The Irish Curse, What I Did Last Summer, Secrets of the Trade, and Naked Boys Singing!. Currently AVP of Enhanced Medical Services at Evergreen Health, he oversees the agency’s work on HIV adherence, PrEP, HCV, and partner services. He was named to Buffalo Business First 40 under 40 in 2017 and can juggle, while at the same time eating an apple.
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Jennifer E. Cuffee-Wilson, a blood-member of the Shinnecock and Montauk Nations, is a Recovery Coach with Blossom Sustainable Development on the Shinnecock Nation Territory on Long Island New York. In 1977, Ms. Cuffee-Wilson graduated from Southampton High School and then attended SUNY Cobleskill Agricultural & Technical College and Suffolk County Community College. After leaving college, Ms. Cuffee-Wilson went on a journey that took her to California and back, working at different jobs and marriage. After many years of hard times, Ms. Cuffee-Wilson found help and has been in recovery since 1994. Ms. Cuffee-Wilson has worked for the American Indian Community House HIV/AIDS Project and currently works helping others each day fighting addictions.

Lex Curry, LMSW (they/them pronouns), is a queer, non-binary clinician at the Institute for Family Health. As a member of the COMPASS team, Lex provides ongoing mental health treatment to people living with HIV. Their research interests include trauma-informed care, LGBTQIA+ health, social justice, harm reduction, and crisis intervention. Lex received their MSW at Fordham University’s Graduate School of Social Service, and a BA from Skidmore College.

Demetra Daskalakis, MD, MPH, is the Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Disease Control of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. He received his medical degree from NYU School of Medicine and completed his residency training at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. He also completed a Clinical Infectious Disease fellowship at the Brigham and Women’s/Massachusetts General Hospital combined program. He received his Master of Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Daskalakis has been a career-long physician activist in the area of HIV treatment and prevention among LGBT people.

Sheldon Desouza is Vice President at Better World Advertising (BWA). He leads the HIV STOPS WITH ME campaign and has been Project Manager for many of BWA’s other social marketing initiatives, particularly those directed at LGBTQ and communities of color. He is also Vice Chairman of The Black Gay Men’s Network—a national brotherhood created to connect and address the specific concerns of African American and Latino MSM. In his spare time, he advocates for the ocean cleanup movement and volunteers as a Regional Coordinator for a Bahamas Hurricane Relief Initiative.

Elizabeth Deutsch is the Director of NY State and New England Community Mobilization at Housing Works. She joined Housing Works in 2018 after twenty-two years in nursing. The majority of her nursing career was in Emergency Medicine and Administration. She joined the Advocacy Department of Housing Works to use her knowledge of the health care system to make effective change in public health policy. Her primary focus is substance use disorder and homelessness for people living with HIV. Since joining Housing Works, Ms. Deutsch has testified before the Joint Health Care Committees of the New York State Legislature and the Vermont Senate hearings on reproductive health. She is responsible for recruiting and training volunteers for both state and federal health care policy initiatives.

Fanta Drame, BSPH, is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Associate Program (PHAP). She is assigned to the Office of Sexual Health and Epidemiology, AIDS Institute, for two years where she is engaged in a wide variety of projects including STI-related research and analysis, data visualization, and project management with specific focus on congenital syphilis, sexual and drug-related risk factors for persons diagnosed with early syphilis, and expedited partner therapy (EPT). Ms. Drame graduated from Syracuse University in 2017 with a B.S. in Public Health. Her dedication and passion for public health work led to her being named University Scholar and ranked #1 among the 2018’s public health majors. She has a special interest in global health, but more particularly maternal and child/infant health. She participated in a global health comparative program travelling from Washington D.C. to India to South Africa and, lastly, Brazil where she focused on maternal and child health. Before this, she worked with the CDC to analyze Liberia’s health and risk messaging during the 2014 Ebola epidemic. When Ms. Drame is not at work, she is a mentor for an 11th grade scholar, part of SEO (Sponsors for Educational Opportunities), and she is training to become a certified doula.

Sharen I. Duke, MPH, is the Executive Director/CEO for Alliance for Positive Change since its founding in 1990. At the forefront of efforts to end AIDS in NYS, the Alliance ensures broad access to HIV testing, treatment, and care. Alliance has pioneered model peer training and workforce development initiatives, creating opportunities for low-income New Yorkers with shared lived experiences to re-enter the workforce.

Melissa Alexis Dundas, MD, was born and raised in Ottawa, Canada, where she attended the University of Ottawa and obtained her Bachelor of Science with Honors with a Specialization in Biochemistry and Minor in Psychology. Following her career as a professionally trained dance instructor, she completed her medical degree at Medical University of the Americas in Nevis, West Indies. She completed her pediatric residency training at Staten Island University Hospital in New York City, where she held advocacy roles on both the resident wellness and annual program review committees. Dr. Dundas is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics with board certification in general pediatrics and a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. She is currently an adolescent medicine fellow at the University of Rochester Medical Center with specific interests in both reproductive and sexual health, and global adolescent health. She is developing a research project to understand the contraceptive health care needs of youth at high risk for commercial sexual exploitation in partnership with a local community organization. Dr. Dundas is an avid traveler, enjoys cooking, yoga, exploring the great outdoors, and marathons (in the form of Netflix).

Jason Edwards, MD, is an Internal Medicine Chief Resident at Erie County Medical Center with an interest in hepatitis C treatment and eradication. Dr. Edwards is passionate about finding novel approaches to linkage to care in disadvantaged and disenfranchised populations through community outreach.

Eugene Eppes has been working with the Re-Entry & Criminal Justice population since 2017. He has worked on Ryan White & CDC grants since 2014. He has been on the front line at The Alliance for Positive Change for six years. He currently attends St. Francis College where he is pursuing a degree in Public Health. He is committed to initiatives that promote wellness and that provide real opportunities for reintegration into society for the formerly incarcerated.

Janelle Eradiri (she/her pronouns) from Freeport, NY, is a sexual health educator at Ryan Health I NENA. Her duties consist of HIV testing and sexual education within the community and making PrEP and PEP more accessible to persons of underserved populations. She hopes to become a Nurse Practitioner, advocating and serving communities of color and LGBTQ+. She co-manages Sippin’ & Spillin’ alongside Omotayo Balogun.

Jerome Ernst, MD, is the Chief Medical Officer of Amida Care, a not-for-profit Medicaid health plan that specializes in providing comprehensive health coverage and coordinated care to New Yorkers with chronic conditions. Dr. Ernst served previously as the Medical Director of ACRIA and the Associate Director of Medicine, Chief of the Division of Pulmonary Diseases, and Director of the AIDS Program at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center. Dr. Ernst was previously an Associate Professor of Medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine and is a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and the American College of Chest Physicians. His recent publications include “The Impact of Comprehensive Case Management on HIV Client Outcomes,” PLOS ONE (February 2016), and “Hepatitis C Direct Acting Antiviral Therapies in a New York City HIV/AIDS Special Needs Plan: Uptake and Barriers,” AIDS Patient Care and STDs (November 2015).

Shirley Farmer-Tyner is a Haudenosaunee Native American from Six Nations Reservation Cayuga Nation, Wolf Clan, born and raised in Buffalo, NY. Ms. Farmer-Tyner has three children, Cassie (age 23), Marcus (age 22), and Elijah (age 20). Ms. Farmer-Tyner has worked in the field of HIV/AIDS since 1993 at various community-based organizations including Native American Community Services, American Indian Community House, and the AIDS Network of Western New York. Ms. Farmer-Tyner was a member of the Prevention Planning Group for the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) AIDS Institute for five years before serving with the Anonymous HIV Counseling and Testing program at the NYSDOH AIDS Institute beginning in April of 2006. Ms. Farmer-Tyner has been working in the Field Services Program as a Disease Intervention Specialist since integration.
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Charles Ferrusi, MPH, received his Masters of Public Health in Community Health from New York University. Charlie is employed at the New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute, as a Program Manager for the Retention and Adherence Program. In 2017, Charlie was accepted into the Human Rights Campaign Foundation’s HIV 360° Fellowship Program. Through this fellowship, Charlie founded The Link Project, an intergenerational LGBTQ program which fosters community building among LGBT people in the Hudson Valley. Charlie is the founder of the Columbia County Young Democrats and Fulton Stall Market CSA, and previously served on the Board of Directors for the Hudson Pride Foundation. Charlie is a founding Board Member of Outhudson, a volunteer-led LGBT non-profit organization in Columbia County, NY. Charlie is based in NYC and remains politically and socially active in the Hudson Valley.

Alexis Fields, MPH, is the manager of the FOCUS program within STAR (Special Treatment and Research) Health Center at Brookdale Hospital. STAR aims to routinize HIV and HCV testing and linkage to care. Ms. Fields has over a decade of experience in the private and public sector implementing, managing, and evaluating health initiatives ranging from diabetes prevention to Getting to Zero HIV.

Gina Gambone, MPH, is Program Manager for HIV care management services in the Quality Management and Technical Assistance Unit of the Care and Treatment Program of the Bureau of HIV at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Gina has over fifteen years of experience working in HIV prevention, supportive services, program evaluation, and grants management. In her current role, she manages the program of programmatic monitoring and technical assistance to agencies implementing Ryan White and Ending the Epidemic-funded programs to strengthen organizational capacity, reach high-priority populations, and deliver quality services to PLWH across the five boroughs. She works closely with internal and external partners to develop, implement, evaluate, and disseminate service delivery models for care coordination, prevention navigation, and supportive services. Prior to joining the health department over six years ago, Gina worked at The Alliance for Positive Change and Planned Parenthood Association of South Africa. She completed her MPH degree at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health while working as a research assistant with the Young Men’s Health Initiative.

Rebekah Glushefski, LMSW (she/her pronouns) is a macro social worker and serves as the Program Director for the Retention and Adherence Program at the Institute for Family Health. She is committed to advocacy, direct practice, research, and education and training initiatives that aim to improve client services and reduce health disparities. Rebekah holds a MSW degree from Hunter College’s Silberman School of Social Work.

Melinda Godfrey, MSN, received her Master’s Degree in Nursing from St. John Fisher College. In 2015, Ms. Godfrey began working in public health at the Monroe County STD Clinic. As a Nurse Practitioner, she provides education and counseling for at-risk patients and provides screening, treatment, and follow up of patients with STDs. Ms. Godfrey is also the Program Manager for the NYS Sexual Health Center of Excellence at the University of Rochester. This Clinical Education Initiative (CEI) grant provides clinical education for medical providers regarding STD, HIV, Drug User Health, and HCV. This role involves monitoring educational requests, coordinating training/speaking engagements, collecting needs assessment data, and monthly reporting to NYS.

Rebecca Goldberg has more than ten years of experience leading large-scale public health initiatives to strengthen the quality of care accessible to people who use drugs. After directing one of the largest harm reduction programs in NYC, her work became focused on workforce development. In 2017, she launched www.GrowingIntoPower.com, a website that helps women move up, earn more, and manage the modern office culture. Currently she serves as Opioid Program Manager at the NYS Department of Health, AIDS Institute, Office of Drug User Health. In 2019, Rebecca launched the first-of-its-kind dual fatal and nonfatal overdose follow-up program. Ms. Goldberg also oversees the Drug User Health Hubs, an innovative intervention to strengthen the capacities and reach of harm reduction programs across New York.

Zil Goldstein, FNP-BC, is the Associate Medical Director for Transgender and Gender Non-binary Health at the Callen-Lorde Community Health Center and an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medical Education at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Throughout her career, she has focused on improving health care and health care access for transgender and gender non-binary people and increasing access to primary care, hormone care, mental health care, and surgical services for the TGNB community. Working with the trans community for the past 15 years, she has founded multiple transgender medical programs and has had the opportunity to work with thousands of transgender patients in the primary care setting to support her patients in achieving optimal health.

Deborah Hanna has worked as the Initiative Director for HIV Legal Services Programs for over 20 years. Currently, Ms. Hanna leads the Legal Services for Individuals and Families Living with HIV & Family Stabilization Support Services program.

Rhonda Harris currently serves as the SVP of People Operations and Compliance for GMHC, where her daily focus is on continuous quality improvement for all people at GMHC, which includes clients, staff, interns, and volunteers. Rhonda remains passionate about the interconnectedness between people, process, growth and development. Trauma-Informed Care is one initiative that allowed her to generate organizational and interpersonal growth for all.

Pete Hill is a citizen of the Cayuga Nation, Heron Clan and the “All Our Relations” Coordinator/Special Initiatives Coordinator at Native American Community Services of Erie and Niagara Counties, Inc., where he has worked for 27 years addressing substance abuse, HIV, suicide, and many other health challenges impacting indigenous peoples and communities. Mr. Hill integrates Native cultural teachings into project design, strengths-based approaches, evaluation efforts, and cultural competency trainings to help the community to move beyond the impact of historical traumas. Mr. Hill is or has been active in several efforts and coalitions, including the Native American Ending the HIV Epidemic Advisory Group, National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, East Coast Two Spirit Society, Statewide Multicultural Advisory Committee for the New York State Office of Mental Health, HIV Prevention Planning Group, and the Trauma-Informed Care Coalition of Western New York. Mr. Hill strives to live by the cultural teachings he learned from his family, elders, mentors and teachers throughout his life and to contribute healing from historical traumas for the benefit of the Seventh Generation to come.

David Holtgrave, PhD, has served as the Dean of the School of Public Health, University at Albany, State University of New York, since March 2018. He is also appointed as a SUNY Empire Innovation Professor. From August 2005 through February 2018, Dr. Holtgrave served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Health, Behavior and Society at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In July 2017, he was appointed to hold the Inaugural Health, Behavior and Society Professorship (an endowed professorship). He also held joint appointments in the Johns Hopkins Schools of Medicine and Nursing. Dr. Holtgrave has worked extensively in the field of HIV prevention since 1991. His research has focused on the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of HIV prevention interventions and the translation of those study findings to HIV prevention policy. Dr. Holtgrave previously served as member and then Vice-Chair of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS during President Obama’s Administration, and testified before the U.S. House of Representatives during Representative Henry Waxman’s hearing on domestic HIV prevention in 2008.

Brad Hutton, MPH, received his Bachelor of Arts from Columbia University and his Masters of Public Health from the University at Albany School of Public Health, where he has also completed all requirements except the dissertation for a Ph.D. in epidemiology with concentrations in infectious disease and chronic disease epidemiology. He has been with the New York State Department of Health for 24 years and currently serves as the Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Public Health. As Deputy Commissioner for Public Health, Brad oversees the Centers for Community Health and Environmental Health, the AIDS Institute, the Wadsworth Center (the Department’s public health laboratory), and the Office of Health Emergency Preparedness and Office of Public Health Protection. Previously, he has directed the Department’s Center for Community Health, Bureau of Early Intervention, and its Cancer Services Program. He has served on several committees that advise the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on cancer control and also served on the Institute of Medicine’s Committee to Improve Mammography Quality. He also is the Commissioner’s Designee to the Drinking Water Quality Council, a new advisory body created in legislation in SFY 2017-18.
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Sharifa James, MS, is currently a Grant Program Manager at Brightpoint Health—a member of Hudson River Health Care. Ms. James leads the implementation of an intervention targeting HIV/AIDS health care outcomes through encouraging viral load suppression utilizing an incentive-based model. Ms. James has developed and implemented the NYCDOHMH-funded Undetectables Program at Brightpoint Health, which serves clients who encounter significant barriers to care and utilizes a multipronged approach to address these barriers in order to sustain or achieve viral suppression. Ms. James’ interests include providing services to underserved communities, which aim to address health disparities and disproportionate access to mental and physical health care resources. Ms. James earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Biology from Florida A&M University, and a Master’s Degree in Clinical Psychology from Columbia University. Ms. James has 13 years of experience working in the health care sector, with specific focus on substance use, mental health, and HIV/AIDS care.

Jasmine Javier has been employed with Urban Health Plan (UHP) since September 2015 starting as the Patient Engagement Outreach Worker and later promoted to the HIV Coordinator. Ms. Javier brings 10 years of diverse experience working in the public health and human/social services field at a variety of settings where she gained expertise in the areas of patient-centered and quality care, HIV primary care, counseling, testing and prevention, case management, performance improvement, and leadership. Mrs. Javier received her undergraduate degree with honors from Lehman College in Bronx, New York, and is currently continuing her education in the field of Nursing.

Donovan Jones is the Director of New York Knows at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Perry James Junjulas, MBA, is the Executive Director of the Albany Damien Center, a HIV+ peer-led agency in Albany, NY that provides HIV prevention and care services in a comfortable, drop-in environment. Since his AIDS diagnosis in 1995, Perry has worked to ensure a better quality of life for those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Perry served on the Governor’s ETE Task Force and serves on the AIDS Advisory Council’s ETE subcommittee.

Christine Kerr, MD, AAHIVS, is the Medical Director of HIV and Hepatitis Programs for Hudson River HealthCare. Dr. Kerr serves as the co-chair for the NYSDOH AIDS Institute’s Quality Advisory Committee, Hepatitis C Guidelines Committee, and the NYS Task Force for Hepatitis C Elimination.

Lynne Klasso-Foster, PhD, is a postdoctoral research fellow in the Center for Health Equity at the Brown University School of Public Health. Dr. Klasso-Foster’s research interests include understanding the underlying risk factors for social inequities in HIV incidence and developing behavioral interventions to reduce HIV risk for underserved populations. She received her PhD from the University at Buffalo School of Public Health and Health Professions in June 2019.

Samantha Koury is the Project Manager at the Institute on Trauma and Trauma-Infected Care (ITTC), part of the University at Buffalo School of Social Work. Samantha has four years of experience training Peers and Champions through ITTC’s contract with the NYSDOH AIDS Institute.

Kailin Kucewicz, MEng, has worked in the public health and health education field for the past two years. She earned her Master’s degree in Engineering in Technical Entrepreneurship from Lehigh University. Ms. Kucewicz currently works as a Peer Mentor Supervisor and Health Educator in Western New York under the NYS Comprehensive Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention initiative. She also sits on the Board of Directors for B Team, a volunteer organization in Buffalo, NY, a non-profit organization led by young professionals dedicated to promoting a lasting sense of civic pride in the Greater Buffalo area.

Natalie M. Leblanc, PhD, MPH, RN, BSN, is a tenure track Assistant Professor of HIV Prevention Science at the University of Rochester School of Nursing. Dr. Leblanc is also a Visiting Faculty Fellow at Yale University’s Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (REIDS) Program. Dr. Leblanc has an academic and didactic background in the fields of public health, nursing, and health research. Dr. Leblanc’s research focuses on sexual health promotion, specifically contextualizing the heightened susceptibility to HIV transmission among marginalized populations, such as persons of color, and non-heteronormative populations, such as men of color who have sex with men, and investigating the interpersonal relationships (e.g., couples, intimate partners, provider-patient dyads) within community and clinical environments that can be leveraged to achieve health equity in sexual health and wellness. Within the past five years, she has pioneered research that investigates U.S. health providers’ perspectives and practices in couple-centered HIV prevention and treatment.

Jennifer Lee got her bachelor’s degree in Criminology and Psychology at University of Ottawa. She worked with homeless populations and individuals discharged from incarceration for three years and did crisis intervention and case management work with domestic violence survivors for one year prior to working at ACR Health. She has done work in the Elmira, Watertown, and Oneida Hubs throughout three years with the Criminal Justice Initiative. Working with such a wide variety of vulnerable populations has been both challenging and fulfilling.

Jennifer E. Lee, MPH, PhD Candidate, has had a diverse career as an educator, activist, grassroots organizer, community mobilizer, and public health leader and champion in ending health disparities, inequities, and the HIV epidemic. Ms. Lee currently serves as the Manager of Special Programs for the HRSA Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Center for Quality Improvement and Innovation (CQII), a program of the AIDS Institute at the NYSDOH. She also currently serves as the Social Determinants Co-Chair Leader for the AIDS Institute HIV Advisory Board and has been at the forefront of leading as Co-Chair for several community coalitions including ETE workgroups, Brooklyn Knows, THRIVE, and the Women’s Advisory Board (WAB) for the NYCDOHMH. Her lived experience is deeply rooted in community organizing, activism and direct action addressing the social, cultural, political, and economic determinants that underpin health. She is a NASTAD Minority Leadership Fellow of the 2019 Cohort and was awarded the Adwele Troutman Health Equity and Social Justice Scholars Award by the CUNY Institute for Health Equity. She is dedicated to making an impact on the world by addressing health inequities, disparities, human rights, and social determinants of health in diverse communities.

Michelle Lopez is a Healthy Aging Specialist for the Gay Men’s Health Crisis Center (GMHC), for ACRIA Sexual Health with Seniors. Ms. Lopez also serves as the Community Coordinator for the National Resource Center on HIV and aging. Additionally, Ms. Lopez provides sexual health education to seniors at senior centers and residential facilities for seniors. Ms. Lopez also serves as a PrEP and PEP Educator for staff and seniors at several senior centers throughout New York City.

Nelly Maina, MPH, is a public health professional with nine years of experience working in domestic and global public health settings. She received her Masters from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University in 2017. She is passionate about addressing health disparities. She currently works at GMHC, where she is a director of Technical Assistance and Research. She is currently pursuing a DrPH in Epidemiology at SUNY Downstate.

John Massarotti, RN, began his career with the NYS Department of Corrections in 2007. He started as a Nurse 2 at Mid-State Correctional Facility. John was the surgical coordinator responsible for inmates going out for procedures and ensuring all pre-testing and post-op orders were completed. John then became a Senior Utilization Review Nurse (SURN) for Central Office in 2012. He was the Discharge Planner for inmates at the Albany Medical Secure unit as well as Mount Vernon and Putnam hospitals. He also was assigned to numerous correctional facilities where he would conduct chart reviews and attend quarterly quality improvement meetings. John became a Discharge Planning SURN in 2017. He serves as an integral member of an interdisciplinary discharge planning team. John has great communication skills and is driven to provide medical care continuity for inmates being released back into the community. Prior to his service with the NYS Department of Corrections, John worked as a Registered Nurse for St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center from 2004 to 2007. He worked as an Oncology Nurse and was given an award for going above and beyond patient expectations.

Lisa Matthews, EdD, MPH, is the Director of Programs at the National Black Leadership Commission on Health, Inc. (NBLC). She has over 14 years of experience specializing in minority health with interest in promoting health literacy, social justice, and civic engagement within marginalized communities. She has published in the domains of public health and biomedical informatics, with a focus on HIV and health literacy. In 2018, Dr. Matthews was appointed to the position of Director of Programs at NBLC, where she oversees New York City Programs with an emphasis on the New York City Council HIV Outreach Enhancement: Faith-Based Initiative. This initiative provides HIV prevention education and capacity building to faith-based organizations across the five boroughs of New York City. Dr. Matthews received her doctorate in Health Education and Master’s
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Victwan McCorkle, CPW, is a New York State Certified Peer Worker and a Health Navigator at Amida Care, a not-for-profit Medicaid health plan that specializes in providing comprehensive health coverage and coordinated care to New Yorkers with chronic conditions. Victwan is a member of the New York State Peer Certification Review Board, which reviews and certifies applications for the New York State Peer Worker Certification Program. He is also a member of Considering Work, a workgroup responsible for the annual Career Power Source career fair that connects New York City’s hardest to reach populations with valuable employment-related resources.

Anna McEvoy is a senior at Bard College studying biology and global public health. She is interested in understanding health disparities among medically underserved populations. She has worked in a variety of capacities, both in New York and her home state of Montana, trying to bridge gaps in both access to and quality of care.

Peter McGrath, MPH, has been The Center for Community Practice (CCP) Program Manager for the past 12 years. Mr. McGrath is responsible for program management of all services provided under the current CDC-funded Capacity Building Assistance Provider (CBA) award. Over 25 years of public health and professional training/TA experience include: supervision of Monroe County Department of Public Health’s Partner Services program and daily STD control and surveillance operations; providing HIV testing and HIV/STD risk reduction intervention services; coordination of national CDC HIV Training/TA grants; providing training, TOTS, and tailored TA including materials and curriculum development for services to organizations in NYS and nationally.

Phillip Miner is the Director of Grants and Communications for Apicha Community Health Center where he creates and implements communications strategies that increase public health awareness and navigate people to needed resources to improve health outcomes. Mr. Miner has a master’s degree in Digital Communications for NonProfits from the University of Minnesota and has presented at the United States Conference on AIDS and Community Health Center Association of New York State (CHCANYS) Statewide Conference & Clinical Forum.

Mark Misrok, MS Ed, is the Executive Director of the National Working Positive Coalition and has been living with HIV for 35 years. He has worked for 25 years providing direct services, capacity building assistance, and advocacy to strengthen responses to employment needs of people living with or at greater vulnerability to HIV.

Carlos N. Molina is an activist, community educator and artist with 25 years of experience working for the HIV, Latino/People of Color (POC), and LGBTQ communities. Carlos N. was the editor of SIDAhora, the first AIDS magazine in Spanish. Currently, he is the editor-in-chief of Amida Care, the largest Medicaid Special Needs Plan (SNP) in New York. He was a leadership trainer for National LLEGO, the Latino LGBTQ organization based in D.C., and the Latino gay men program director at HAF in NYC. He has a degree in mathematics and computer science from the University of Puerto Rico and studied fashion in Paris. As an artist, he is a published author, and his artwork has been exhibited internationally.

Ivan Monforte is trained formally as an artist. Ivan Monforte is currently the Community Co-chair of the NYC HIV Planning Group, and the Coordinator of HIV Services at The Door in Soho. He has worked in HIV prevention education in NYC since 2005, with an emphasis on marginalized people, including adolescents, homeless, and drug-using populations.

Jorge R. Montes-Altamar graduated with a computer engineering degree in Peru in 2000. In November 2010, Mr. Montes-Altamar began involvement with several support groups for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) as a volunteer. In April 2012, he started a full-time job as Health Educator with the AIDS Center of Queens County (ACQC), primarily working with the MSM (men who have sex with men) community. Additionally, Mr. Montes-Altamar worked in ACQC’s Behavioral Health program as Supervisor for PLWHA and then was promoted to Senior Health Educator for the LGBT health program. In 2017, he launched a YouTube channel to educate the Latinx community on topics like HIV/STD prevention and living with HIV/AIDS in Spanish. In July 2018, he was hired at Northwell Health’s Center for AIDS Research and Treatment (CART) program as an Outreach worker.

Lissette Moreno, MD, is a physician currently working on the NYSDOH AIDS Institute-funded Rapid Initiation of Antiretroviral (RITA) program as Health Project Coordinator at the University of Rochester’s OB/GYN Department. The RITA program aims to help create awareness among primary care providers and implement the new guidelines on Rapid Initiation of Antiretroviral Therapy. Dr. Moreno attended medical school at American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine. Originally from Florida, Dr. Moreno developed a passion for public health after many clinical rotations in the diverse populations of Miami, the island of St. Maarten, as well as elective rotations in Bronx, Louisiana, and Maryland.

Johanne Morne, MS, currently serves as Director of the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute. Ms. Morne has been with the AIDS Institute for more than 12 years. The AIDS Institute was created in 1983 to coordinate the State’s overall response to the HIV epidemic. The AIDS Institute has a broad mission including hepatitis and sexually transmitted disease (STD) services, surveillance, drug user health, and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) health and human services. Ms. Morne’s leadership has advanced the State’s Ending the Epidemic initiative and the Hepatitis C Elimination campaign. Her direction of deliberations related to Undetectable-Untransmittable led the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to sign on to the U=U consensus statement. The NYSDOH was the first state health department to do so. Ms. Morne has served as a board member of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) and has served as Board Chair since May 2019. In 2019, Ms. Morne was appointed to the CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee (CHAC) on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STD Prevention and Treatment. The CHAC advises the HHS Secretary, the CDC Director, and the HRSA Administrator on objectives, strategies, policies, and priorities for HIV, viral hepatitis, and STD prevention and treatment efforts.

Roland Morrelo is the chairperson for HRHCare’s Consumer Advisory Board. He has been employed globally as a mechanical engineer for 28 years, which has provided him with a global perspective on HIV.

Harrison Moss has over six years of experience planning, implementing, and evaluating public health programs. He currently serves as Coordinator of Acute and Chronic Care with the NYSDOH AIDS Institute’s Office of Medicaid Policy and Health Care Financing. As a musician, Harrison has played piano since he was a child. Harrison has played professionally at weddings and nursing homes. You can listen to more of his music at: www.facebook.com/harrisonmossmusic.

LaRon E. Nelson, PhD, RN, FNP, FNAP, FAAN, is the Associate Dean of Global Health and Equity and the Independence Foundation Associate Professor at Yale School of Nursing. Dr. Nelson holds the OHTN HIV Research Chair in Implementation Science with Black Communities at St. Michael’s Hospital Centre for Urban Health Solutions in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Nelson co-chairs HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN) 096, a community-randomized trial to test an integrated, HIV status-neutral, population-level health equity approach to reducing HIV incidence among Black MSM in the American South. He was the lead implementation scientist on HPTN 073, where he led the development of the client-centered care coordination model that was used to support PrEP for Black MSM. He is currently leading an NIH-funded randomized controlled trial of a multi-level intersectional stigma-reduction intervention to improve HIV testing among MSM in Ghana. He is a founding member of the Black Gay Research Group and is currently the HPTN Black Caucus representative to the AMP Study (HVTN 703/HPTN 081 and HVTN 704/HPTN 085) protocol teams.

Amy Newton, MPH, is a public health professional with extensive experience in quality management, performance measurement, and value-based care. She currently works as the Senior Quality Improvement Manager with Mount Sinai’s Institute for Advanced Medicine. She is responsible for managing the development, implementation, and evaluation of quality improvement and value-based payment initiatives across five HIV primary care practices. Amy received both her Master of Public Health and Bachelor of Science from the University of Florida. Her passion is improving access to quality health care and reducing health disparities for underserved populations.
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AJ Neyerrin will graduate from the Crane School of Music in 2020, with bachelor's degrees in music education and tuba performance. In addition to working with children in school settings, AJ is a respite worker for young children with autism. Through this work, AJ became interested in advocacy on a broader scale and served as an intern at the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute. After graduation, AJ aspires to work in public health and pursue music in the community.

Rachel O'Sullivan has worked in reproductive justice and sexual health for 10 years. She has worked in a variety of spaces from college campuses, to sexual health clinics, to birthing centers. Rachel currently works for Mount Sinai Beth Israel where she manages a program for people living with HIV. Rachel is invested in integrating policy work into clinical spaces and has consistently looked for civic engagement opportunities for her patients. She is currently the community co-chair elect for the HIV Planning Group and is particularly passionate about amplifying community voices within governmental bodies.

Les Pappas, MPA, has 35 years professional experience in social marketing and has created and implemented hundreds of public education campaigns. Mr. Pappas received a BA from Clark University and an MPA from the University of San Francisco. He has served on numerous boards and committees, including the San Francisco HIV Prevention Planning Council, Health Initiatives for Youth (HIFY), Tenderloin Health, and Family Builders (current board president). During his ten years creating educational campaigns at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation (1984-1994), he was responsible for groundbreaking campaigns which were featured on CNN, in Time Magazine, and in numerous other national and international media. In 1996, Mr. Pappas founded Better World Advertising (BWA). BWA was established to provide high quality, cost-effective social marketing and issue advertising services to non-profit community-based organizations, educational institutions and government agencies who are committed to advancing initiatives in the areas of public health and social welfare. Examples of work can be viewed at www.socialmarketing.com.

Monica Parker, PhD, is Laboratory Chief for Bloodborne and Parasitic Diseases and Director of the Bloodborne Viruses Laboratory at the NYSDOH’s Wadsworth Center. Dr. Parker’s laboratory serves as New York State’s public health reference laboratory for HIV and hepatitis C virus (HCV). The Bloodborne Viruses Laboratory offers several specialized testing services that are not routinely available elsewhere, including the Pediatric HIV Testing Service, HIV-2 viral load testing, and dried blood spot confirmatory testing for HIV and HCV rapid testing programs. Dr. Parker’s research interests include developing new laboratory methods to improve diagnosis, clinical management and surveillance of HIV and Hepatitis C. She assists with public health investigations involving bloodborne virus transmission and collaborates with clinical investigators and epidemiologists on a variety of research projects. Dr. Parker also serves as a subject matter expert for the NYSDOH’s laboratory regulatory programs and has contributed to numerous state and national recommendations, guidance documents, and educational programs related to HIV/AIDS and hepatitis C testing and reporting.

Scott Petersen, LMSW, is a licensed social worker currently working with Northwell Health’s Center for AIDS Research and Treatment as the Program Improvement Coordinator. He began his work as an HIV tester and counselor with a Long Island HIV non-profit. After receiving his LMSW, he began working at Pride for Youth, providing counseling, supervising the Youth Health Advocate program, and mobilizing Long Island around the ETE initiative through media campaigns, events, and coalition building. He is a former Co-Chair of the Nassau County ETE Committee and currently sits as a member of the NYS HIV Advisory Body. Additionally, he has provided a multitude of trainings around LGBTQ cultural relevancy, HIV and sexual health, and understanding the U=U message. Scott received his BA in Psychology from Stony Brook University in 2013 and his MSW from Stony Brook University in 2015. Outside of his full-time work, he is an Adjunct Professor of Social Work with Nassau Community College.

Nadia S. Pizarro is Homeless Services Director for BestSelf Behavioral Health, co-chair of the Western New York (WNY) Coalition for the Homeless, a member of its Code Blue Collaborative, chair of its Youth Task Force, and Board Member of the Homeless Alliance of WNY. Ms. Pizarro has been a Community Health Worker, advocate and activist for over 10 years, specializing in homelessness, mental illness, HIV, and trauma-informed care. She co-produced the video, “Hidden Homeless,” telling the stories of homeless youth in WNY, co-wrote a position paper on the link between HIV and homelessness, and founded Hip Hop for Homeless and the “Be Counted” Homeless Youth Count. She has assisted in WNY efforts that ended Veterans’ Homelessness in 2016 and seek to end chronic homelessness. Her dream is to help end youth homelessness by 2020.

Sarahmona Prybylawa, PhD, MPH, is a public health interventionist with training in HIV/STI prevention, substance use, and mixed methods research. She completed a NIH predoctoral fellowship in HIV/STD prevention at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a postdoctoral fellowship in alcohol etiology and treatment at the Research Institute on Addictions. Dr. Prybylawa is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Community Health and Health Behavior and assistant dean/director of undergraduate public health programs at the University at Buffalo School of Public Health and Health Professions.

Shruti Ramachandran, MPH, MD, is the Director of Quality Management and Evaluation for Mount Sinai’s Institute for Advanced Medicine and leads strategic planning and quality improvement of population health strategies as the Institute expands into value-based care. She also oversees monitoring and evaluation of clinical initiatives and grant programs. Shruti previously served as Director of Technical Assistance for HIV prevention programming at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Early in her career, she completed a fellowship program with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with a focus on performance management, inclusive of quality improvement, program monitoring, and evaluation.

Marisol Ramirez began her work as a leader and activist for the rights of the LGBT community in her native country, Colombia. She arrived in the United States as an immigrant “Mojada” in 1993. Due to her personal experience as an undocumented individual, she understands the realities and the needs of the immigrant community. In 2007, she joined Voces Latinas as a Promotora where she outreach and provided social support to women experiencing violence and who were at high risk for HIV. Since then, Marisol dedicated her life to educating and empowering the Latino Community on issues such as HIV and Domestic Violence. During her time as a Promotora, she learned about HIV testing and outreach and subsequently was hired as the Outreach Specialist in 2010. In 2013, she was promoted to Sr. Outreach Specialist. Currently Marisol works in different programs such as Community Mobilization and HIV Testing and Outreach. She recruited non-traditional venues in Jackson Heights/Corona to take part in being an HIV educator in the community. With Marisol’s leadership, over 180 venues have gotten involved in community mobilization since 2013. Her main goal is to become a social worker in order to help people in the USA and in Colombia. Marisol is married and has three amazing children. Her life experience has laid the foundation to work with kindness and love while remaining humble.

Luciano Reberte self-identifies as a Latino gay Immigrant. Originally from Cordoba, Argentina, Mr. Reberte moved to New York City in 2010. Currently, he works as the Director of the New York State Latino Gay and Bisexual Men’s Initiatives at the Latino Commission on AIDS, leading the Reunion Latino Training Institute and the NYS Latino Gay and Bisexual Men’s Initiatives. Mr. Reberte participated in several opportunities as a speaker at the United States Conference on AIDS, National HIV Prevention Conference, NYS Ending the Epidemic Summit, and has had leadership roles on the NYS Latino Gay Bisexual Men Ending the Epidemic Implementation Strategies, NYC Latino Gay and Bisexual Men’s Immigrant Sexual Health, National HIV Ambassador for Viiv Healthcare, and NYC World AIDS Day Organizing Committee.

Lisa Reid, LCSW, is the AVP of Care Management at HRHCare. She has over 25 years of experience providing clinical and administrative services and program development. She currently oversees HRHCare’s support services for HIV, PrEP and Medication Assisted Treatment throughout the Hudson Valley and LI.

Annie Ristuccia, MPH, is a program coordinator for the New York State PEP Hotline at Mount Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine, where she is responsible for the rollout of a statewide hotline to improve access to PEP. Prior to joining Mount Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine, Annie spent the last two years as a program coordinator for the transgender health program and HIV prevention services at Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center. Annie has also contributed to LGBT+ health research through her work as a research assistant at the Center for Health, Identity, Behavior and Prevention Studies. Annie holds a Master of Public Health from New York University.
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Cristina Rodriguez-Hart, PhD, MPH, is passionate about improving the wellbeing of populations facing a disproportionate burden of HIV/STIs and advocating for social justice principles, public health innovation, and high-quality research within public health institutions. Originally from Los Angeles, CA, Cristina received her MPH from UCLA and her PhD from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Cristina has done research and programmatic work with adult film performers in Los Angeles, sex workers in Nepal, and she implemented new mHealth procedures within public STI clinics in Florida in order to deliver STI test results via text message. Her PhD work focused on how homophobia is linked to poorer mental health and increased HIV and STIs among sexual and gender minorities in Nigeria. Currently, she is serving as the HIV Epi Liaison within the HIV Surveillance Unit at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. In that role, she analyzes data on new HIV diagnoses and HIV care outcomes and presents this data in the community to assist providers and community members with their HIV planning needs. She is also a subject matter expert on stigma for the Bureau of HIV/AIDS.

Eli Rosenberg, PhD, is an associate professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University at Albany School of Public Health in New York. His areas of expertise are in epidemiological and modeling studies and surveillance of HIV, STI, and viral hepatitis among MSM and persons who inject drugs, in collaboration with New York State Department of Health, CDC, and academic partners.

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