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Welcome to the 15th Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Summit!

I hope this day provides each of you with something that is personally meaningful — whether inspirational, reassuring, informational, practical or all of the above. At the same time, I believe this Summit will allow all women's voices to be heard.

Listen and you will hear the clear, distinct, and strong voices of women affected in some way by HIV/AIDS.

Our theme "Across the Lifespan: From Prevention to Aging" is more meaningful today than ever. Today is a gathering like no other in New York City or anywhere on the East Coast. United by our common interests to end the epidemic, we know this cannot be done without the voices of everyone at the table. This unique summit brings together people living with HIV/ AIDS, caregivers, medical professionals, policy makers, researchers, and activists to ensure all voices are heard equally.

Twelve breakout sessions will offer lessons on subjects as far-ranging as storytelling, sexuality, and health literacy. We are also excited to hear from several speakers during today's plenaries, including Dr. Camara P. Jones, MD, MPH, PhD, Adjunct Professor, Morehouse School of Medicine. Dr. Jones's keynote address will explore HIV/AIDS and the effects of anti-racism in healthcare.

This year's Summit, as in years past, will provide the opportunity to celebrate champions among us who use their voices and activism to lift others. I am so glad that you will help us honor Dawn Averitt, Lillibeth Gonzalez, and Octavia Lewis. Each reminds us that this is our time to use our voices to let all of our thoughts be known. Despite discouraging headlines and in spite of any uncertainties we may face individually or as a society, our honorees show us how we can use our voices to help ourselves and others.

There is a long list of individuals to thank for making today possible. There are our speakers, our workshop facilitators, Iris House staff and volunteers, as well as our very generous sponsors who are listed in this journal. However, at the core of this event is each of you. Whatever your connection to this cause, it is your voice and your personal story that needs to be heard.

While I know today's sessions will certainly inform, I also know that the conversations and hugs in between the sessions, as well as the relationships that form are even more critical as we plot a path to end this epidemic. Today and as we move forward lets ensure our thoughts and our voices are heard because it's our time.

Thank you for being here today and participating in our 15th Summit.



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PHOTOGRAPHY NOTICE

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The 15th Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Virtual Summit Program

Monday, October 5th, 2020

11:00 AM—6:00 PM

11:00 AM Opening Remarks

Ingrid Floyd, Executive Director, Iris House

Morning Plenary Session

11:15 AM Update on Women, Girls and HIV including the impact of COVID-19

Anisha Gandhi PhD, MPH, Assistant Commisioner, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

11:45 AM "Why Us? Why Now? Anti-Racism for the Long Haul"

Dr. Camara P. Jones, MD, MPH, PhD; Morehouse School of Medicine

Afternoon Plenary Session

1:00 PM "Across the Lifespan from Prevention to Aging"

Panel discussion hosted by Gina Brown, MD; Panelists - Connie Johnson, Nala Toussaint, Raven Lopez and Waheedah Shabazz-El

2:00 PM Recognizing our Honorees - Women in the Fight Against HIV

15-minute wellness break with entertainment

2:30 PM Breakout Session I

Developing a Comprehensive Health Program for Women of Transgender Experience at Elevated Risk for HIV

Alister Rubenstein, BS, Transgender Health Program Manager, Amida Care; Mary Malek, PharmD, Senior Clinical Pharmacist, Amida Care; Monique Mackey, Senior Community Health Outreach Worker, Amida Care

Immigrant Latina "Meseras" take PrEP

Nathaly Rubio-Torio, Executive Director, Voces Latinas Marisol Ramirez, Outreach Specialist, Voces Latinas Jaqueline Coral, Promotora, Voces Latinas Ivettlisse Velandia, Promotora, Voces Latinas

Intention, Possibility, and Progress: Facilitating Positive Health Outcomes for Women of Color Living with HIV, NYSDOH, AIDS Institute

Johanne Morne, Director Laura J. Trolio, OPCA Initiatives Manager, Office of Planning and Community Affairs Jasán M. Ward, Program Coordinator, Office of Planning and Community Affairs Nkechi Oguagha, Director, Bureau of Special Populations All presenters represent the New York State Department of Health. AIDS Institute

The Influence of Words and Movement is Medicine

Hassan Yasin, Founder/CEO of Giant Thinking & Bar-Tendaz, Artie Hughes and Maria Davis

The Wellness Community at Hyacinth (TWCH)

Johanne Rateau, Director of Regional Services and Rosalind Ford, MSW, LCSW, LCADC, Director of Behavioral Health, Hyacinth

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For a full description of today's sessions, please visit http://www.irishouse.org/the-15th-annual-women-as-the-face-of-aids-summit.html

3:45 PM Breakout Session II

Exploring Paths to Sustained Viral Load Suppression for Women in New York City Living with HIV: An Epidemiological Analysis Using Data from the CHAIN Cohort Study

Dr. Angela Aidala, Associate Research Scientist in the Department of Sociomedical

Sciences* Maiko Yomogida, Senior Staff Associate in the Department of Sociomedical Sciences* Dr. Mary Ann Chiasson, Professor of Clinical Epidemiology* Erin Harned* *Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

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Latinas and HIV Prevention-The Untold Stories of Strength and Resilience

Ofelia Barrios, Senior Director of Community Health Initiatives, Iris House; Nathaly Rubio-Torio, Executive Director, Voces Latinas

Looking Beyond Viral Suppression: The Importance of Building Community Support and Self- Care

Krista Martel, Executive Director, The Well Project, Kimberly Canady and Evelyn Scalice

S.H.E (Sexual Health Education) Comes First

Stephanie Antoine, Prevention Program Manager, Hyacinth AIDS Foundation

Trauma . . . Not Drama!

Shayra Vega, CASAC 2, Assistant Director, Recovery & Wellness Center - Exponents and Dana Diamond, CASAC 2, Director of Health Services - Exponents

Teens, Young Adults and HIV Education: Hear it Directly

Crystal Mitchell, Iris House and Audria Russell, Iris House and Young Adults from Job Corps

4:45 PM Virtual Exhibit Hall

A virtual exhibit hall will be held featuring sponsors. All sponsors will have the opportunity to present for 3-4 minutes on their organization and its services.

Full Program and FREE Registration are available at www.irishouse.org.

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PLENARY SPEAKERS

Anisha Gandhi, PhD, MPH, is the Acting Assistant Commissioner for the New York City Health Department's Bureau of HIV, where she oversees New York City's response to the HIV epidemic. She also serves as the Bureau's Director of Racial Equity and Social Justice Initiatives, leading efforts to embed a racial equity lens across research, programmatic, capacity building, and evaluation activities, and to advance workforce equity within the Bureau. As an infectious disease epidemiologist and public health practitioner, she has developed and implemented innovative programs and research initiatives to identify and address inequities in HIV and STI testing, prevention, and care among Black, Latino, immigrant, and LGBTQ+ communities and among individuals engaged in sex work. Dr. Gandhi received her undergraduate and Master of Public Health degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, her doctoral degree in Epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies at Columbia University and the New York State Psychiatric Institute.



Camara Phyllis Jones, MD, MPH, PhD is a family physician and epidemiologist whose work focuses on the impacts of racism on the health and well-being of the nation. She seeks to broaden the national health debate to include not only universal access to high quality health care, but also attention to the social determinants of health (including poverty) and the social determinants of equity (including racism). As a social epidemiologist, her work on "race"-associated differences in health outcomes goes beyond documenting those differences to vigorously investigating the structural causes of the differences. She hopes through her work to initiate a national conversation on racism that will eventually lead to a National Campaign Against Racism.

Dr. Jones is currently a Senior Fellow at the Satcher Health Leadership Institute, an Adjunct Professor at the Rollins School of Public Health, and an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Morehouse School of Medicine. She was an Assistant Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health from 1994 to 2000 before being recruited to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a Medical Officer in 2000. Her many honors include the Wellesley Alumnae Achievement Award (Wellesley College's highest alumnae honor, 2018), the John Snow Award ("for distinquished service to the health of the public through outstanding contributions to epidemiology," Epidemiology Section, American Public Health Association, 2011) and the Chanchlani Global Health Research Award (McMaster University, 2019). Dr. Jones received her BA in Molecular Biology from Wellesley College, her MD from the Stanford University School of Medicine, and both her Master of Public Health and her PhD in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health.



Gina Brown, MD, is an obstetrician and gynecologist, joined the NIH Office of AIDS Research (OAR) as a medical officer to manage microbicides and women's and girl's research issues. Prior, she served as the chair of the NIH Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council (OARAC) for 2004 and has chaired the OAR Women and Girls working group. Dr. Brown also was the maternal-fetal specialist at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and was an assistant professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. There she was a member of the Department of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Columbia and served as the women's health director of the Women and Children Care Center at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, a clinic that provides comprehensive care for HIV positive women and their families. At the Center, she also was a co-investigator for the Women and Infant's Transmission Study (WITS) and the Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group (PACTG).

Dr. Brown is a graduate of Harvard University and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. She received her ob/gvn training at Harlem Hospital Center and completed fellowships in Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Surgical-Anesthesia Critical Care at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

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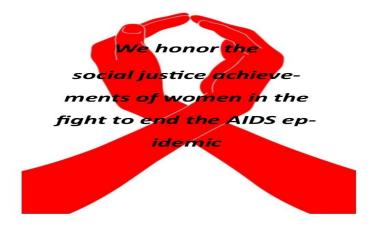
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OUR HONOREES



Dawn Averitt began working in the HIV/AIDS arena in 1993, after being diagnosed with HIV in 1988. In addition to being the mother of 3 daughters, she has founded two non-profit organizations, WISE (Women's Information Service and Exchange) in 1995 and The Well Project (www.thewellproject.org) in 2002, to improve the lives of women living with HIV and AIDS. As a social justice advocate for people living with HIV and AIDS, Dawn also launched a think tank in 2003 now called the Women's Research Initiative on HIV/AIDS (WRI) which drives "more, better, faster" research in women and has been responsible for many notable achievements such as facilitating the GRACE Study, building network collaborations, guiding FDA labeling decisions, and shaping research and policy priorities at the NIH. In the past 25+ years, she has developed programs to increase awareness, accelerate testing, provide access to treatment, disseminate information and expand clinical trials. Dawn has also served as a member of the Perinatal HIV Guidelines Committee from 2007-2012, the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council (OARAC) from 2008-2012, two terms on the scientific program committee for CROI, as well as served two terms on the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA) from 2010-2015 during the Obama administration.



Lillibeth Gonzalez is a 65-year-old Latinx mother raised in the Lower East Side. She was the youngest of 4 and had to endure the loss of her 3 siblings due to AIDS related complications. With all the loss she never imagined it would prepare her for what she would come to know that she too was diagnosed with AIDS 28 years ago (1992). Lillibeth was determined to take a leadership role and pass the information on to others living with HIV and the vulnerable population.

Lillibeth works at GMHC as a Community Health Educator for the past 14 years. She is the Creator of the group "Thriving at 50 and Beyond" for people over the age of 50 living with HIV and Aging. She is affiliated with NMAC, PWN-USA- NYC, Sister Love Inc. 2020, ACRIA. Lillibeth develops and executes community forums to help assist woman make wise choices regarding their sexual health, partner discussions/ disclosure, HIV/AIDS, HIV and Aging, U=U, PrEP, PEP, STI's, Domestic Violence. HIV has given her a purpose to LIVE and inspire others to self-care and longevity.



Octavia Y. Lewis, MPA is an Activist, Advocate, Humanitarian, Mother and Scholar. Octavia is the Transgender Health Coordinator for the TransWellness Centers at Montefiore, which specializes in a holistic approach to healthcare for TGNC people in the Bronx and Beyond. She understands the many nuances and intersectionality's of the World in which she exists and therefore aligns herself with those who are in agreeance for the betterment of the TGNB Community.

That is why she is a Board Member of PWN-USA (Positive Women Network-USA), Positively Trans Advisory Board Member, Board Member for the Center of Transgender Excellence at UCSF and a Member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women-Manhattan Chapter. She is a current student at Bronx Community College, where she is pursuing a degree in Nursing. Her mentor, Avery Wyatt, MPH taught her "That People Do Not Care How Much You Know, Until They Know How Much You Care".

PANEL SPEAKERS



Connie L. Johnson is an author, inspirational speaker, community educator and long-term AIDS survivor. She is dedicated to eradicating negative HIV/AIDS related stigma and helping women and girls realize their optimum potential. Connie uses her voice as a blogger for *A Girl Like Me*, a blog sponsored by The Well Project. Connie began public speaking in 2009. Since then, she has graced stages around the world as the keynote speaker at numerous conferences and other HIV/AIDS



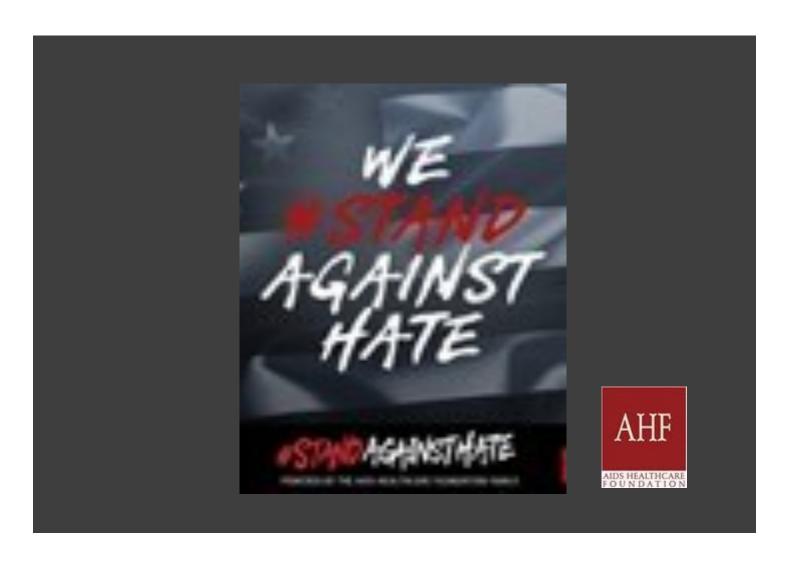
Nala Toussaint - With a background in grassroots activism and community building, Nala works with organizations to spark impactful change through policy, activism, and education. Through shared humanity, she challenges notions of inclusivity and diversity to expand gender, racial, and economic equity at the corporate and executive evels.



Raven Lopez was born HIV-positive after her mother, HIV/AIDS advocate and care coordinator **Michelle Lopez**, was infected. Raven grew up knowing her status. The experience enabled her to gain her voice, sharing her experience on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, at an AIDS Walk in 1999 at age 9, and through other outlets. The stigma she faced early in life, especially at school, was daunting. HIV does not control me - I control HIV!



Waheedah Shabazz-EI is an African American Muslim woman and retired postal worker who was diagnosed with AIDS in 2003. She serves as a board member for Law Project of PA, Steering Committee Member for U=U and advisory board member for Sero-Project. She is employed by Phila FIGHT as its Goodwill Ambassador. Waheedah is a founding member of Positive Women's Network – USA. Currently, Waheedah is the Interim Program Director for The Reunion Project where she is leading an HIV Long-Term Survivor Alliance.











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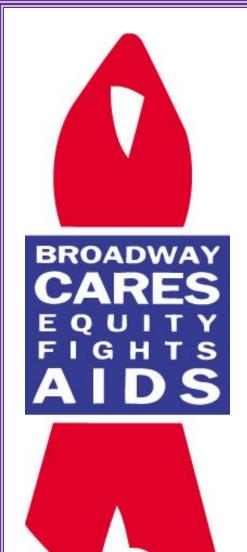
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