UCLA Center of HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services presents

2019 HIV NEXT GENERATION

Addressing Disparities in HIV and Comorbidities through Research and Collaboration

Friday January 25th, 2019
Carnesale Commons, UCLA
WELCOME

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) is proud to present the 2019 HIV Next Generation Conference. We are thrilled that you are here!

The theme of today’s conference is “Addressing Disparities in HIV and Comorbidities through Research and Collaboration.” The conference was designed to provide an opportunity for emerging HIV investigators and community partners to highlight their research, network with other colleagues, and share their visions for future priorities. We hope that the day is valuable and that the information you learn and the people you meet leave you invigorated and renewed in our shared mission to end the HIV epidemic in Los Angeles and around the world.

Also, we would like to acknowledge the National Institute of Mental Health (grant #MH058107) who provided funding for this conference.

In addition, we would like to give special thanks to our conference collaborators, the Los Angeles Region Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center for providing CEU credits for this event.

We hope you enjoy the conference and we look forward to meeting you!

Yours truly,
The Conference Planning Committee

9:00 AM – Registration & Breakfast

9:45 AM – Welcome and Opening Remarks
Steve Shoptaw, PhD
Director, UCLA CHIPTS
Professor, UCLA Departments of Family Medicine and Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Science
Vice Chair, Research in Family Medicine

Norweeta Milburn, PhD
Professor-in-Residence, UCLA Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences
Co-Director, UCLA HIV/AIDS, Substance Abuse, and Trauma Training Program (HA-STTP)
Director, UCLA Center For AIDS Research Health Disparities Core
Director, Development Core, UCLA CHIPTS

10:00 AM – Opening Plenary: Lessons learned from 25 years of combating HIV among people who inject drugs and men who have sex with men
Ricky N. Bluthenthal, PhD
Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine, USC Keck School of Medicine
Professor, Institute for Prevention Research, USC Keck School of Medicine

10:30 AM – People Who Inject Drugs (PWID) Discussant, Ricky N. Bluthenthal, PhD
Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine, USC Keck School of Medicine
Professor, Institute for Prevention Research, USC Keck School of Medicine

Kelsey Simpson, MA
Correlates of mental health disorders in people who inject drugs (PWID)

Wei Cao, MS
Challenges facing HIV-positive clients in methadone maintenance treatment in China

11:00 AM – Break & Poster Viewings
11:30 PM – Policy Impact for HIV/AIDS Research
Arleen Leibowitz, PhD
UCLA, CHIPTS Policy Core
Professor Emeritus, Department of Public Policy, UCLA School of Public Affairs

Ninez Ponce, MPP, PhD
Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, UCLA FSPH
UCLA California Health Interview Survey (CHIS)

Ricky Rosales, BA
LA City AIDS Coordinator

Craig Pulsipher, MPP, MSW
State Affairs Specialist, APLA

Nina Harawa, PhD, MPH
UCLA, CHIPTS Policy Core
Professor, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

12:00 PM – Adolescent (HIV) Trials Network (ATN)
Discussant, Dallas Swendeman, PhD, MPH
Co-Director, Development Core, UCLA CHIPTS
Associate Professor, UCLA Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences
Co-Director, UCGHI Center of Expertise on Women’s Health, Gender and Empowerment

Anne E. Fehrenbacher, PhD, MPH
Gender disparities in prevalence, frequency, and correlates of lifetime and recent transactional sex among high-risk adolescents

Drew Wood-Palmer, BS
Chlamydial, gonococcal, and syphilis antibody prevalence among high-risk adolescents in Los Angeles and New Orleans

12:30 PM – Lunch & Poster Viewings

1:30 PM – Afternoon Plenary: L.A. County HIV/AIDS Strategy Update and Key Collaborations with CHIPTS
Wendy Garland, MPH
Chief Epidemiologist, Division of HIV and STD Programs, LAC DPH

2:00 PM – Underserved Populations
Discussant, Cathy Reback
Senior Research Scientist, Friends Research Institute, Inc.
Executive Director, Friends Community Center
Core Director, Combination Prevention Core, UCLA CHIPTS

Michael Li, PhD, MPH
Stimulant use, housing instability, and depressive symptoms: Comorbid conditions and viral trajectories in the context of coordinated HIV care in Los Angeles County

Sabrina Smiley, PhD
Jack’d dating application motivation, experiences, and sexual risk behaviors

Siddharth Raich, MPH
Health disparities in HIV-positive incarcerated and post-incarcerated populations

2:40 PM – Closing Plenary: Methamphetamine and HIV Treatment and Prevention
Steve Shoptaw, PhD
Director, UCLA CHIPTS
Professor, UCLA Departments of Family Medicine and Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Science
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3:00 PM – Closing Remarks
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Benjamin Jones, BA
What’s missing? Investigating the gaps between PrEP knowledge, eligibility, and utilization among at-risk youth

Carla Del Cid, BS
Incorporating dating application strategies to recruit youth at risk or youth living with HIV (ATN CARES Project)

Diep Nguyen, MD
Perceived occupational risk and negative attitude towards people who use drugs among community health workers in Vietnam

Jesse Goldshear, MPH
Nutritional differences among people who use drugs from a multi-site study in California

Joan Christodoulou, PhD
Crystal clear with the Medication Adherence Trainer (MAT): An interactive educational demonstration to increase knowledge and adherence to antiretroviral therapy among youth living with HIV

Loc Pham, MS
Social support and motivation to change among people who use drugs in Vietnam

Melissa Medich, PhD, MPH
The pull of soccer and the push of Xhosa boys in an HIV and drug abuse intervention in the Western Cape, South Africa.

Ricky N. Bluthenthal, PhD is the Associate Dean for Social Justice and a Professor of Preventive Medicine in the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California. Along with conducting HIV-related epidemiological and intervention studies among people who inject drugs and men who have sex with men since 1991, Dr. Bluthenthal was a founder of the syringe exchange program in Oakland, CA and the Harm Reduction Coalition. At present, he is conducting an efficacy trial of an intervention to prevent injection initiation assistance among people who inject drugs and an observational epidemiological study on natural substitution of cannabis for opiates, also among people who inject drugs. He has published over 130 papers in peer-reviewed scientific journals and is on the editorial boards of the International Journal of Drug Policy and Drug and Alcohol Dependence.

Steven Shoptaw, PhD, is a licensed psychologist and is the Center Director for CHIPTS. He is Professor in the UCLA Departments of Family Medicine and Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences and Vice Chair of Research in Family Medicine. Dr. Shoptaw has a portfolio of work that focuses on the treatment of addiction and HIV prevention in the context of addiction in the Western U.S. where stimulant use is the single strongest predictor of HIV transmission. Dr. Shoptaw is a member of the DAIDS-funded, HPTN Executive Committee, and Clinical Site Leader for several HPTN studies, including HPTN 061, which documented that high-risk Black MSM have 7% incidence in Los Angeles. As high rates of stimulant and alcohol use link with new infections in his studies, Dr. Shoptaw also is MPI on a 5-year cooperative agreement (the MStudy) to establish a cohort of MSM of color to investigate interactions between non-injection use of methamphetamine, cocaine, opiates and binge drinking and HIV transmission dynamics.

Wendy Garland, MPH, is Chief Epidemiologist for the Division of HIV and STD Programs at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. She oversees the evaluation of HIV testing and care services, STD surveillance and monitoring activities and epidemiologic research studies. She currently serves on the Standards and Best Practices Committee of the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV and is a member of the CHIPTS Community Advisory Board. Ms. Garland received her Master’s degree in Public Health with a concentration in Biostatistics and Epidemiology from USC in 2001 and has over 15 years of experience in the field of HIV prevention, care and treatment.