HIV Criminalization: Law, Policy, and Modernization

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What is HIV criminalization? How are people living with HIV targeted for criminal prosecution in California? What can we do about it? The presentation will address these questions and more. Please join us to gain a better understanding of the legal framework for HIV criminalization, policy considerations for these laws, and what local leaders are doing to make a change in California. Immediately following the presentation will be a discussion with Aaron Fox from L.A. LGBT Center, Craig Pulsipher from AIDS Project Los Angeles, and Marco Castro-Bojorquez from Lambda Legal.

Ayako Miyashita, Esq., is the Inaugural Brian Belt HIV Law & Policy Fellow at the Williams Institute. She currently works on law and policy matters that impact people living with HIV. In her previous positions, Ayako provided direct legal services to low-income clients living with HIV/AIDS in San Francisco and, most recently, at Inner City Law Center, a non-profit legal services provider based in Los Angeles’ Skid Row area. Ayako earned her J.D. from UC Berkeley School of Law, after receiving her B.A. from UC Santa Cruz.

Aaron Fox, MPM, is the Director of State Health Equity and Policy at the Los Angeles LGBT Center. Fox focuses his work with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) and underserved communities; advocates for effective policies that continue to support access to quality culturally competent health care; and provides education to the community on changing health policies and funding streams.

Craig Pulsipher, MPP, MSW, is the State Affairs Specialist at AIDS Project Los Angeles. Craig oversees HIV and healthcare policy, legislation, budget and political strategy at the state level and participates in community collaborations on a broad range of HIV and health related issues.

Marco Castro-Bojorquez is a Community Educator for the Western Region for Lambda Legal, a national legal organization working for full recognition of the civil rights of LGBT people and people with HIV

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