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Savannah, Georgia
September 8th-9th 2017
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

7:30 - 8:30AM  Registration
8:00 - 8:30AM  Refreshment Break
8:40 - 9:00AM  Welcome & Opening: Dr. Fayth Parks
                HIV Innovation Award Winners Presentation
9:00 - 10:30AM Keynote Speaker: Jeanne White-Ginder
10:45 - 11:30AM First Concurrent Breakout Session
11:40am - 12:25pm Second Concurrent Breakout Session
12:30 - 1:30PM  Lunch sponsored by GILEAD
1:40 - 2:40PM  First Concurrent Featured Speaker
2:50 - 3:50PM  Second Concurrent Featured Speaker
4:00 - 4:45PM  Third Concurrent Breakout Session
4:45 - 5:30PM  Break
5:30 - 7:30PM  Book Launch & Poster Presentation Reception

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

7:30 - 8:30AM  Registration
8:00 - 9:00AM  Brunch Sponsored by Community AIDS Network - Comprehensive Care Center
9:00 - 11:15AM Workshop Part 1
11:30AM - 12:15PM Workshop Part 2
12:15 - 1:00PM  Conference Closing Presentation: Patt Gunn

December 1984 forever altered the lives of Jeanne White-Ginder and her family. At that time, her son, Ryan, was diagnosed with AIDS, having contracted HIV during one of the many blood transfusions he received to treat his hemophilia. Until then, AIDS had been considered by the general public a “gay disease,” and Ryan’s fight to lead a normal life and attend school ironically thrust him and Jeanne into the media spotlight. After Ryan passed away in 1990, Jeanne remained a tireless HIV/AIDS activist, testifying in support of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, established just months after Ryan’s death and named in his memory. Jeanne speaks regularly to audiences nationwide about her experiences on the frontlines of the AIDS epidemic in its early years, and the role that HIV/AIDS stigma plays in fueling the epidemic today.

JEANNE WHITE-GINDER
FOUNDER, RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

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Gregory S. Felzien, M.D., AAHIVS
Conference Medical Education Director
Medical Advisor, Division of Health Protection/IDI-HIV
Georgia Department of Public Health
Atlanta, GA

Dr. Felzien received his medical degree from the University of Colorado School of Medicine. He went on to complete his internship and residency at Vanderbilt University and pursued further fellowship training in infectious diseases at the Medical University of South Carolina. He holds board certification in both internal medicine and infectious diseases and is certified as an American Academy of HIV specialist.

Dr. Felzien is actively involved in the rural community through coordinating HIV awareness and education and writing and speaking at the local, state, and national levels. In addition, Dr. Felzien works closely with community partners such as Georgia Southern University, as a member of the provider advisory board for the CDC’s HIV medical monitoring program, and with the Georgia AIDS Training and Education Center. In early 2014, Dr. Felzien accepted the position as the medical advisor within the Georgia Department of Public Health’s Division of Health Protection/IDI-HIV. This new position has offered the opportunity for Dr. Felzien to be more involved in state policy (i.e., HIV, STD, and other infectious disease protocols for the Department of Public Health), work more closely with legislators (i.e., speaking on issues such as HIV and Hepatitis C) and continue the practice of caring for and focusing on the needs of rural HIV, tuberculosis, and Hepatitis positive individuals throughout the state.

Sally Jue, M.S.W.
Senior Faculty, American Psychological Association Office on HIV/AIDS
Clinical & Cultural Competence Consultant
National HIV Mental Health Services Collaborative
Los Angeles, CA

During her nearly ten years with AIDS Project Los Angeles at the beginning of the HIV epidemic, Ms. Jue created and managed one of the first HIV mental health programs in the United States. She and her staff, which included people living with HIV, created innovative clinical treatment programs for clients with co-occurring disorders as well as volunteer peer support programs. In addition to overseeing staff and peer and professional volunteers and interns, Ms. Jue was also active in developing partnerships that brought together different organizations and communities to advocate for improved access to services for people affected by HIV. Ms. Jue is a founder and former chair of the Los Angeles County HIV Asian Pacific Caucus, a former consultant for the SAMHSA Mental Health HIV Services Collaborative, and former appointee to the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services’ Cultural and Linguistic Competency Standards Work Group. She is currently a senior training and curriculum development consultant for the American Psychological Association’s Office on HIV/AIDS and a capacity building consultant for AIDS Project Los Angeles.

Patt Gunn, B.S.
The Geechee Institute
Savannah, GA

Patt Gunn is a master storyteller. She is the founder of The Geechee Institute, a corporation whose mission is to celebrate Gullah-Geechee communities on the Georgia coast. She has been a catalyst for positive change in the lives of individuals and organizations who cross her path for over thirty years. She believes in the African proverb, “the sky is big enough for all of us.” A native of Savannah, Georgia, she is the seventh of ten siblings and the proud mother of two daughters, Imani Saran and Ayana Sala’, college students at Armstrong State University and Clark Atlanta University.

She performs slave narratives and portrays African American “heroes” such as Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Mary McCloud Bethune and Susie King Taylor in schools, universities, museums, dinner theaters and churches throughout the Southeastern United States. Ms. Gunn served as a cultural costumes consultant for the 2000 film “The Patriot”, starring Mel Gibson, advising them on the costumes, hair styles and head wraps for the slaves portrayed within the movie. She was also featured as Harriet Tubman in a British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) Black History Children’s Series in 2008, filmed in Edisto Island, SC.

David Reznik, D.D.S.
Chief of Dental Services & Director of Oral Health Center Infectious Disease Program
Associate Director, Lutheran Medical Center AEGD Program
Grady Health System
Atlanta, GA

Dr. David Reznik is Chief of the Dental Services and Director of the Oral Health Center’s Infectious Disease Program for the Grady Health System in Atlanta, Georgia, a program he founded 23 years ago. He has been providing oral health care services for people living with HIV disease in the Atlanta metropolitan area for over twenty-eight years. He is the founder and President of the HIVdent (HIV Dental Alliance), a not-for-profit organization of concerned healthcare providers committed to assuring access to high quality oral health care services for people living with the HIV disease.

Dr. Reznik has lectured and published extensively on oral health concerns for people living with the HIV disease for the past 30 years. Dr. Reznik is also Associate Director of the Lutheran Medical Center Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Program in Georgia. Dr. Reznik was a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS for four and a half years and served as Chair of the Treatment and Care and Domestic sub-committees during his tenure. He was honored at the 2008 Ryan White All Grantees meeting with the Health Resources Services Administration HIV/AIDS Bureau Associate Administrator’s Award. “For his years of passion, dedication commitment and national leadership on HIV oral health care, and for serving as a champion for national health care provider education.” In 2014, Dr. Reznik was named one of Atlanta’s Healthcare Heroes by the Atlanta Business Chronicle.
Janice (Jan) Probst, Ph.D., M.S.
Professor in the Department of Health Services Policy & Management, Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina
Director of the South Carolina Rural Health Research Center (SCRHRC)
Columbia, SC

Jan Probst, Ph.D., is a Professor in the Department of Health Services Policy and Management in the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina, and Director of the South Carolina Rural Health Research Center (SCRHRC). The focus of the SCRHRC is disparities experienced by rural minority and vulnerable populations.

Dr. Probst completed her undergraduate education at Duke University and her education training at Purdue University (M.S.) and the University of South Carolina (Ph.D.). Dr. Probst has extensive experience in health services research, with an emphasis on rural and vulnerable populations. She has more than 120 papers in the peer reviewed literature community. Recognition for her rural health work includes the “outstanding researcher” (2008) and “volunteer of the year” (2016) awards from the National Rural Health Association, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Social Justice Award for faculty from the University of South Carolina (2013).

Michael Lauzardo, M.D., M.Sc.
Chief & Associate Professor, Division of Infectious Diseases & Global Medicine
University of Florida
Gainesville, FL

Michael Lauzardo, MD, MSc, is the chief and an associate professor within the division of infectious diseases and global medicine. Also serving as the director of the CDC-funded Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center (SNTC) at the University of Florida, he has been involved in public health, teaching, and patient care within the College of Medicine since 1997. Trained as an internist and pulmonologist, throughout his career he has been involved in the clinical care of patients with tuberculosis. He has also played a key role with the Florida Department of Health, serving as the Deputy TB Controller for the Florida TB Program and is currently the director of the Florida TB Physicians Network. Since 2012, he has been the chief of the division of infectious diseases and global medicine.

Jennifer Abrahams, Ph.D., DTM&H
Barbara J. Blake, Ph.D., R.N., ACRN, FAAN
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John Warchol, J.D.
Jodie Dionne-Odom, M.D.

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Eric J. Nehl

Not Pictured:
Brooke Mootry
Michael Seabolt
Julia Cooper
Abraham N. Johnson
Anne O. Odusanya
Stacy W. Smallwood, Ph.D., M.P.H.
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“How to Take a Compassionate and Comprehensive Sexual History”
Amen Eguakun, M.S.N., APRN-BC, AAHIVS
Room 210

10:45 - 11:30 AM
“Barriers Reaching Carriers: Facing the Challenges of HIV in the 21st Century”
Robertson Nash, ACNP-BC, Ph.D., M.B.A.
Room 212

10:45 - 11:30 AM
“Routine, Opt-out HIV Testing in a Rural Emergency Department”
Ciarra J.M. Dortche, M.P.H. and Nada A. Fadul, M.D.
Room 217

11:40 - 12:30 PM
“Project PrEP: A PrEP Education Initiative in South Georgia”
Julia Cooper, Abraham N. Johnson, Anne O. Odusanya, M.P.H., C.P.H., and Dr. Stacy W. Smallwood, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Room 218

This presentation will explore the importance of sexual health and sexual history as it relates to general health and the social and economic impacts of sexually transmitted infections. Effective sexual history-taking techniques will also be discussed.

In spite of a multitude of antiretrovirals and effective barrier protection, the rate of new HIV infections in the US averages around 45,000 per year. In order to stem the tide of this epidemic, especially in rural areas of the Southeast, we must look beyond traditional medical models of disease and embrace new knowledge and new ways of thinking. The purpose of this lecture is to introduce some of these new ideas in a manner that will hopefully stimulate participants to move toward new, more effective models of HIV care.

Approximately 1,800 people live with HIV infection in eastern North Carolina and are unaware. More than a decade ago, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued revised recommendations to initiate larger-scale testing by removing previously required separate written consent and pre-test counseling. Through the implementation of the CDC’s approach, modifying our electronic medical record, and exercising the support of a dedicated linkage and retention coordinator, our testing and linkage/re-linkage numbers have increased dramatically. This model demonstrates a method to maximize limited resources in rural and underfunded areas.

This presentation will describe the process of planning and implementing Project PrEP, a community health initiative to increase PrEP awareness among communities at high HIV risk in south Georgia, especially MSM. Intervention strategies, key findings, and lessons learned will be discussed.
Second Concurrent Breakout Session

In this session, participants will develop strategies for gaining comfort in addressing sex, sexual health, and HIV with various patient populations.

This presentation will discuss the epidemiology and management of HIV/STI confection in pregnancy.

Effective treatment for HIV has transitioned the disease from a death sentence to a chronic illness. Recent epidemiological data indicate that persons 55 years of age and older account for 26% of the estimated 1.2 million people living with HIV in the United States. These older HIV adults are now developing other chronic diseases that are associated with aging. This presentation will provide an overview of the physical and mental health issues that can develop as people age with HIV. Cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, non-AIDS defining cancers, diabetes, frailty, neurocognitive functioning, and depression. Recommendations on how individuals can age successfully while living with HIV will also be discussed.

This presentation will review the most common and most worrisome skin findings associated with HIV infection.

This session will discuss legal issues of persons living with and/or affected by HIV, especially in rural communities.

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This presentation will review residence and racial/ethnic inequities in education, income and access to care that culminate in differing health outcomes.

Second Concurrent Featured Speaker

This presentation will review the management of TB in HIV patients as well as address issues for TB Control programs and HIV providers who are working to provide state of the art care to their co-infected patients.

Come join an audience-interactive, case-based presentation using images (pathology, histology, radiology, etc.) of opportunistic infections seen in individuals who are HIV positive. Discussion following the cases will include assessment, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of these disease processes.

Using information gathered from men who have sex with men (MSM) and service providers in four rural Georgia health districts (Valdosta, Rome, Gainesville, Waycross), this presentation will examine how Predisposing, Enabling and Need characteristics (as described in the Andersen Healthcare Utilization Model) affect access and utilization of HIV prevention and treatment services among rural MSM in Georgia.

This session will discuss hazards that can result from purchasing HIV PrEP online and unsubstantiated peer advice associated with safety and efficacy. Dialogue about medications online is often well-intended. However, minimal accountability for accuracy can prove to be detrimental. Participants will be able to suggest limitations of unregulated online conversations and offer plausible safeguard approaches.

The presenters will review what is known about the impact of smoking on disease progression among persons with HIV, review data on smoking prevalence among persons with HIV in Georgia, review evidence-based strategies in tobacco cessation and how they relate to the Georgia Tobacco Quit Line, and describe the services offered by the Georgia Tobacco Quit Line.

Dr. Elam will recount first hand experiences, challenges, and successes with starting a PrEP clinic.

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**8:00 - 9:00 AM**
Brunch | Room 115

**9:00 - 11:15 AM**
Workshop Part 1
Sally Jue, MSW
Rooms 111 & 113

**11:30 AM - 12:15 PM**
Workshop Part 2
Sally Jue, MSW
Rooms 111 & 113

**12:15 - 1:00 PM**
Patt Gunn, B.S.
Rooms 111 & 113

**1:00 - 1:30 PM**
Closing Presentation
"Who Speak Fuh’ You?” - Finding Your Voice Through Stories
In this final presentation, a motivational master story will be woven, showcasing tools in the art of storytelling to celebrate your work in rural communities.

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### Posters:

- **"Evaluating Oral Health Services in RWPB Clinics"**
  Elizabeth Rabold, M.D. and Gregory S. Felzien, M.D., AAHIVS

- **"Assessing Risks Among an LGBT Population in a Rural State"**
  Dr. Jeffery Jones & Dr. McKinley Thomas

- **"Experiences of Sexual Stigma by MSM in Rural Oklahoma"**
  Randolph Hubach

- **"Access to Care Among People Living with HIV/AIDS in Georgia"**
  Natalie Lucas

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