

11th Gay Men's Health Summit 2015 Program

undoing stigma



Wednesday November 4
to Friday November 6, 2015
at Harbour Centre
Simon Fraser University
515 West Hastings Street
Vancouver, Canada

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STIGMA BASH: A NIGHT TO MAKE YOUR MARK

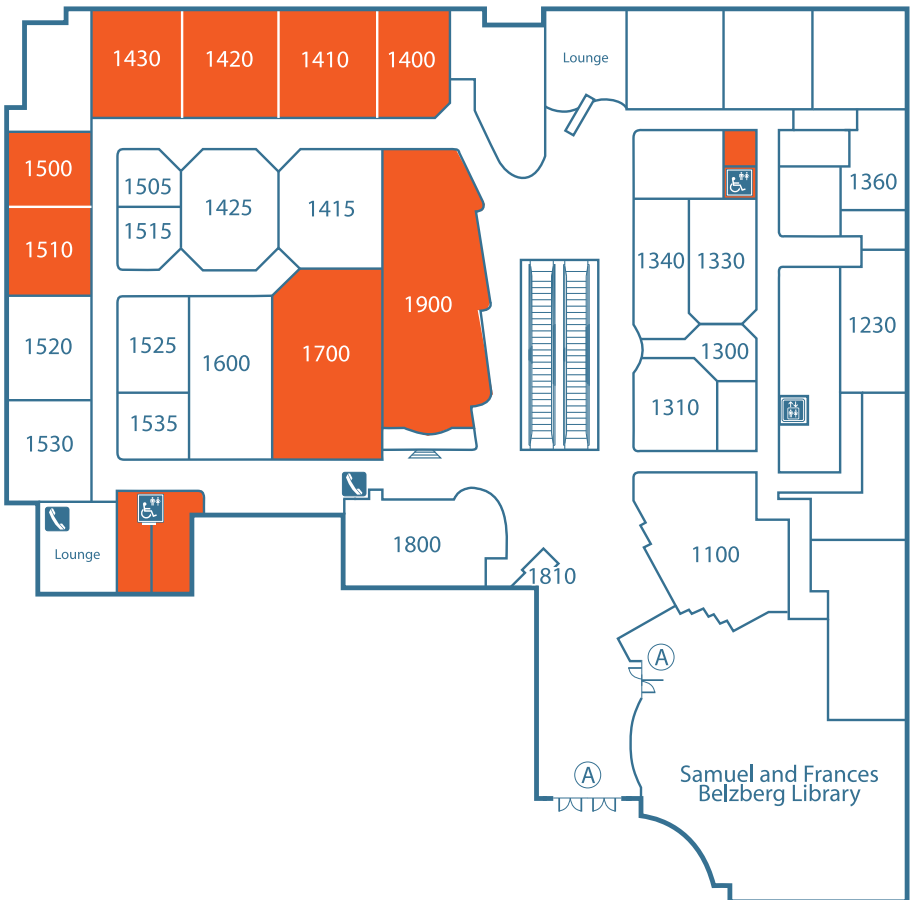
HOSTED BY THE INVESTIGAYTORS

Get revved up for the Gay Men's Health Summit by joining CBRC's Investigaytors for an enticing night of art, presentations, socializing, food and wine! Featuring the groundbreaking work of Venezuelan artist Daniel Arzola, which challenges stigma against the queer community through art. Come make your mark and show us how you bash stigma!

STUDIO 126, 126 EAST PENDER ST. VANCOUVER

6:00-8:00 PM

Map of SFU Harbour Centre



Thursday November 5

8:00 AM

REGISTRATION IN SFU HARBOUR CENTRE CONCOURSE

Refreshments Room 1400

9:00–9:15 AM

WELCOME

OLIVIER FERLATTE & TRAVIS SALWAY HOTTES, COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH CENTRE FOR GAY MEN'S HEALTH (CBRC)

9:15–9:30 AM

STIGMA & THE DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH: HOW DID WE GET HERE?

TERRY TRUSSLER, CBRC

9:30–10:30 AM

KEYNOTE: STRUCTURAL STIGMA AND THE HEALTH OF LESBIAN, GAY, AND BISEXUAL POPULATIONS

MARK HATZENBUEHLER, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, NYC
MODERATOR: TRAVIS SALWAY HOTTES, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO / CBRC

ASL INTERPRETER WILL BE AVAILABLE

10:30–11:00 AM

Break in Room 1400

11:00 AM–12:15 PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

ROOM 1900

PANEL: GAY YOUTH FIGHTING STIGMA INITIATIVES FROM TOTALLY OUTRIGHT MODERATOR: DARREN HO, YOUTHCO HIV & HEP C SOCIETY

1. Think Before You Type: Overview of HIM's campaign to promote healthy communication & positive online interaction among gay and bisexual men

JOSHUA EDWARD, HEALTH INITIATIVE FOR MEN (HIM) & MICHAEL KWAG, CATIE, TORONTO

2. OurSpace—a youth-led initiative to support the health & wellbeing of young guys who like guys

AIDAN ABLONA & VINCENT FRANCOEUR, OURSPACE, TORONTO

3. Gays vs Gays: How stigma continues to reinforce intragroup isolation within Gay, Bi, Queer & Two-Spirit Men's community of Winnipeg

JARED STAR, RAINBOW RESOURCE CENTRE, WINNIPEG

ROOM 1700

PANEL: STRATEGIES IN PREVENTION & CARE TO IMPACT STIGMA MODERATOR: ROB GAIR, POSITIVE HEALTH SERVICES, FRASER HEALTH, SURREY

1. Speaking Our Truth: Addressing HIV-Related Stigma through Community-Based Research

JAYDEE COSSAR & ANDREW BECKERMAN, PACIFIC AIDS NETWORK

2. Correlates of Successful HCV Treatment in HIV Co-infected Men having Sex with Men

SYUNE HAKOBYAN, VANCOUVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES CENTRE

3. Sero-adaptive Strategies of Gay & Bisexual Men with More Frequent Partner Change in the Momentum Health Study

KIFFER CARD, BC CENTRE FOR EXCELLENCE IN HIV/AIDS / SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

ROOM 1510

WORKSHOP: THE ART OF RESISTANCE: INTRODUCING THE ANNALS OF GAY SEXUALITY 2015: THE CONTEMPORARY HIV ZEITGEIST

ROBERT BIRCH, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA, MARCUS GREATHEART, & MICHAEL V. SMITH, UBC

From the outset of the HIV epidemic, art set the stage for AIDS activism and sexual health education. This workshop is an opportunity for participants to recall past creative achievements and discuss the significant role of art, personal narrative and their implications for gay men's health.

1:15–2:45PM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

ROOM 1900

PANEL: COMMUNITIES FIGHTING STIGMA

MODERATOR: PATRICK LOFTUS, CBS; CBRC

1. The Access, Identity, and Men (AIM) Study: How South Asian MSM navigate their sexual and overall health
RAMRAAJH SHARVENDIRAN, ALLIANCE FOR SOUTH ASIAN AIDS PREVENTION (ASAAP), TORONTO
2. End-of-Life Concerns among Older Gay Men: The Pervasive Influence of Stigma
PATRICK AUBERT, SFU
3. The Cascade of Care of HIV-Positive MSM in the Vancouver Downtown East Side
SAHAND VAFADARY, VANCOUVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES CENTRE
4. Uncommon Ground: Ecologies of Social Difference in Gay and MSM Agricultural Producers
JOSHUA EDWARD, UBC

ROOM 1700

FORUM: STIGMA IN THE FACE OF PREP

MODERATOR: JODY JOLLIMORE, HIM

MAXIME BLANCHETTE IPERGAY–MONTREAL & MARCUS SANZI, AIDS VANCOUVER

From the perspective of the counsellors who work for the IPERGAY study in Montreal, this presentation & discussion aims to explore the different facets of stigma associated with PrEP, and the cultural stigma associated with condomless sex.

ROOM 1500

ROUNDTABLE: STIGMA RESEARCH: NAILING DOWN CONCEPTS & SAMPLES—A DISCUSSION ON RESEARCH METHODS TO INVESTIGATE THE HEALTH IMPACT OF STIGMA

MODERATOR TRAVIS SALWAY HOTTES, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO / CBRC With Mark Hatzenbuehler, Columbia University; Marina Morrow, Simon Fraser University; David Brennan, University of Toronto

ROOM 1510

WORKSHOP: THE OTHER SCARLET LETTER: STIGMA & MENTAL HEALTH

AARON PURDIE & GREG OUDMAN, HEALTH INITIATIVE FOR MEN (HIM)

An interactive presentation will examine the connection between stigma and mental illness, followed by a discussion of opportunities for peers and service providers to assist their communities in ending the cycle of stigma and shame associated with mental illness.

3:15–4:30 PM

ROOM 1900

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (CONTINUED)

PANEL: FIGHTING STIGMA WITH EDUCATION, POLICY & EMPATHY

MODERATOR: VICTOR WAKARCHUK, CBRC

1. Access to Primary Care for Gay, Bisexual & other MSM by Supporting Family Physicians to provide Safe & Appropriate Care
ELIZABETH HOLLIDAY, VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH
2. The Importance of GSAs for Reducing Victimization in British Columbia Schools
RYAN WATSON, UBC
3. Homo Emphaticus: Problematizing Empathy for Stigma Reduction & HIV Prevention
DAN ALLMAN, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

ROOM 1700

CONFRONTING STIGMA IN HIV/STI/HCV CARE

MODERATOR: NEIL SELF, POSITIVE LIVING BC

1. HIV Treatment Response among HIV positive Gay, Bisexual and other MSM in British Columbia, Ontario, & Quebec
ZACHARY TANNER, BC CFE / SFU
2. Characteristics of HIV Positive Patients Lost to Follow-up in an Infectious Disease Clinic in Downtown Vancouver
BRIAN CONWAY, VANCOUVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES CENTRE
3. Not out to your provider? Get Checked Online is coming to a neighbourhood near you
MARK GILBERT, BC CENTRE FOR DISEASE CONTROL / ONTARIO HIV TREATMENT NETWORK (OHTN)

ROOM 1510

READING: STORIES AND STIGMA: EXPLORING THE PERVASIVENESS OF STIGMA IN THE LIVES OF GAY MEN

MODERATOR: CRAIG BARRON, WRITER Reading: Robert Birch, TS Warm, Travis Shaw, and others

SUMMIT RECEPTION & LAUNCH

4:30–6:30 PM

THREE NEW PUBLICATIONS

1. *At the Interface: Exploring theory in the practice of gay men's health* with Sarah Chown, CBRC Blogger
2. *Stories and Stigma* with Craig Barron, writer and editor
3. *Annals of Gay Sexuality 2015: The Contemporary HIV Zeitgeist* with Robert Birch, Marcus Greatheart & Michael V. Smith

Friday November 6

8:30 AM

REGISTRATION IN SFU HARBOUR CENTRE CONCOURSE

Refreshments Room 1400

9:00–10:30 AM

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

ROOM 1900

PANEL: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO UNDOING STIGMA

MODERATOR: SKYLER WANG, UBC / CBRC

1. The Pain with Many Faces: Challenges in Identifying Chronic Loneliness in Older Gay Men

EDDY ELMER, VU UNIVERSITY AMSTERDAM

2. Stigma & Discrimination within the Queer Men's Community & How it Prevents Access to Supportive Care

VICTOR HUYNH & MARCUS SANZI, AIDS VANCOUVER

3. #GetGarded: The Impacts of the HIM's Campaign to Increase Awareness of HPV Infection & the availability of Gardasil among Gay & Bisexual Men in Greater Vancouver

JOSHUA EDWARD, HIM

4. Vancouver Bathhouse Clinics meet important Healthcare needs for a Marginalized Population at Higher Risk for HIV Infection

ELLEN DEMLOW & GLENN DOUPE, VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH

ROOM 1700

FORUM: TRANSFORMING THE PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICER'S (PHO) REPORT INTO A BC GAY MEN'S HEALTH STRATEGY

JODY JOLLIMORE, CONSULTANT; CHRIS BUCHNER, VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH; TROY GRENNAN, PROVINCIAL HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY (PHSA); STACY LEBLANC, PAN; DYLAN WALL, LIVING POSITIVE RESOURCE CENTRE, KELOWNA

The PHO report made a BC Gay Men's Health Strategy a top priority, along with other structural, societal, community and behavioural recommendations. Forum participants will put forward solutions on such topics as mental health & addictions, supportive schools, access to prevention services, and research and surveillance.

ROOM 1430

WORKSHOP: CREATING LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS TO FOSTER HIV LEADERSHIP: THE MPOWERMENT PROJECT

SARAH CHOWN & NAVI DASANJH, YOUTHCO HIV & HEP C SOCIETY

In this workshop, you will have an opportunity to discuss our approaches to addressing HIV stigma with each other, consider the challenges that HIV stigma poses, and to identify strategies that we can use to create safe learning environments. As educators and facilitators, we need tools to ensure learning environments are supportive for people of all HIV statuses, and stigma free.

ROOM 1500

WORKSHOP: DOES HETERONORMATIVITY AFFECT THE RELATIONSHIP CHOICES OF GAY MEN?

EDWARD SANDBERG, PRIVATE PRACTICE THERAPIST

This workshop is intended for those interested in gay men's relationship choices, either from a personal or professional perspective, such as counsellors. The session will explore the models of relationship choices available to gay men and the biases impacting those choices.

10:30–11:00 AM

Break in Room 1400

11:00–12 NOON

ROOM 1900

KEYNOTE PANEL: UNDERSTANDING & UNDOING INTERSECTING STIGMAS IN THE LIVES OF GAY, BI & QUEER TRANS MEN MODERATOR: CHASE ROSS, MONTREAL

SYRUS MARCUS WARE, YORK UNIVERSITY, TORONTO; AYDEN SCHEIM, WESTERN UNIVERSITY, LONDON, ONTARIO; KAI SCOTT, VANCOUVER PARKS BOARD TRANS & GENDER VARIANT INCLUSION STEERING COMMITTEE ASL INTERPRETER WILL BE AVAILABLE

12:00–1:00 PM

Lunch in Room 1400

1:00–2:15 PM

ROOM 1900

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

PANEL: COMMUNITIES OF RESILIENCE

MODERATOR: ROBERT BIRCH, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

1. How to Subvert Stigma in an Epidemic: Angles, PWAs and the Dismantling of AIDS and Poz-Phobia in 1980s Vancouver
BEN KLASSEN, SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
2. “Undetectable”: Gay men’s narratives of sex, identity, acceptance and stigma
DANIEL GRACE, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
3. Resilience among long-term HIV positive Two-Spirit men in Ontario: The Seven Paths - Findings from the Two Spirit HIV/ AIDS Wellness and Longevity Study (2SHAWLS) in Ontario
DAVID BRENNAN, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO & SANDY LAMBERT, AHA CENTRE

ROOM 1430

WORKSHOP: INTO ACTION—APPLYING EXPERIENCES OF TRANS-INCLUSIVITY TO SPECIFIC GAY, BI AND QUEER MEN’S HEALTH

EVERETT BLACKWELL, COMMUNITY ADVOCATE; KAI SCOTT, VANCOUVER PARKS BOARD TRANS & GENDER VARIANT INCLUSION STEERING COMMITTEE; OLIVIER FERLATTE, CBRC; & ANDREA SZEWCZUK, FAMILY PHYSICIAN

This workshop aims to support participants in addressing the issues facing gay, bi and queer trans men related to inclusion and participation in the gay, bi and queer men’s communities raised by the plenary panel session.

ROOM 1510

WORKSHOP: AGING FABULOUSLY: FIGHTING STIGMA THROUGH FITNESS

DAVID CHACON VALENZUELA, HEALTH INITIATIVE FOR MEN

Health Initiative for Men offers specific physical activity programs for gay men and other MSM. This workshop will address physical health as part of holistic health services aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of our communities.

2:15–3:15 PM

ROOM 1900

KEYNOTE: RESISTING STIGMA: THE IMPACTS OF STIGMA ON INDIGENOUS SEXUAL HEALTH

EVAN ADAMS, FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY, BC

MODERATOR: OLIVIER FERLATTE, CBRC ASL INTERPRETER WILL BE AVAILABLE

3:15–3:30 PM

Mini-Break in Room 1400

3:30–4:15 PM

CLOSING SESSION: RESIST STIGMA

FACILITATOR: OLIVIER FERLATTE, CBRC

#ResistStigma: How will we get there?

MAGGIE MACAULAY & SKYLER WANG, CBRC

Panel: Youth Resisting Stigma—Where do we go from here?
WITH BROOK BIGGIN, HIV EDMONTON & EDMONTON MEN’S HEALTH COLLECTIVE; ZACH HARCOURT, RESIST STIGMA; SIZWE INKINGI, RESIST STIGMA; AIDAN ABLONA, OURSPACE & CBRC; DARREN HO, YOUTHCO

4:15 PM

Thank you & Acknowledgements



The Gay Men's Health Summit 2015 is organized by the Community-Based Community Centre for Gay Men's Health (CBRC) in collaboration with the Health Initiative for Men (HiM), BC Centre for Disease Control (BC CDC) and CATIE.

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ASL will be available for the three plenary sessions: Thursday from 9 to 10:30 with Mark Hatzenbuehler, and Friday 11 to 12 noon Trans Men's panel, and 2:15 to 3:15 pm with Evan Adams.

At Summit 2015, we will be video-recording presentations in Room 1900 & 1700. Audience members will not be recorded and will not appear in any material. We are video-recording in order to create anti-stigma resources for audiences not at the Summit.

Visit cbrc.net for current information and resources on gay men's health.



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