



DC CFAR Scientific Symposium

Wednesday, February 4, 2026

9:15am – 3:00pm

Milken Institute School of Public Health
George Washington University
950 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
1st Floor Convening Center

SUPPORTING HIV SCIENCE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

WORKING AGENDA

- 9:15am** **Registration and Light Breakfast**
- 9:45am** **Welcome and Review of Agenda**
Alan Greenberg, Director, District of Columbia Center for AIDS Research (DC CFAR)
Brandi Robinson, Administrative Director, DC CFAR
- 9:50am** **Introductory Remarks**
TBD

Morning Sessions:

- Session #1** **Update on the Multisectoral Response to the HIV Epidemic in Washington, D.C.**
Moderators: **Kim Blankenship**, Director, Social and Behavioral Science Core, DC CFAR
 Manya Magnus, Co-Director, DC CFAR
- 10:00am** **TBD**
DC Health Response to the HIV Epidemic in Washington, D.C.
- 10:10am** **George Kerr**, Chair, DC CFAR Community Partnership Council (CPC)
Community Response to the HIV Epidemic in Washington, D.C.
- 10:20am** **Sarah Henn**, Whitman Walker Health
Clinical Response to the HIV Epidemic in Washington, D.C.
- 10:30am** **Alan Greenberg**, George Washington University
Academic Response to the HIV Epidemic in Washington, D.C.
- 10:40am** **Panel Discussion**
- 10:50am** **Coffee Break**

- Session #2** **Ending the HIV Epidemic in Washington, D.C. through Implementation Science**
Moderators: **Amanda Castel**, Co-Director, DC CFAR
 Nina Yamanis, Co-Director, Social and Behavioral Sciences Core, DC CFAR
- 11:05am** **Sheree Schwartz**, Johns Hopkins University
Current Status of EHE and Implementation Science
- 11:20am** **Donaldson Conserve**, George Washington University and **Christian Morris**, Us Helping Us, People into Living Inc.
Bringing PrEP to the Streets: Insights and Lessons from A Pilot Community-based Intervention
- 11:30am** **Adedotun Ogunbajo**, Us Helping Us, People into Living Inc.
Developing and pilot testing a multidimensional intervention to improve HIV care outcomes among recently incarcerated people living with HIV in the Washington DC metropolitan area
- 11:40am** **Christian Morris**, DC CFAR CPC
Community Perspectives and Priorities
- 11:50am** **Panel Discussion**
- 12:00pm** **Lunch**

Afternoon Sessions:

- Session #3** **HIV Cure Research**
Moderators: **Rebecca Lynch**, Academic Lead, HIV Cure Scientific Working Group, DC CFAR
 Sanjay Maggirwar, Co-Director, Advanced Technology Core, DC CFAR
- 12:45pm** **Katharine Bar**, University of Pennsylvania (via Zoom)
Current Status of HIV Cure Research
- 1:00pm** **Alberto Bosque**, George Washington University
Hormonal control of HIV latency
- 1:10pm** **Taisuke Izumi**, American University
Targeting Latent HIV Reservoirs: Effectiveness of Combination Therapy with HDAC and PARP Inhibitors
- 1:20pm** **Tanya Henderson**, DC CFAR CPC
Community Perspectives and Priorities
- 1:30pm** **Panel Discussion**
- 1:40pm** **Coffee Break**

Session #4 Improving the Health and Quality of Life of People with HIV

Moderators: **Michael Bukrinsky**, Director, Developmental Core, DC CFAR
Seble Kassaye, Director, Clinical and Population Sciences Core, DC CFAR

1:55pm **Italo Mocchetti**, Georgetown University
Current Status of HIV and Neuroscience Research

2:10pm **Ellen Yeung**, George Washington University
The Multimorbidity of Alcohol Misuse, Chronic Pain, and Cognitive Impairment among People with HIV Aged 50 and Older

2:20pm **Nicole Angotti**, American University
Intergenerational Intervention: Employing Youth to Promote Aging Healthy with HIV in Rural South Africa

2:30pm **Moises Agosto**, DC CFAR CPC
Community Perspectives and Priorities

2:40pm **Panel Discussion**

2:50pm **Closing Remarks & Adjourn**