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DC CFAR 2026 SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

Supporting HIV Science in a Rapidly Changing Environment



**1st Floor Convening Center,
Milken Institute School of Public Health,
The George Washington University**



**Wednesday,
February 4th, 2026
9:15am - 3:00pm EST**

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AGENDA

9:15 AM	REGISTRATION & LIGHT BREAKFAST
9:45 AM	INTRODUCTORY SESSION
10:00 AM	SESSION #1: UPDATE ON THE MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE TO THE HIV EPIDEMIC IN WASHINGTON, DC
10:50 AM	COFFEE
11:05AM	SESSION #2: ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE
12:00 PM	LUNCH
12:45 PM	SESSION #3: HIV CURE RESEARCH
1:40 PM	COFFEE
1:55 PM	SESSION #4: IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF PEOPLE WITH HIV
2:50 PM	CLOSING REMARKS
3:00 PM	ADJORN

INTRODUCTORY SESSION: WELCOME & AGENDA



**Alan Greenberg,
MD, MPH**
Director, DC CFAR
Professor of
Epidemiology,
George Washington
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**Brandi Robinson,
MPH**
Administrative
Director,
DC CFAR

"The mission of the DC CFAR is to advance our multi-institutional research effort to contribute to ending the HIV epidemic and improving the health and quality of life of persons with HIV in Washington, DC and beyond in partnership with community and government."

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SESSION #1: UPDATE ON THE MULTISECTORAL RESPONSE TO THE HIV EPIDEMIC IN WASHINGTON, DC

Session Moderators:



Kim Blankenship, PhD
Director, Social & Behavioral
Sciences Core
Distinguished Professor of
Sociology,
American University



Manya Magnus, PhD, MPH
Co-Director, DC CFAR
Michael and Lori Milken
Professor of Public Health,
Chair of Epidemiology,
George Washington University

Presentations:



DC Health Response to the HIV Epidemic in Washington D.C.

Kate Drezner, MPH

Chief Epidemiologist, Strategic Information Division
HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration (HAHSTA), DC Health



Community Response to the HIV Epidemic in Washington D.C.

George Kerr III

Community Coordinator, DC CFAR
Chair, DC CFAR Community Partnership Council



Clinical Response to the HIV Epidemic in Washington D.C.

Sarah Henn, MD, MPH

Chief Health Officer & Physician,
Whitman Walker Health



Academic Response to the HIV Epidemic in Washington D.C.

Alan Greenberg, MD, MPH

Director, DC CFAR
Professor of Epidemiology,
George Washington University



SESSION #2: ENDING THE HIV EPIDEMIC IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE

Session Moderators:



David Huebner, PhD, MPH
Co-Director, Social & Behavioral
Sciences Core
Professor of Prevention &
Community Health,
George Washington University



Nina Yamanis, PhD, MPH
Co-Director, Social & Behavioral
Sciences Core
Professor of Environment,
Development & Health,
American University

Presentations:

Current Status of EHE and Implementation Science (Virtual)

Sheree Schwartz, PhD, MPH

Associate Professor of Epidemiology,
Johns Hopkins University



Bringing PrEP to the Streets: Insights and Lessons from A Pilot Community-based Intervention

Donaldson Conserve, PhD, MPH (R) & Christian Morris

Associate Professor of Prevention & Community Health,
George Washington University



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

Adedotun Ogunbajo, PhD, MPH

Director of Research, Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc.



Community Perspectives and Priorities

Christian Morris

Vice Chair, DC CFAR Community Partnership Council
Research Coordinator, Us Helping Us, People Into Living, Inc.



SESSION #3: HIV CURE RESEARCH

Session Moderators:



Rebecca Lynch, PhD
Academic Lead, HIV
Persistence & Cure SWG
Associate Professor of
Microbiology, Immunology, &
Tropical Medicine,
George Washington University



Sanjay Maggirwar, PhD, MBA
Co-Director, Advanced
Technology Core
Professor & Chair, Microbiology,
Immunology, & Tropical Medicine,
George Washington University

Presentations:



Current Status of HIV Cure Research (Virtual)

Katharine Bar, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine & Attending Physician, Infectious Diseases,
University of Pennsylvania Hospital



Hormonal control of HIV Latency

Alberto Bosque, PhD, MBA

Academic Co-Lead, HIV Persistence & Cure SWG,
Associate Professor of Microbiology, Immunology, & Tropical Medicine,
George Washington University



Targeting Latent HIV Reservoirs: Effectiveness of Combination Therapy with HDAC and PARP Inhibitors

Taisuke Izumi, PhD

Assistant Professor of Biology, American University



Community Perspectives and Priorities

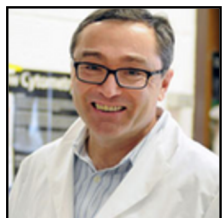
Tanya Henderson, PhD, MBA

Community Partnership Council Member,
DC CFAR Community Partnership Council



SESSION #4: IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF PEOPLE WITH HIV

Session Moderators:



Michael Bukrinsky, MD, PhD
Director, Developmental Core
Professor of Microbiology,
Immunology, & Tropical
Medicine,
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Seble Kassaye, MD, MS
Director, Clinical & Population
Sciences Core
Associate Professor of Medicine,
Georgetown University

Presentations:

Current Status of HIV and Neuroscience Research

Lee Campbell, PhD

Research Assistant Professor of Neuroscience, Georgetown University



The Multimorbidity of Alcohol Misuse, Chronic Pain, and Cognitive Impairment among People with HIV Aged 50 and Older

Ellen Yeung, PhD

Associate Professor of Psychological & Brain Sciences,
George Washington University



Intergenerational Intervention: Employing Youth to Promote Aging Healthy with HIV in Rural South Africa

Nicole Angotti, PhD, MA

Academic Co-Lead, Aging & Comorbidities SWG
Associate Professor of Sociology, American University



Community Perspectives and Priorities

Moisés Agosto-Rosario, MPH

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