



## 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Convening Center

### ***SUPPORTING HIV SCIENCE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING ENVIRONMENT***

#### **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**      **Elisabet Caler**, Senior Science Advisor and **David Chang**, Senior Science Advisor, Office of AIDS Research, NIH  
*NIH OAR Today: Research Priorities, Policy Developments, and Resources for Emerging HIV Investigators*

#### **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**      **Kate Drezner**, Chief, Strategic Information Division, HAHSTA  
*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: **Dave Huebner**, Co-Director, Social and Behavioral Sciences Core, DC CFAR  
**Nina Yamanis**, Co-Director, Social and Behavioral Sciences Core, DC CFAR

**11:05am      Sheree Schwartz**, Johns Hopkins University (via Zoom)  
*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 Persistence & 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**      **Lee Campbell**, 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**  
**Alan Greenberg**, Director, DC CFAR

**3:00pm**      **Adjourn**