



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

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) <i>Current Status of EHE and Implementation Science</i>
11:20am	Donaldson Conserve , George Washington University and Christian Morris , Us Helping Us, People into Living Inc. <i>Bringing PrEP to the Streets: Insights and Lessons from A Pilot Community-based Intervention</i>
11:30am	Adedotun Ogunbajo , Us Helping Us, People into Living Inc. <i>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</i>
11:40am	Christian Morris , DC CFAR CPC <i>Community Perspectives and Priorities</i>
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) <i>Current Status of HIV Cure Research</i>
1:00pm	Alberto Bosque , George Washington University <i>Hormonal control of HIV latency</i>
1:10pm	Taisuke Izumi , American University <i>Targeting Latent HIV Reservoirs: Effectiveness of Combination Therapy with HDAC and PARP Inhibitors</i>
1:20pm	Tanya Henderson , DC CFAR CPC <i>Community Perspectives and Priorities</i>
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**