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Anne M Neilan, MD, MPH (Moderator)

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Dr. Neilan is a medicine and pediatrics-trained adult infectious disease physician at Massachusetts General Hospital and an Instructor at Harvard Medical School as well as the Director of the Modeling Core for the national Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions (ATN 161). Her research interests include the use of simulation modeling and cost-effectiveness analysis to inform care strategies for adolescents with HIV and at risk of HIV. Dr. Neilan earned her MD and MPH from The Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. Together with Drs. Ciaranello, Jacobson, and Powis, she is co-director of the HU CFAR Adolescence and HIV Scientific Working Group. Dr. Neilan was a Fulbright Scholar in Italy and a Fogarty Scholar in Peru.



Jonathan Hill-Rorie, MPH (Speaker)

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Jonathan Hill-Rorie (Duke BA, 2015, Harvard MPH, 2019) is a Project Director at The Fenway Institute for the Adolescent Trials Network. His work at The Fenway Institute focuses on managing and coordinating studies for LGBT youth that integrate mobile technology and health, specifically HIV prevention interventions. At Duke, he studied Evolutionary and Cultural Anthropology and conducted independent studies on how social movements, like the Civil Rights Movement and Black Power Movement, impacted health. He has pursued work on how comics and science fiction can be used as a vehicle for health information. He is currently a member of the Duke LGBTQ+ Alumni Network's Board of Directors. At Harvard, his scholarly interests included understanding how social networks and social capital influence suicidality in college and university students. Additionally, how narrative and media have effects on health, and how they can be deployed to increase mental health help seeking behavior. He served on the Dean's Advisory Council for Diversity and Inclusion, the Harvard Chan Student Association, and was an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Fellow through the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. He is a Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholar and has served on both national and local (Durham and Boston chapters) alumni association boards for the organization.

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Sybil Hosek, PhD (Speaker)

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Sybil Hosek, PhD, is a Clinical Psychologist/HIV Researcher in the Department of Psychiatry and the Division of Infectious Disease at Stroger Hospital of Cook County with over 20 years of experience in the development and implementation of HIV-related research studies and behavioral interventions. Her current research focuses on biomedical primary prevention interventions for adolescents and young adults, including PrEP and microbicides, and the development of behavioral interventions to improve uptake and adherence to these new biomedical strategies. In addition to her independent NIH grants focused on adolescent and young adult MSM and transgender youth in the US, Dr. Hosek has joined the protocol teams of several NIAID-sponsored adolescent/young adult PrEP safety and demonstration studies focused on adolescent girls and young women in sub-Saharan Africa.



Karin Nielsen, MD (Speaker)

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Dr. Karin Nielsen is Professor of Pediatrics and attending physician in the Division of Infectious Diseases at UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital. She is co-director of the Care4Families HIV clinic at UCLA. She obtained medical training from the University of Rio de Janeiro and completed a pediatric residency at the Hospital dos Servidores do Estado, also in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. At UCLA she completed clinical and research fellowships in pediatric infectious diseases and obtained a master's degree in Public Health/Epidemiology. Her main area of research has been perinatal/ pediatric infections particularly in the area of HIV and congenital infections. She has worked extensively in collaborative clinical studies in the U.S., Brazil, Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia focused on prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV and HIV transmission between couples, as well as treatment of this disease in children, adolescents and adults. Dr. Nielsen has an active collaboration in Brazil with the Fiocruz Institute, Arboviral Diseases Division focusing on ZIKA virus transmission during pregnancy, and in other institutions in the area of HIV prevention and treatment including adolescents, pregnant women, children, HIV sero-discordant couples, studies of sexually transmitted diseases in pregnancy, and congenital infections. She presently leads a study of early treatment of HIV infection in at risk youth in Los Angeles and New Orleans for the Adolescent Trials Network (ATN). During the COVID-19 era she developed a study of maternal infant outcomes following COVID in pregnancy (COMP study) enrolling participants in Los Angeles and Rio de

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Janeiro. Dr. Nielsen has mentored many medical students, residents, graduate students, post-doctoral fellows and junior faculty from the Americas, Europe, Africa and Asia.



Calvin John Fitch, PhD (Panelist)

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Calvin Fitch is a postdoctoral clinical research fellow in Behavioral Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital and an affiliated investigator at The Fenway Institute at Fenway Health. He completed his PhD in Clinical Psychology at the University of Miami. He is broadly interested in psychosocial (e.g., depression, trauma) and structural (e.g., unstable housing) factors that influence HIV/STI risk and HIV mortality in Black MSM. Dr. Fitch hopes to channel these interests into the development of effective and culturally sensitive interventions for racial and sexual minorities at high risk for HIV infection or poorer HIV prognosis. He is currently the recipient of a developmental award from the Harvard CFAR for which he will be investigating facilitators and barriers to uptake and adherence to pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV.



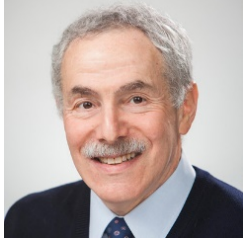
Catherine Kegakilwe Koofhethile, PhD (Panelist)

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Dr. Catherine Koofhethile is originally from Botswana and is a postdoctoral fellow at Harvard T H Chan School of Public Health. She completed her PhD in Immunology from the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa where she characterized factors that mediate viral control and lack of control in individuals with HIV-1 subtype C infection. Her current research involves assessment of the proviral reservoir in adolescents from Botswana perinatally infected with HIV-1 subtype C and receiving long-term antiretroviral therapy (ART). She recently received the HU CFAR Developmental award which will allow her to further characterize the reservoir in these adolescents.

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Kenneth Mayer, MD (Panelist)

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Kenneth Mayer is Medical Research Director and Co-Chair of The Fenway Institute. He is also a Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School; a Professor, Department of Global Health and Population at Harvard School of Public Health; Director of HIV Prevention Research and Attending Physician at Beth Israel Lahey Health; and Adjunct Professor of Medicine and Community Health at Brown University. His areas of research include international HIV/AIDS, Gay and Bisexual Men's Health, HIV/AIDS Prevention, Microbicides, PrEP, PEP, Vaccines, Secondary Prevention, HIV/AIDS Treatment, and Antibiotic Use and Molecular Epidemiology of Antibiotic Resistance.