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## CONFERENCE AGENDA

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022			
Time	Event	Description	Room
8am-7pm		Registration	
10am-7pm	<b>Call My Name Quiltmaking Workshops</b>	The National AIDS Memorial will be leading panel making workshops! Conference attendees are invited to join in the creation of quilt panels to honor the memory of those we have loved and lost to HIV and AIDS. All are welcome! No sewing/quilting experience required!	Exhibit Hall
5pm-7pm	<b>Welcome Reception and Fireside Chat</b>	Join us for a reception and a conversation on the conference theme <i>Strategies, Opportunities, Solutions!</i>  <b>Featuring:</b> <i>Dr. Robyn Neblett Fanfair</i> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Principal Deputy Director for the Division of HIV Prevention  <i>Aryah Lester</i> Deputy Director, Transgender Strategy Center Board of Directors, Southern AIDS Coalition	Grand Ballroom

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Room</b>
8am-5pm		Registration Open	
8am-3pm		Exhibit Hall Open	
10:30am-3:00pm	<b>Professional Development Coaching Sessions &amp; Headshots</b>	Emory University Coordinating Center of the Gilead COMPASS Initiative® will provide roundtable coaching on interview skills, updating your bio, building a social media profile and more. Attendees can also get professional headshots taken on site! (sign up required)	Savannah 1
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8:30am-10:15am	<b>Morning Plenary: presented by: ViiV Healthcare</b>  <b>**Breakfast Served**</b>	<b>Me In You: Identity and the Gift of Acceptance</b>  Featuring: <i>Larry L. Walker</i> Executive Director, THRIVE SS <i>Damez</i> , Rapper, Singer, Dancer & Songwriter <i>Ashley Cobb</i> , Sexpert Blogger, HIV Educator/Prevention Specialist <i>Facilitator: Obio Jones</i> , Queer Advocate & Digital Content Creator	Grand Ballroom

**MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Room</b>
10:30-11:45am	<b>Stud, Stem, or Femme: Exploring Gender Expression and Presentation for Black Lesbians and Queer Folk</b>	In this session, participants will learn about the historical roots of queering feminine presentation, discuss the social implications and consequences of varied forms of gender expression for women who love women, and explore healthy ways lesbians, bisexual women, and other queer folks can relate beyond identity markers. Participants will have an opportunity to deeply consider their own gender presentation as it relates to their careers, families, romantic practices, and other daily life.  <b>Speaker:</b> <i>Demi McCoy, M.Div</i> , Creative Program Manager, Faith Coordinating Center at Wake Forest University	Augusta

10:30-11:45am	<p><b>CFAR: Black People in Community-Based Participatory Research</b></p>	<p>The National CFAR (Centers for AIDS Research) CAB (Community Advisory Board) Coalition (N3C) consists of 18 tertiary academic institutions which link academic research to community-based participatory research (CBPR). Through this relationship, the N3C advances the role of community at all levels of CFAR research, from initiation to implementation. Eliminating HIV stigma is crucial for the advancement of HIV research, including clinical trials and other behavioral science modalities, The N3C will identify methods of engagement that decrease stigma and improve information dissemination and will indicate where current models intersect with newer concepts that can maximize the value of Community-Based Participatory Research.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Jimmy Gibbs</i>, National CFAR CAB Coalition Chair</p>	Valdosta
10:30-11:45am	<p><b>Effectively Communicating &amp; the Impact of U=U in Black Communities</b></p>	<p>In this workshop advocates, community members, and Health Care Providers will learn how to better effectively communicate U=U with persons living with HIV &amp; understand the impact that it has on Black communities, as well as how to effectively communicate U=U in policy and advocacy components in order to help remove barriers and increase access to care for persons living with HIV. In this workshop there will also be an opportunity for open dialogue and community discussion around adapting U=U in Black communities across the south.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <i>Deondre B. Moore</i>, Prevention Access Campaign <i>Deirdre Johnson</i>, Advocate</p>	Athens
10:30-11:45am	<p><b>Now Casting: A New Role for HIV in Media</b></p>	<p>In today's time, media is a powerful tool in bringing awareness and cultural impact to the world; yet stigma has hindered the advancement of addressing HIV on the main screen. This Is Your Moment, (TIYM) Network is a collaborative project that aims to create the space where HIV can be integrated into everyday life to normalize the conversation, empower people around their health, and educate our community(ies) with accurate information.</p> <p>This session will provide a background on the gaps in HIV presence in the media, showcase a pilot to TIYM Network content, and give some audience members the opportunity to record TIYM Messages to be used in our intervention across Atlanta.</p>	Macon

		<p>TIYM looks forward to sharing and making history with the attendees of our presentation!</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <i>Alphonso Mills, Richard Hutchinson, Christian Dacus</i></p>	
10:30-11:45am	<p><b>Issues Impacting Transgender Women: What Providers Need to Know</b></p>	<p>This session will provide insights on issues unique to the experiences of transgender women, and offer insights to support community and providers in the pursuit of optimum service delivery and provision.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Beautiful F. Devynne</i>, Community Health Worker</p>	Savannah 2/3
<b>LUNCH PLENARY</b>			
12:00-1:15pm	<p><b>Lunch Plenary Presented by Gilead Sciences</b></p> <p><b>**Lunch Provided*</b></p>	<p><b>THE CURRENT STATE, STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS: HIV/AIDS AND THE WELLBEING OF BLACK AMERICANS IN THE SOUTH</b></p> <p>The panel discussion, moderated by Gilead Sciences' Dr. Shanell McGoy, will focus on the state of HIV/AIDS in the Southern United States, the impact of HIV/AIDS on Black and Black LGBTQ+ people, and strategies and solutions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SPEAKERS:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dr. Shanell McGoy</i>, Moderator Director, Public Affairs and Corporate Giving Gilead Sciences</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Charles Stephens</i>, Executive Director Counter Narrative Project</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dr. Maisha Standifer</i>, Director of Health Policy Satcher Health Leadership Institute at Morehouse School of Medicine</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dr. Kathleen Kennedy</i>, Professor and Dean Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dr. George Nawas</i>, Clinical Assistant Professor Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy</p>	Grand Ballroom

## AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

<p>1:30-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>BBC– HPTN 096 (Brotherhood by Connection)</b></p>	<p>Come learn and be a part of an Innovative community-randomized workshop that includes a combination of community, organizational, and interpersonal-level interventions. HPTN 096 is multi-faceted, so this session will be interactive to allow conference participants the Full 096 experience. The session will involve a stakeholder mapping exercise that will highlight appropriate stakeholders at each level of engagement, showcase each HPTN 096 Intervention using a mock-simulations and Community Stations. Session attendees will leave with a better understanding of HPTN 096 and being able to better prioritize each individual level of engagement in the most impactful way.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <i>Dr. Marcus Bryan, Corey Oden, Dwayne Holmes, Micah Jenkins, Marco Mays, Ernest Brown, Sharron Moore-Edwards, Ernest Brown, Sherri Johnson, Craig Hutchinson</i></p>	<p>Athens</p>
<p>1:30-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>“Sista, Sista: An Exploration of Femmehood, Relationships, and Sex.”</b></p>	<p>In this workshop, participants will explore concepts of femmehood, expand their understanding of sexual autonomy, and learn new ways to relate to themselves, their partners, and their community. They will engage with various art forms to include creative writing, visual art, and music as they delve deeper into what it means to be like a sister or sibling to another. Participants will leave this workshop with practical tools to increase communication, connect across identity, and re-define socially constructed belief systems about Black femininity.</p> <p>*This space is centering the experiences of Black women and Black femme identified nonbinary folks.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Nayasia Coleman, Assistant Director LGBTQ+ Center Wake Forest University Office of Diversity &amp; Inclusion</i></p>	<p>Macon</p>
<p>1:30-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>Generations: THRIVE SS Approach on Sustaining Community Power</b></p>	<p>A look at how THRIVE SS’s creativity promotes growth, opportunity and generational longevity.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <i>Ja’Mel Ware, Joe Robinson, Jasmine Ford, D.C. Branch</i></p>	<p>Savannah 2/3</p>

<p>1:30-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>Solutions to the HIV Criminalization Crisis in the South</b></p>	<p>The purpose of this session will be to educate participants about the criminalization of people living with HIV that is occurring domestically and globally with a specific emphasis on the impact in the South. Knowledge of this issue coupled with other stigmatizing intersectionalities are what participants need in creating and building advocacy programs. The model of this session will be based on two established movements as your key presenters which are – The Ending HIV Criminalization and Overincarceration in Virginia Coalition (ECHO VA) and the Georgia HIV Justice Coalition.</p> <p>(Speakers next page)</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <i>Cedric Pulliam</i>, Director of Global Public Policy, Prevention Access Campaign (HIV Crim position: Co-Founder: Ending HIV Criminalization and Overincarceration in Virginia Coalition (ECHO VA))  <i>Eric Paulk</i>, Deputy Director of Georgia Equality, (HIV Crim Position: Georgia HIV Justice Coalition)  <i>Deirdre Johnson</i>, Program Assistant – Sero Project (HIV Crim position: Co-Founder: Ending HIV Criminalization and Overincarceration in Virginia Coalition (ECHO VA))</p>	<p>Valdosta</p>
<p>1:30-3:00pm</p>	<p><b>Creating Intentional Leadership Development Programs for Black Trans Community (For Us By Us)</b></p>	<p>Monica Roberts Freedom School was created to give black trans leaders the ability to obtain several skills, such as leadership and organizational development. This is taught through an interactive learning environment offered by the majority of blacks trans instructors. The curriculum includes but is not limited to, History of the Movement, Branding Who You Are, Racial Justice and Anti-Blackness Within the Movement. Trauma Informed Approach Within the Community, Grant Writing Skills, and Healing Justice Practice. The academy also provides the leaders with the experience of a commencement ceremony and a holistic educational retreat.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <i>Daroneshia Duncan Boyd, Kimya Loder, Bre Rivera, Aryah Lester, Octavia Lewis, Trenton Johnson, Logan Boyd, Alex Santiago, Kleopatra McGlothin</i></p>	<p>Augusta</p>

**FRIDAY PROGRAMMING (continued)**

<p>3:15-4:15pm</p>	<p align="center"><b>Building a National PrEP Program for Black America</b></p>	<p>While the first drug was approved for PrEP 10 years ago, Black communities still have not seen the full benefit of the promise of greatly reducing new HIV diagnoses. President Biden called for funding a National PrEP Program in his budget proposal. But what would that program need to really increase knowledge and use of PrEP in Black communities? Join this session to learn more and to share what you want in a national PrEP program!</p> <p align="center"><i><b>Presenters:</b> Kenyon Farrow and Michael Chanclley PrEP4All</i></p>	<p align="center">Grand Ballroom</p>
<p>4:30-5:30pm</p>	<p align="center"><b>Solution Salons</b></p>	<p>With the range of challenges facing our communities, these salons are designed to be facilitated spaces for dialogue, strategy, and learning. Please join one of the three conversations to close out your day.</p> <hr/> <p>Salon One: <b>Policy and Advocacy</b> <i>Exploring the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative As An Important Policy Vehicle for Black-Led CBOs (Led by: Aquarius Gilmer, Gilead Sciences and Venton Jones, Southern Black Policy and Advocacy Network)</i></p> <hr/> <p>Salon Two: <b>Health Equity</b> <i>Understanding Monkeypox and Strategizing to Ensure Equitable Access for Our Communities (Led by: Torrian L. Baskerville, Human Rights Campaign)</i></p> <hr/> <p>Salon Three: <b>Ending the HIV Epidemic Focus Group</b> <i>“How Do We End It?” Strategies for Meaningful Community Engagement of Black LGBTQ+ Folk in the EHE (Led by Darnell Barrington, Southern AIDS Coalition) <b>**sign up required**</b></i></p>	<p align="center">Policy: Augusta Room</p> <p align="center">Health Equity: Macon Room</p> <p align="center">EHE Group: Athens Room</p>
<p>10:00pm-midnight</p>	<p>Late Night Social</p>	<p align="center">Music, dancing, and cash bar!</p>	<p align="center">Grand Ballroom</p>

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022**  
**Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**

Registration Open 8:30am-1:30pm

Exhibit Hall Open: 9:00am 1:00pm

Quiltmaking (9am-4 :30pm)

**MORNING PLENARY**

<p>8:30-10:15am</p>	<p>Morning Plenary</p> <p><b>**Breakfast Served**</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>"The Future: LGBTQ+ Advocacy within HBCUs"</b></p> <p><b>Session Description:</b> For centuries, HBCUs have led the way in developing leaders and changemakers in Black communities. LGBTQ+ leaders and organizations on HBCU campuses are critical to building a future that addresses the needs of ALL Black people. Panelists will share their experiences as leaders and advocates on their campuses, and the impact of student voices in their cities and communities.</p> <p align="center"><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><i>Laten Jordan</i>, President, CASCADE, Howard University  <i>English Fields</i>, LGBTQ Activist, Entrepreneur, and Ph.D. candidate at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  <i>Ashley Shelley</i>, Therapist/Founder Melanin &amp; Mindfulness  <i>LaSaia Wade</i>, Founder, TNTJ Trans Journey Project</p> <p align="center"><b>Facilitator:</b> <i>Brandon Dykes</i>, co-founder Nu Phi Zeta Fraternity, Incorporated</p>	<p align="center">Grand Ballroom</p>
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**MORNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS**

<p>10:30-11:45am</p>	<p align="center">Emory University Gilead COMPASS Initiative® Coordinating Center  Professional Development Coaching Sessions (sign up required)</p>		<p align="center">Savannah 1</p>
<p>10:30-11:45am</p>	<p><b>Use of Art for Sexual Health Advocacy and Justice</b></p>	<p>Quasheba LiRenée (Kwa-she-ba Lee-Re-Nay), They/Them, is a Caribbean-American Queer and Non-Binary artist, writer, and storyteller. Quasheba currently does digital painting as a mode of storytelling in order to foster discussions on the many intersections of sexual and reproductive health. Through their art, Quasheba infuses elements of pleasure, eroticism, and sensuality along with references to body image, queer identities, survivorship experiences. They view art and storytelling as an important tool to decolonizing sexuality, combatting sexual shame, and to amplify the experiences of those most marginalized. This session will provide a background on what activism and pleasure activism is, introduce a Black Queer sociocultural</p>	<p align="center">Valdosta</p>



		<p>context to this movement, and have a deeper dive into the use of art mediums and themes for resistance.</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Quasheba LiRenee</i></p>	
10:30-11:45am	<b>Providing Services to Black Transgender Women who do Sex Work and use Drugs</b>	<p>This discussion is centered around harm reduction practices and principles, while providing a status neutral approach to HIV prevention through the lens of the social determinants of health. The most marginalized group of our community are these women and their needs must be met, Let's talk about it!</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Jasmine Tasaki</i>, Founder &amp; Executive Director of WeCareTN</p>	Augusta
10:30-11:45am	<b>Intimacy: Helping SGL Men Establish Successful Relationships</b>	<p>Exploring what intimacy means to Black SGL men and how we define it for ourselves and/or community. Are we sabotaging our sexual and mental health for momentary bliss? How would you describe intimacy, and can it exist without sex? Where did your understanding of intimacy come from and how does it relate to your love language?</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Ronellis Tunstill, LPC, Zachary Papillion</i></p>	Savannah 2/3
10:30-11:45am	<b>Unleashing Your Vision: The Power of I AM</b>	<p><b>THE POWER OF I AM.</b> This session is all about pursuing your purpose and finding your inner strength.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Understanding How to Manifest Goodness in Your Life.</li> <li>-Hitting the Reset Button.</li> <li>-Visualize How the New You will Look.</li> </ul> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <i>Gwen Clemons</i>, Relationships Unleashed</p>	Macon
10:30-11:45am	<b>Look for the Signs: Strategies for Meeting Our Needs and Serving Rural Black LGBTQ+ Communities</b>	<p>Leaders from rural communities will share strategies they use to combat isolation and build resources for LGBTQ+ communities.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <i>Quentin Bell</i>, Co-founder/Executive Director of The Knights &amp; Orchids Society Inc. (TKO Society) Alabama</p> <p><i>Temica Morton</i>, Founder Love Inside for Everyone (LIFE, Inc) Mississippi</p> <p><i>Cedric Sturdevant</i>, Co-Founder, Executive Director Community Health Prevention Intervention Education &amp; Research (CH-PIER) Mississippi</p>	Athens

12:00-12:45pm	<p><b>Lunch Plenary</b></p> <p><b>Presented by:</b></p> <p><b>HIV Vaccine Trials Network,</b></p> <p><b>COVID-19 Prevention Network and GLAAD</b></p> <p><b>**Lunch Provided**</b></p>	<p><b>The Impacts of COVID &amp; HIV on the Black LGBTQIA+ Community</b></p> <p>Join GLAAD, the world's largest LGBTQ media advocacy organization, and the COVID-19 Prevention Network (CoVPN), formed by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to respond to the global pandemic, as they explore how the COVID pandemic has impacted the LGBTQ community and our access to healthcare while touching on topics such as discrimination within healthcare settings, medical racism, vaccinations, vaccine skepticism, and access to adequate resources and accurate information regarding COVID</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><i>DaShawn Usher</i>, Moderator  Director Communities of Color and Media at GLAAD  <i>Daniel D. Driffin</i>, COVID-19 Prevention Network (CoVPN)  <i>Dominique Morgan</i>, Executive Director of The Okra Project  <i>Sybastian K. Smith</i>, Organizing Director at the National Center for Transgender Equality &amp; NCTE Action Fund</p>	Grand Ballroom
1:30-4:30pm	<b>SOS Day of Service</b>	Attendees will participate in community service with organizations across the city and on-site at the conference hotel.	Visit the Provided Day of Service Form to Select an Activity!
7:00-11:00pm	<b>SOS Gala</b>	<p>A celebration of our community you don't want to miss!  Dinner will be served.</p> <p>Location: Atrium of Atlanta City Hall  55 Trinity Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30303</p>	Off site Event

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022**

10:00am-12:30pm	<b>Queer Soul Brunch</b>	<p>A closing brunch celebration featuring performances by conference attendees, karaoke, and fellowship.</p> <p>Hosted by Atlanta TV legend Monica Kaufman.</p>	Grand Ballroom
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