

The New  
Literacy of Gay  
Men's Health:  
How do you  
know what  
you know?

10<sup>th</sup> Gay Men's Health Summit

2014 Program

October 29 - 31, 2014

Harbour Centre, Simon Fraser University



## Wednesday October 29

6:00 - 9:00 pm "Night of the Living Researcher":  
The Investigaytors will unveil their latest publication, *Gays of Our Lives: Stories uncovered by the Investigaytors*  
Gallery Gachet  
88 East Cordova  
Street, Vancouver

## Thursday October 30

8:00 am Registration in SFU Harbour Centre Concourse & Coffee in Room 1400

9:00 - 9:20 Welcome  
Room 1900 Olivier Ferlatte & Travis Salway Hottes, Community-Based Research Centre for Gay Men's Health

9:20 - 9:30 Why Health Literacy?  
Room 1900 Mark Gilbert, OHTN

9:30 - 10:30 Keynote  
Room 1900 Reflections on HIV testing amongst gay men: Scottish perspectives  
Paul Flowers, Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland  
Moderator: Olivier Ferlatte, CBRC

10:30 - 11:00 Break (Room 1400)

11:00 - 12:30 Concurrent Sessions  
Room 1900 Building Literacy in Gay Men's Health  
Moderator: Travis Salway Hottes, CBRC

1. From knowing your status to knowing your test: evaluating approaches to the introduction of HIV self-testing for gay men in Canada, Thomas Haig, UQAM, Montreal
2. Check Me Out: a campaign to encourage HIV/STI testing for gay men & MSM: Chris Aucoin, AIDS Coalition of Nova Scotia; Kirk Furlotte, Dalhousie University, Halifax
3. "We didn't get the 'talk'": A sexual health community consultations with Chinese & Punjabi men in Greater Vancouver: Michael Kwag, Health Initiative for Men (HIM)
4. From AIDS to HIV to Undetectable: Using new language to change how we talk about, understand and prevent HIV: Brent Sawlor, AIDS Vancouver

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Room 1430 Strengthening Our Capacity for HIV/STI Prevention & Health Promotion  
Moderator: Joshua Mann, Prince George

1. From Competence to Capacity Building: Understanding the internet in sexual health research & innovation: Maggie MacAulay, SFU
2. A Health Services Needs Assessment of Gay and Bisexual Men Living in the Fraser Health Region: David Portesi, Health Initiative for Men
3. Targeted Outreach Outside the Urban Centre: Jonathan Degenhardt & Samuel Salvati, AIDS Vancouver Island
4. Evidence-based strategies for the prevention of syphilis among gay & other MSM: Christine Soon, PHAC

Room 1510 Workshop: Party, Play and Protection within the context of Group Sex Events  
To explore the personal care practices of gay & bi men who attend group sex events—private parties, sex-on-premises venues, & black out events. Information from the Momentum Health Study and experience from HIM & Positive Living BC are interpreted in light of the concepts of positive deviance, boundary play and edge work.  
Presenters: Eric Roth, UVic; Jody Jollimore, HIM; Terry Howard, Positive Living BC; Ashleigh Rich, Momentum Study; Robert Birch, UVic

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch (Room 1400)

1:30 - 3:00 Keynote Panel  
Room 1900 Suicide among gay & bisexual men: who is affected and how can we improve prevention?  
Moderator: John Oliffe, School of Nursing, UBC

1. A Systematic review of prevalence of suicide behaviours across sexual minority sub-groups: Travis Salway Hottes, CBRC, UofT
2. Suicide among gay & bisexual men: a syndemic theory approach: Joshun Dulai, CBRC
3. Suicide attempts among gay & bisexual men: an intersectionality analysis: Olivier Ferlatte, CBRC, SFU
4. Making it better: What helps lower odds of suicidality among gay & bisexual adolescent boys?: Elizabeth Saewyc, School of Nursing, UBC

3:00 - 3:30 Break (Room 1400)

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3:30 - 5:00

Concurrent Sessions

Room 1900

Innovations in Health Promotion

Moderator: Michael Kwag, HIM

1. Furthering HIM's Reach: Sexual Adventurism & Substance Use: Jody Jollimore, Health Initiative for Men
2. Developing a research-informed resiliency promotion intervention for Asian and racialized MSMs: Alan Li, Regent Park Community Health Centre, Toronto
3. Change in internalized homophobia severity over time in young gay & bisexual men: Resilience and implications for intervention: Daniel Elleker, U of Calgary
4. Health promotion case management & understanding the constructed uses of technologies for HIV prevention: Victor Huynh & Marcus Sanzi, AIDS Vancouver

Room 1430

Workshop: Cancer Prevention & Healthy Living for Gay Men

This workshop will address information and resources for an often-neglected aspect of gay men's health – cancer prevention. Participants will learn about cancers affecting gay men, screening programs tailored for LGBTQ, prevention of HPV-related cancers, and reducing cancer risks.

Stacey Berisavac, Canadian Cancer Society BC-Yukon; Carolyn Gotay, Cancer Prevention Centre; UBC, Michelle Reid, Cancer Prevention Centre, UBC; Tinus Wasserfall, Spectrum Health Clinic; St. Paul's Hospital

Moderator: Moffatt Clarke, Health Consultant

Room 1510

Workshop: HIV Risk & Gay Men's Realities

Using real-life case studies, participants will reflect on how – and what – HIV-related information is relevant to guys on a day-to-day basis. We will explore new strategies to tailor and communicate HIV information that take into account new developments such as undetectable viral load and PrEP.

Len Tooley, CATIE; Mark Gaspar, Concordia University & University Without Walls

Room 1500

Reading and Discussion: Eyes Wide Open by Craig Barron: reading directed by David C. Jones

Four gay men of different generations share a rural Ontario house. The nine scenes take place in the present, and explore issues including aging, mental health, housing

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and the HIV 'heritage'. A staged reading with discussion.

Moderator/Facilitator: Chris Gatchalian, the frank theatre company

5:00 - 6:00

Room 1900

Keynote

Stigma and HIV

Moderator: Rick Marchand, CBRC

HIV, Stigma and Society

Perry Kendall, Provincial Health Officer, BC Ministry of Health

ENUF: Crowd sourcing voices to resist HIV stigma and promote resilience

Brent Allan, Living Positive Victoria, Melbourne, Australia

6:00 - 7:30

Reception (Room 1400)

## Friday October 31

8:00

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9:00 - 10:00

Room 1900

Keynote: Health Literacy: why it is important for gay men's health

Irving Rootman, University of Victoria

Moderator: Mark Gilbert, OHTN

10:00 - 10:30

Break (Room 1400)

10:30 - 12:00

Room 1900

Concurrent Sessions

Unpacking health literacy: numeracy, measurement and risk communication

Moderator: Warren Michelow, UBC

1. Health Literacy & numeracy and relevance to gay men's health: Lorie Donnell, UWO
2. Profiling the Health Literacy Needs of Australian Gay Men Living with HIV: To improve outcomes & reduce inequities: Brent Allan, Living Positive Victoria, Melbourne
3. What makes risks risky?: Mark Gilbert, OHTN
4. Understanding HIV Risk: technical aspects & models for communication: James Wilton, CATIE

**Room 1430** Building Our Capacity for Internet Engagement  
 Moderator: Maggie MacAulay, SFU  
 1. The use and impact of online outreach services among gay men in Ontario: Nathan Lachowsky, UofT, BCCfE  
 2. Bridging the Digital Divide: HUSTLE's Netreach Program model at HIM  
 Matthew Taylor, HUSTLE; Billy Taylor, HUSTLE; Joshua Edward, Evaluator, HUSTLE

**Room 1510** Workshop: No one wants to "Consume Health Information": Relationship Building and Knowledge Transfer  
 This workshop aims to teach and demonstrate how to build a foundation of safety and inclusion to allow for effective sharing of information. Intended for those interested in group facilitation and health promotion education. Emphasis on youth but applicable for working with all ages.  
 Andrew Shopland, Community Builder & Facilitator

**Room 1500** Dialogue: Racism and its impact on our sexual health in South Asian communities  
 How organizations, service providers and people can engage with South Asian populations to build relationships, and increase community capacity for building safer spaces and engaging in discussions on health, gender and sexuality.  
 Zain Meghji and Romi Chandra Herbert, Community Development Consultants

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (Room 1400)

1:00 - 2:30 Concurrent Sessions

**Room 1900** Sexual Health Literacy for Gay Men: what do we know?  
 Moderator: Olivier Ferlatte, CBRC  
 1. Environmental Scan of HIV Prevention Websites: Mark Gilbert, OHTN  
 2. Sexual Health Literacy & gay, bisexual & other MSM: findings from a literature review: Susan Martin, University of Glasgow, Scotland  
 3. What health information are gay men in Ontario searching for online and where are they getting the answers?: Nathan Lachowsky, UofT/BCCfE  
 4. New HIV Prevention Technologies & Critical HIV Literacy:

exploring the acceptability of PrEP and TasP amongst gay and bisexual men in Scotland: Ingrid Young, University of Glasgow, Scotland

**Room 1430** Critical Issues in Gay Men's Health  
 Moderator: Darren Usher, Health Initiative for Men  
 1. Impact of Prostate Cancer on the sex lives and relationships of MSM: a qualitative study: Ariel Handy, UBC; Tsz Kin (Bernard) Lee, BC Cancer Agency  
 2. Chronic Loneliness among older gay men" a biopsychosocial model: Eddy Elmer, VU University, Amsterdam  
 3. Queer and Trans\* Men and Relationship Abuse: Robin Parry, Qmunity; & Alex Peel, Legal Services Society.

**Room 1500** Workshop: Winning with Mindfulness  
 An informative and fun workshop that focuses on the healing power of laughter and mindfulness. In today's world, the constant and contradicting information can create anxiety in many. David will host such interactive game shows as "Over Medicate / Self Medicate!" and "Spot the Propaganda!". Special appearance by the Positively Powerful People 'Dance Team'!  
 David C. Jones, Trainer & Speaker

2:30 - 3:00 Break (Room 1400)

3:00 - 4:00 Panel: Impact of Information about HIV Risk on Gay Men  
 Moderator: Trevor Hart, Ryerson University  
 Room 1900  
 Advancing Gay Men's Health Literacy: Awareness & Knowledge of TasP among HIV-positive & HIV-negative gay, bisexual and MSM in BC: Nathan Lachowsky, BCCfE  
 The Resonance Project: Barry Adam, OHTN, & Ed Jackson, CATIE

4:00 - 4:45 Closing Dialogue: Gay Health Literacy: where do we go from here?  
 Room 1900  
 Moderator: Mark Gilbert, OHTN  
 Panelists: Paul Flowers (Glasgow Caledonian U, Scotland), Terry Trussler (CBRC, Vancouver), Alan Li (Regent Park Community Health Centre, Toronto), Brent Allan (Positive Living Victoria, Melbourne); Sarah Chown (ARCH, Ontario), Irving Rootman (U of Victoria)

4:45 Closing & Acknowledgements: Olivier Ferlatte, CBRC  
 Room 1900



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