



Caraconference 2023

Transcending Barriers to Ending the HIV Epidemic

September 11-15

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

12:00 PM ET

Reflections: TRAILBLAZER Study

Carl Fichtenbaum, MD

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12:00 PM ET

Intersection of Harm Reduction and Interpersonal Violence

Jayme Brogan leads a panel discussion with Juane Madaris, Amanda Lynn Reese and Wendy L. Waters-Connell, RN, MSN, LNHA, CPASRM

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

12:00 PM ET

Systemic Barriers to Ending the HIV Epidemic

Jaasiel Chapman leads a panel discussion with Timothy S. Jackson, Linda Rose Frank, PhD, MSN, ACRN, FAAN and Ricardo Martinez

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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What the Community Wants: HIV Self Testing

JeMarr Jackson leads a panel discussion with Nathaniel Holley, Alexa Mutchler and Katie Rutherford

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

12:00 PM ET

Constitutionalism and a Changing Landscape

Jennifer S. Bard, JD, MPH, PhD and Ryan Thoreson, JD, DPhil

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Suzanne Bachmeyer (she/her) has worked in the field of HIV services, substance use and housing for over 15 years. At Caracole, her focus has been in housing first, harm reduction and disease prevention. She is currently their Director of Prevention and supervises a team providing HIV/HCV testing, syringe services, PrEP and PEP assistance, outreach, and holistic harm reduction services. Bachmeyer wholeheartedly believes in seeing the complete person, treating people with dignity and respect, and meeting people where they are.

CARACONFERENCE LEAD



Adam Reilly (he/him) has worked with the HIV+ community and in HIV prevention for 16 years. During this time he has provided testing and counseling services along with one-on-one and group work with those living with HIV. Reilly also spearheaded local syringe exchange efforts to better serve the community of those who inject drugs and was a driving force behind the 2014 Ohio law that allowed for syringe exchange/access throughout the state. He was voted "Advocate of the Year" in *Citybeat's* 2011 Best of the City issue, received the Oscar Armstrong award from Public Allies in 2013, and The Cincinnati Exchange Project was awarded the 2015 Health Care Heroes award from the *Cincinnati Business Courier*. He is a fellow for Caring Ambassadors and also sits on the Ohio Health Modernization Movement steering committee. This is his sixth year leading Caraconference planning.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Reflections: TRAILBLAZER Study



Carl J. Fichtenbaum, MD (he/him) is the Gregory W. Rouan Professor of Internal Medicine and Vice Chair for Clinical Research, Department of Internal Medicine at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He graduated from the University of Missouri-Kansas City Combined BA/MD Program and completed an Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency at Bridgeport Hospital-Yale University. Dr. Fichtenbaum completed post-doctoral training in AIDS and Infectious Diseases at Yale and Washington University, respectively, before joining the faculty at the University of Cincinnati in 1999. As the Principal Investigator of the AIDS Clinical Trials Unit, he has an active clinical research program focused on HIV infection and inflammation. From 2020–2022, Dr. Fichtenbaum helped to lead research efforts for Covid-19 for the UC Academic Health Center. He has authored more than 175 peer-reviewed scientific publications and book chapters yet still finds time to actively mentor students, residents, fellows and faculty.



Linda Seiter (she/her) serves as the CEO of Caracole. She also served as president and trustee on the Board of Directors in Caracole's early days and was the first executive director of AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati. For more than 19 years, Seiter has provided strategic direction and vision for Caracole by actively building partnerships, supporting community efforts and advocating for those at-risk for or living with HIV/AIDS in Southwestern Ohio and beyond. Prior to Caracole, Linda worked in the fields of domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse, experiences which inspired her deep passion for nonprofit work, human rights and social justice.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Intersection of Harm Reduction and Intimate Partner Violence



Jayme Brogan (she/her) is a public health professional with a background in HIV, mental health, and substance use. She has worked for several agencies over the years, serving a diverse population of individuals. Starting at Caracole in early 2019, she helped to build their (then new) Harm Reduction program into what it is today. Brogan now works as a PrEP navigator on the PAPI team, ensuring that individuals have the ability to access PrEP with no barriers.



Juane Madaris (she/her) has a master's degree in criminal justice and has worked in corrections for more than 25 years. In 2020, she joined Women Helping Women as a DVERT Advocate and in 2022, she became a System Training Program Manager. Currently she is working on a curriculum to train people working in the criminal justice system to better serve populations such as BIPOC, Latinx and LGBTQ+ communities.



AmandaLynn Reese (she/her) is the Director of Programming at Harm Reduction Ohio and a dedicated advocate with expertise in harm reduction, policy development, and program management. Highly regarded for her exceptional work in outreach and her instrumental role in running the state's largest naloxone distribution program, she has made a profound impact on saving lives and improving access to critical medication. Reese's unwavering commitment to helping individuals affected by substance use is evident through her expertise in crafting outreach strategies, which have successfully reached many vulnerable populations. Additionally, she serves as a national government affairs consultant—providing knowledge in harm reduction, naloxone access and policy development—to empower organizations to make a lasting impact in addressing substance use issues.



Wendy L. Waters-Connell, RN, MSN, LNHA, CPASRM (she/her) is a Certified Fundraiser with more than 25 years of experience as a nonprofit CEO. Starting at YWCA Hamilton in 2018, Waters-Connell reaffirmed the organization's dedication to eliminating racism and empowering women, starting with the Board's governance structures and diversity. She has led a strategic process to build a larger, brand-new campus with permanent supportive housing and emergency domestic violence shelter apartments. Waters-Connell uses her intersectional identities to build collaborations, which create a more equitable and inclusive community.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Systemic Barriers to Ending the HIV Epidemic



Jaasiel Chapman (he/him) is a native Cincinnati who is dedicated to finding a cure for HIV/AIDS. Currently, he works at Hamilton County Public Health as the HIV/STI Program Coordinator overseeing the Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative. His work there focuses on engaging and empowering community partners with resources and tools to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Greater Cincinnati area. Previously, Chapman worked with IV-CHARIS, the only minority-run HIV/AIDS organization in the area and as a community educator for University of Cincinnati College of Medicine Infectious Diseases Research Center.



Linda Rose Frank, PhD, MSN, ACRN, FAAN (she/her) is currently an Associate Professor, Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, Department of Infectious Diseases, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health with secondary appointments in School of Nursing, Community and Health Systems; the School of Medicine, Center for Translational Science Institute; and the Center for Russian & Eastern European Studies. Since 1988, she has been the Principal Investigator, Pennsylvania / MidAtlantic AIDS Education & Training Center and since 2011, the Telehealth AETC Appalachian Project, both funded by Bureau of HIV/AIDS, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Service. She has been recognized by national organizations, universities, and federal agencies for her leadership, expertise and continued commitment to serving and improving the care for people living with HIV and the underserved. She has served on regional and national boards, and engages legislators, government officials and other leaders to improve access to care, reduce disparities, and improve health of individuals and communities.

Transcending Barriers to Ending the HIV Epidemic



Timothy S. Jackson (he/him) currently serves as the Senior Director of Policy & Advocacy for AIDS Foundation Chicago where he is responsible for shepherding policy priorities through the state legislative

process from bill ideation to implementation. As a Black gay man living with HIV, Jackson's career is deeply rooted in advocating on behalf of people living with and vulnerable to HIV, amplifying their voices and addressing the impact HIV has on the communities where his identities intersect. Jackson is a lobbyist, a policy wonk, a foodie, a creative, a man of faith, but most of all, a fierce advocate.



Ricardo Martinez (he/him) joined Equality Texas as its CEO in December 2019 following a national search. Martinez is a first-generation immigrant from Mexico who grew up in Brooklyn, New York.

He was the second person of his immediate family to graduate high school and the first to earn a bachelor's at the Stony Brook University and master's degree in nonprofit management at The New School in New York City. Martinez was called to a career as an advocate for equity and inclusion after participating in Council for Unity, a program which he credits with helping him to uncover his passion and life purpose for mission-based work. After post-secondary education, Martinez amassed 17 years of nonprofit fundraising, organizing, advocacy and leadership experience with organizations like PENCIL, Summer Search, GLSEN and Stand for Children. In 2012, he was honored by the Obama Administration as an emerging LGBTQ Leader and recently awarded the Stony Brook University's 40 Under 40 award for the impact he has had in Civil Service and Activism since graduating from the university.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

What the Community Wants: HIV Self Testing



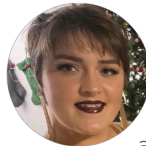
Nathaniel Holley (he/him) is a writer, philosopher, student of life and advocate for those living with HIV. He decided to champion the cause and live transparently with HIV to provide visibility following his own diagnosis

in 2012. He has earned his BA in Political Science at Morehouse College and master's in legal studies from American University. Throughout his career, Holley has traveled his talents from teaching English in South Korea to working for some of the biggest consulting and law firms in the country. While living in Washington, DC, he served on the Executive Committee for the Washington, DC Commission for Health and HIV, which exists under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS program to provide a comprehensive system of HIV care to low-income people living with HIV. In October 2020, he launched The Freelux Project, a nonprofit focused on decreasing stigma related to HIV and increasing access to healthcare for people of Color across the country.



JeMarr Jackson (he/him) is a Health Educator at Caracole specializing in prevention and community outreach. In his role, he helps to change the lives of those who are living with HIV as well as work to ensure

the prevention of HIV for those at high risk. A Cincinnati native, Jackson received his bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Cincinnati. At Caracole, he demonstrates his passion for those living with and at risk for HIV and exhibits the agency's values through his work in the community. Prior to his work at Caracole, JeMarr also worked with various other populations, including homeless and at-risk youth.



Alexa Mutchler (she/her) began her harm reduction career in 2022 when she joined Florida Harm Reduction Collective (FLHRC) as a Program Manager. With

her bachelor's degree in Economics and background in mortgage lending, she brings a love of data collection and analysis to the team. She is currently studying to get her master's degree in Public Policy Analysis with the hopes of using data analysis and visualization to steer policy decisions towards strengthening harm reduction and ending the war on people who use drugs in America. As the child of two chaotic opioid users, one who is in long-term recovery, Mutchler deeply believes that people who use drugs are humans who deserve compassion, respect, and dignity. She recognizes that everyone FLHRC helps is someone else's loved one and she is determined to help them as if they were her own.



Katie Rutherford (she/her) is the Executive Director at Frannie Peabody Center, Maine's oldest and largest community-based HIV/AIDS services provider offering Ryan

White Part B and HOPWA services. Prior to joining the agency, she lived and worked in South Africa for four years managing community and youth-focused development projects in the small village of Kurland. It was during this time that HIV/AIDS services became a priority and a passion of hers. She serves as co-chair of the State's HIV/AIDS Advisory Board and is a member of the HIV Leadership Advisory Council to US Business Action to End HIV. She is also a board member of the National HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition and Maine Cancer Foundation.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Constitutionalism and a Changing Landscape



Jennifer S. Bard, JD, MPH, PhD (she/her) is Professor of Law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law and has an appointment as Professor, Department of Internal

Medicine at the College of Medicine. Bard is an internationally recognized expert in the intersection of the fields of law, public health and bioethics. Immediately before coming to the University of Cincinnati she was Associate Vice Provost for Academic Engagement at Texas Tech University and was the Alvin R. Allison Professor of Law and Director of the Health Law and JD/MD program at Texas Tech University School of Law. She has taught Torts, Public Health Law, Human Subject Research Law, and Constitutional Issues in Health Law. Bard graduated from Wellesley College, studied law and philosophy at Oxford University, received her JD from Yale Law School, her master's degree in public health (MPH) from the University of Connecticut and a PhD in Higher Education from Texas Tech University. She received grant support from the National Institutes of Health and was selected as a Public Health Law Foundation Scholar in Residence.



Ryan Thoreson, JD, DPhil (he/him) is an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Cincinnati College of Law. His scholarship focuses on contemporary social movements and spans

constitutional law, criminal law, tort law, and comparative and international law. Thoreson's work has appeared or is forthcoming in the *California Law Review*, *Harvard International Law Journal*, *Yale Law Journal*, and *Journal of Human Rights*. Previously, he taught as an Assistant Professor at the University of Hong Kong and was a Clinical Lecturer and Cover-Lowenstein Fellow at Yale Law School. Prior to entering academia, he was a researcher at Human Rights Watch and clerked on the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Thoreson received his JD from Yale, where he was Executive Editor of the *Yale Law Journal* and Managing Editor of the *Yale Journal of Law and Feminism*. A Rhodes scholar, he also holds a DPhil in Anthropology from Oxford and an AB magna cum laude in Government and Studies of Women, Gender and Sexuality from Harvard University.

ABOUT CARACOLE

Caracole is Greater Cincinnati's nonprofit devoted to positively changing lives in the fight against HIV/AIDS. For people living with HIV, we provide housing, case management and pharmacy services to improve health and well-being. Our prevention services focus on outreach, testing, education and harm reduction to help people reduce their risk for HIV. The work we do to end the HIV epidemic is central to a healthy community. Volunteer, donate or find out how we can help you or someone you love at caracole.org

OUR VISION

To be a relentless force for health equity.

OUR MISSION

We positively change lives in the fight against HIV/AIDS through prevention, housing and care.

OUR VALUES

Unconditional Inclusivity

We believe that being open-minded, non-judgmental and empathetic creates an environment of safety essential to preserving dignity.

Relentless Advocacy

We champion causes to eliminate negative outcomes and stigma from our local communities and beyond.

Practical Innovation

We are problem solvers who find new solutions to improve the lives of those we serve.

Absolute Accountability

We uphold the highest standards to not only be the best we can be but also the most effective.

Radical Optimism

We allow humanity and hope to have a visible presence and be a driving force in all we do.

