

Religious Responses to HIV and AIDS: Understanding the Role of Religious Cultures and Institutions in Confronting the Epidemic

Monday - July 12, 2010

9:30 Welcome and review of agenda, Richard Parker, Columbia University

10:00 Interplay between religion and demographic and social change: Exploring effects of social forces, such as globalization and neoliberalism, on religious cultures and institutions within the context of HIV prevention, treatment, and care efforts.

- *Moderator: Shirley Lindenbaum, City University of New York*
- *James Pfeiffer, University of Washington*
 - Stigma, Pentecostalism, and AIDS Treatment in Mozambique: Creating New Approaches to HIV Prevention through Anti-Retroviral Therapy
- *Victor Agadjanian, Arizona State University*
 - Intersection of Sociodemographic, Political and Organizational Factors as they Pertain to Religious Organizations' Involvement with HIV in Rural Africa
- *Vinh-Kim Nguyen, University of Montreal*
 - "Therapeutic Pastoralism" - Social Relations Knotted Around Adherence to Therapy
- *Discussant: Kim Hopper, Columbia University*

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Contradictory consciousness: Understanding how religious ideologies of gender, sex, and reproduction have structured responses to HIV prevention, care and treatment.

- *Moderator: Jane Galvão, Independent Scholar*
- *Felipe Rios, Federal University of Pernambuco and Miguel Muñoz-Laboy, Columbia University*
 - Blood, Sweat, and Semen: The economy of Axé and the Response of Afro-Brazilian Religions to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Recife
- *Joanne Mantell, Columbia University and New York State Psychiatric Institute*
 - Religious Institutions' Ideological Engine: Gender, Sexualities, Reproduction, HIV/AIDS and Conflicts with Human Rights
- *Patrick Wilson, Columbia University*
 - "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin:" How 'Progressive' Ideology in the Black Church Hinders Responses to the Public Health Crisis of HIV Among Men Who Have Sex with Men
- *Discussant: Joyce Moon-Howard, Columbia University*

15:00 Religiosity and governmentality: Intersections of religious institutions, governments, international donors, and local NGOs.

- *Moderator: Devaki Nambiar, Columbia University and New York State Psychiatric Institute*
- *Richard Parker, Columbia University*
 - Strange Bedfellows: The Catholic Church and Brazilian National AIDS Program in the Response to AIDS in Brazil
- *Fernando Seffner, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul*
 - A Time for Dogma, a Time for the Bible, a Time for Condoms: Negotiation of Meaning Among the Public Health Policies and the Catholic Church Doctrine at Casa Fonte Colombo, Porto Alegre, Brazil
- *Ezer Kang and Min Yin Li, Hunter College*
 - Involvement of Chinese Immigrant Religious Organizations in HIV Programs

- *Discussant: Joanne Mantell, Columbia University and New York State Psychiatric Institute*

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10:00 Religious leader discourses on HIV prevention, care and treatment: Exploring the role of religious leaders in structuring the availability and acceptability of prevention and treatment technologies in distinct social contexts.

- *Moderator: Nora Kenworthy, Columbia University*
- *Jonathan Garcia, Yale University*
 - *Vulnerable Salvation: The Responses of Evangelical Leaders and Institutions to Drug Use and HIV and AIDS*
- *Jenny Trinitapoli, Penn State University*
 - *Moral Communities: Religious Patterns in HIV Status and Prevalence in Malawi*
- *Discussant: Edgar Rivera-Colón, Columbia University*

12:00 Lunch

13:00 The church as a space for problematizing and negotiating health: Exploring the social, cultural, and institutional factors that influence local church responses to HIV and AIDS.

- *Moderator: Destiny Ramjohn, Columbia University*
- *Robin Root, Baruch College*
 - *Religion and HIV/AIDS in Swaziland: A Case Study of a Church-run Home-based Care Organization*
- *Joyce Moon-Howard, Columbia University*
 - *The Cross and the Condom: The Black Church's Response to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic*
- *Adam P. Ashforth, University of Michigan*
 - *AIDS, Religious Enthusiasm, and Spiritual Insecurity in Africa*
- *Discussant: Richard Parker, Columbia University*

14:30 Roundtable discussion: Methodologies for studying the responses of religious institutions to HIV and AIDS.

- *Facilitator: Patrick Wilson*
- *Jenny Trinitapoli – Longitudinal household surveys*
- *Joyce Moon-Howard – Self-applied “Pew” Surveys*
- *James Pfeiffer – Ethnography*
- *Jonathan Garcia – Extended Case Study Method*
- *Miguel Muñoz-Laboy – Institutional Ethnography*

16:30 Closing

Wednesday - July 14, 2010

- 10:00 Introduction – The Challenges of Collaboration and Seeking Research Funds
Richard Parker
- 10:15 Brief report by note-takers on recurrent themes throughout the prior two days of the meeting
Miguel Muñoz-Laboy, Alana Kolundzija & Natalie Wittlin
- 10:30 Discussion questions:
- a) What are current gaps in our research that you would like to continue to investigate in further research on religion and HIV/AIDS? Would collaboration with other researchers increase the chances of funding?
Facilitator: Robin Root
 - b) Are there “obvious” possible collaborations where the knowledge generated in a location or domain can benefit from a cross-cultural or cross-national collaboration (e.g., Mozambique and Brazil)?
Facilitator: Victor Agadjanian
 - c) What are specific research questions that subgroups of researchers would like to explore together? What are the next steps, if any, to build and submit proposals?
Facilitator: Jenny Trinitapoli
- 12:00 Concluding Remarks and Next Steps, *Richard Parker*

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