

Community Perspectives on CROI 2015

Webinar April 29, 2015, 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm ET









Today's Moderators



Krista Martel, Executive Director, joined The Well Project in 2009 and has overseen the expansion of The Well Project's programming, including the launch of a new web portal, *A Girl Like Me* blog, development of a treatment advocacy development program and implementation of a 8-member community advisory board. Krista has been instrumental in identifying how to best leverage the ever-increasing usage of technology to impact the HIV epidemic among women and girls. Krista began working in HIV education in 1995, shortly after her sister was diagnosed with HIV, and is dedicated to decreasing HIV-related stigma for people living with HIV, with a specific focus on women and girls.



Olivia Ford is the Communications Director at Positive Women's Network - USA, where she works to build the capacity of members, staff and allies to use media to shift the public discourse on women and HIV to incorporate a social justice lens and the perspectives of women living with HIV. Olivia has presented workshops to diverse audiences at conferences throughout the U.S. She also wrote articles, developed award-winning content, and interviewed and moderated discussions with HIV community members on such topics as trauma, gender-based violence and HIV; health care access in transgender communities; the rollout of PrEP for U.S. women; immigration and HIV; criminalization and stigma; and becoming a parent while living with HIV, while on staff at TheBody.com.



Today's Speakers



Maria Mejia, Global Ambassador, Community Advisory Board, A Girl Like Me blogger, The Well Project; PWN member



Kate Borloglou, Community Advisory Board, *A Girl Like Me* blogger, The Well Project; PWN

member



Julie "JD" Davids, Managing Editor, TheBody.com



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The Well Project

- The Well Project is a non-profit organization whose mission is to change the course of the HIV/AIDS pandemic through a unique and comprehensive focus on women and girls
- Global resource that leverages technology to improve health outcomes and increase the quality of life for women and girls living with HIV
- Aims to provide women with the tools necessary to optimize their health and wellness in a variety of ways, including:
 - Expanded access to HIV information and increased health literacy
 - Increased engagement in health care
 - Community building and advocacy development
 - Advancement of the research agenda



The Well Project

- Founded by Dawn Averitt, who was diagnosed with HIV in 1988 at age 19 and is one of the nation's most prominent HIV treatment advocates
- In 2013, we identified a need to have more women living with HIV involved in the decision-making processes around HIV research and drug development and have been working on treatment advocacy development initiative
- Our goal is to increase women's access to better prevention options, care, and engagement in HIV treatment by providing more women living with HIV with the tools to voice the needs and experiences of their communities
- In 2015, we plan to offer an online curricula and additional on-site trainings at HIV conferences for treatment advocacy development



Positive Women's Network-USA

- Positive Women's Network-USA (PWN-USA) envisions a world where women living with HIV can live long, healthy, dignified and productive lives, free from stigma and discrimination. Our mission is to prepare and involve all women living with HIV, in all our diversity, including gender identity and sexual expression, in all levels of policy and decision-making.
- PWN-USA was founded in 2008 by 28 diverse women leaders living with HIV, all with a deep desire to create a unified voice and build collective power for women with HIV across the United States
- Through our workgroups and 7 regional chapters across the US, PWN-USA develops a leadership pipeline and policy agenda that applies a gender lens to the domestic epidemic grounded in social justice and human rights
- Every day, PWN-USA inspires, informs and mobilizes women living with HIV to advocate for changes that improve our lives and uphold our rights



Community Perspectives and Key Takeaways from CROI 2015



Maria Mejia

- Experience attending for the first time
 - Community scholar program
 - Support
 - Responsibility as an advocate
- PrEP:
 - Hearing research firsthand is convincing
 - Need to include women!
 - Early research exciting about possibly taking PrEP 4 times a week, but daily adherence still necessary
 - Martin Delaney Presentation: How to End the HIV Epidemic: Community Perspectives http://www.croiconference.org/sessions/martin-delaney-presentation-how-end-hiv-epidemic-community-perspectives
 - On Demand PrEP With Oral TDF-FTC in MSM: Results of the ANRS Ipergay Trial (Molina) http://www.croiconference.org/sessions/demand-prep-oral-tdf-ftc-msm-results-anrs-ipergay-trial



Maria Mejia

- HIV in the gut
 - Gut health is important to our health!
 - Probiotics are recommended by some for helping keep gut healthy
 - Pathogenesis of HIV Complications (Hunt)
 http://www.croiconference.org/sessions/pathogenesis-hiv-complications
- Long-acting injectables
 - Researchers looking into ART therapy that can be injected and taken monthly
 - HIV Prevention 2.0: What's Next? (Buchbinder)
 http://www.croiconference.org/sessions/hiv-prevention-20-whats-next
- Cure research
 - Many asked me about cure research, but I didn't see much presented at CROI!

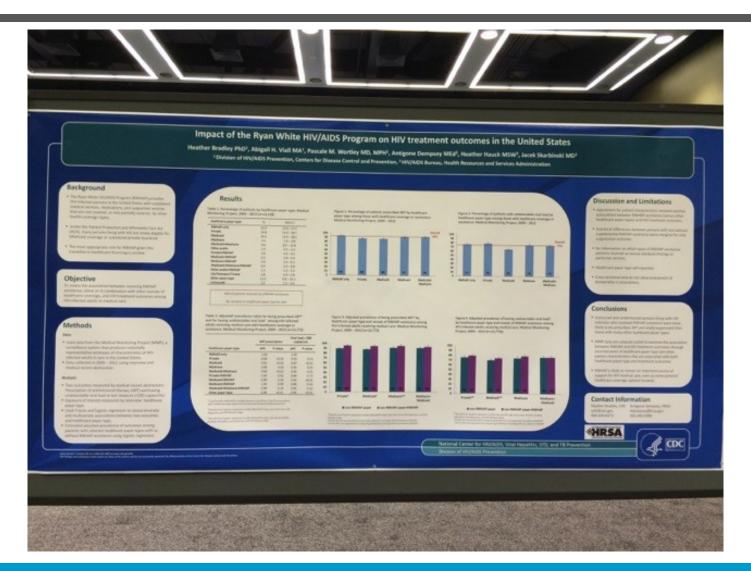


Kate Borloglou

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 - Community scholar sessions
- Presentations:
 - Martin Delaney Presentation: How to End the HIV Epidemic: Community Perspectives http://www.croiconference.org/sessions/martin-delaney-presentation-how-end-hiv-epidemic-community-perspectives
 - Effect of Financial Incentives on Linkage to Care and Viral Suppression: HPTN 065 (El Sadr) http://www.croiconference.org/sessions/effect-financial-incentives-linkage-care-and-viral-suppression-hptn-065
 - FACTS 001 Phase III Trial of Pericoital Tenofovir 1% Gel for HIV Prevention in Women (Rees) http://www.croiconference.org/sessions/facts-001-phase-iii-trial-pericoital-tenofovir-1-gel-hiv-prevention-women
- Poster sessions



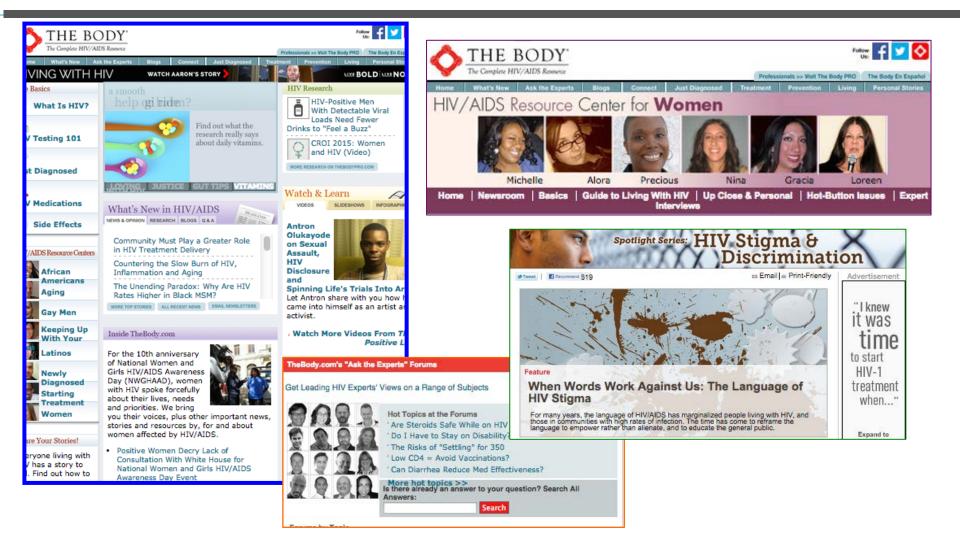
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HIV-Positive Men With Detectable Viral Loads Need Fewer Drinks to "Feel a Buzz"

CROI 2015: Women and HIV (Video)

Promising Antibody That Neutralises HIV Shows Why We Shouldn't Give Up on a Vaccine

Grading Severe Liver Disease and Predicting Survival

Ledipasvir and Sofosbuvir With or Without Ribavirin in People With Liver Transplants

Recap and Highlights From CROI 2015

Sirius: Ledipasvir and Sofosbuvir in Cases of Severe Liver Injury

Using Ledipasvir and Sofosbuvir When Prior Treatment With Sofosbuvir Failed

Grazoprovin Elbacyin and Other

Vaginal HIV Prevention Gel Fails **Major Study**

Disappointing new study results have dealt a serious blow to hopes for a vaginal gel to help women protect themselves from HIV infection.

MICROBICIDES INFLAMN

HIV CARE TODAY HIV MANAGEMENT IN DEPTH

An interview series exploring key issues in HIV care.



Key Issues Affecting the Care of HIV-Positive Adolescents

An Interview With John Steever. M.D.

the frontlines of HIV treatm



New HIV Treatme Guidelines, and t of an Era A Blog Entry by Pag

A blog featuring profession prevention and care.

> 6 Important HIV Research Findings From **CROI 2015**

By Josep M. Llibre, M.D., and Benjamin Young, M.D., Ph.D.

Here are six important HIV research findings from CROI 2015, selected by Josep M. Llibre, M.D., and Benjamin Young, M.D., two of the leading HIV doctors in the world.



- History and present day AIDS community / activist involvement in CROI and the AIDS movement
 - ACT UP, Eat Hors d'Oeuvres? Strange Days, Missing Histories at CROI 2015
 - Martin Delaney Presentation: How to End the HIV Epidemic: Community Perspectives
- Ending AIDS: It won't be easy but it may be possible if we overcome
 political, economic and practical challenges and stay away from hype
 - Fast-Track Cities Initiative
 - Linkage to care/viral load data: <u>snapshot vs long-view</u>?
 - The problem of the <u>young and the healthy!</u>
 - Making treatment easier/cheaper: <u>BREATHER</u> study, TAF, injectables
 - <u>"PrEP Bridge"</u> 6 months PrEP when partners starts ART
 - Community Cure Workshop
- Stop Smoking



I Know It's Hard but Please Quit Smoking If You Can:

- Impact of Smoking on Life Expectancy Among HIV-Infected Individuals: The ART Cohort Collaboration
- Varenicline vs Placebo for Smoking Cessation: ANRS 144 Inter-ACTIV Randomized Trial
- Risk of Cancer Among HIV Patients Compared to the Background Population: Impact of Smoking and HIV
- Smoking Outweighs HIV-Related Risk Factors for Non–AIDS-Defining Cancers
- Soluble CD14 and D-dimer Are Associated With Smoking and Heavy Alcohol Use in HIV-Infected Adults
- Antiviral Therapy and Smoking associated with Coronary Vessel Thickening in HIV-infected Youth
- Smoking, Other Substance Use and Coronary Atherosclerosis Among HIV-Infected and Uninfected Men
- Smoking and Obesity May Partially Explain the Inflammation and Morbidity Association
- Alcohol, Substance Use, and Smoking Associations With Lipoatrophy and Lipohypertrophy



- Transgender research. Not. Really. Much. Of. Anything.
- One trans-specific abstract, but please don't use "transgendered," it's considered derogatory
 - HIV and STIs Among Transgendered Populations: Four Country Survey From Central America
- Included in 4 PrEP abstracts, an advocacy victory... check out their titles though:
 - Early Adopters: Correlates of Chemoprophylaxis Use in an Online Sample of US Men Who
 Have Sex With Men
 - Implementation of PrEP in STD Clinics: High Uptake and Drug Detection Among MSM in the Demo Project
 - PrEP Engagement for HIV Prevention: Results From the iPrEx Open Label Extension (OLE)
 - Recent Increases in PrEP Utilization at a Boston Community Health Center Among Men Who
 Have Sex With Men, 2011-2014: Transition From Research to Clinical Practice
- Only other mentions:
 - TEMPORAL TRENDS IN HIV-1 INCIDENCE AND RISK BEHAVIORS AMONG MSM BANGKOK
 THAILAND 2006-2013: Number of transgender women not mentioned
 - <u>Functional Profiling of the Gut Microbiome in HIV Infection</u>: One transgender woman
 - Emergent and Detectable Proviral DNA Drug Resistance in a Community Treatment Program:
 One transgender woman



Other PrEP Stuff

- U.S. Women and PrEP Working Group
- The Role of <u>Local Health Departments</u>
- Some additional thoughts on messaging challenges about alternative dosing of
 Truvada women may always need daily dosing with this agent HPTN 076
- Who are the "brothers" of the women in FACTS, and who are the "sisters" of the IPERGAY/PROUD participants?
 - The role of social capitol and economic realities in biomedical prevention aren't just about women
- Getting ready for big women's push at AIDS 2016 in Durban!



Additional Resources

- Update from CROI, by Jennifer Johnsen, Managing Editor, The Well Project
- How Do We Overcome the Challenges of Accessing PrEP?, by Julie "JD"
 Davids and Terri Wilder
- TheBodyPRO.com's coverage of CROI 2015
- www.croiconference.org
- Other PrEP studies:
 - "Being on the right side of history" PrEP for HIV Prevention: What We Know and What We Still Need
 to Know for Implementation (Landovitz): http://www.croiconference.org/sessions/prep-hiv-prevention-what-we-know-and-what-we-still-need-know-implementation
 - On Demand PrEP With Oral TDF-FTC in MSM: Results of the ANRS Ipergay Trial (Molina)
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 - Pragmatic Open-Label Randomised Trial of Preexposure Prophylaxis: The PROUD Study (McCormack)
 http://www.croiconference.org/sessions/pragmatic-open-label-randomised-trial-preexposure-prophylaxis-proud-study
 - Near Elimination of HIV Transmission in a Demonstration Project of PrEP and ART (Baeten)
 http://www.croiconference.org/sessions/near-elimination-hiv-transmission-demonstration-project-prep-and-art



Interested in becoming a treatment advocate?

- Keep up-to-date by visiting <u>www.thewellproject.org</u> for future opportunities and online resources
- Black AIDS Institute (Black Treatment Advocates Network) and AVAC advocacy training programs
- Community educator scholarships for CROI, IAS, additional conferences – refer to websites for applications



Thank you!!