



Symposium Program

DATES: Tuesday - Thursday, May 24 - 26, 2022

LOCATION: Circular Congregational Church & Virtual

SCHEDULE:

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Screening of the documentary film, *Killing Patient Zero*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Welcome, 9:00 – 9:15 AM

Opening Presentation, 9:15 – 10:15 AM

- Robert Ball, MD, MPH, FACP: Memories from the Physician Who Diagnosed & Treated the First AIDS Patient in SC

Session 1: History of HIV/AIDS in the South, 10:15 – 11:15 AM

- Stephen Inrig, PhD, author of *North Carolina and the Problem of AIDS: Advocacy, Politics, & Race in the South*; and *The AIDS Pandemic: Searching for a Global Response*.
- Andrew Skerritt, author of *Ashamed to Die: Silence, Denial and the AIDS Epidemic in the South*

Break, 11:15-11:30

Keynote, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

- Richard McKay, PhD, author of *Patient Zero and the Making of the AIDS Epidemic*



Lunch, 12:30 – 1:15 PM

Session 2: Science at the Beginning of HIV/AIDS, 1:15 – 2:15 PM

- Victoria Harden, PhD, Director, Office of NIH History (retired) and author of AIDS at 30: A History
- Mariano LaVia, MD, MUSC Dept of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (retired)

Session 3: Fighting HIV/AIDS: Healthcare Advocacy in South Carolina, 2:15 – 3:15 PM

- Matthew Lombardo, Community Outreach Specialist, Ryan White Clinic, Roper St. Francis Healthcare
- Speaker TBA

Break, 3:15-3:30

Session 4: Art, AIDS & Activism in South Carolina: 1981 to the Present, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

- Speaker TBA

Reception, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

Thursday, May 26

Session 5: Current State of HIV/AIDS in South Carolina, 9:00 – 10:00 AM

- Divya Ahuja, MD, Principal Investigator for SC HIV/HCV Clinical Training Center, USC
- Valerie Assey, RN, MSN, MUSC Division of Infectious Diseases

Session 6: HIV-AIDS Science Today, 10:00 – 11:15 AM

- Eric Meissner, MD, PhD, MUSC Division of Infectious Diseases
- Helmut Albrecht, MD, former Chief of the USC Infectious Diseases Division
- Jeff Korte, PhD, MUSC Dept of Public Health



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- Charles Bryan, MD, MACP, FRCP

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Session 7: 1:15 – 2:15 PM

- TBA

Break, 2:15 -2:30

Session 8: Documenting the History of HIV/AIDS in South Carolina, 2:30 – 3:30 PM

- Brian Fors, PhD, CA, curator, MUSC Waring Historical Library
- Harlan Greene, Scholar-in-Residence, College of Charleston Special Collections