

**SUMMER PRACTICUM  
EXPERIENCE AT SAN  
FRANCISCO  
DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH**

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# PRACTICUM OVERVIEW

- ◉ 3 months
- ◉ 4 days per week
- ◉ Unpaid
- ◉ Population-based approach to HIV prevention in San Francisco, CA



# PROJECTS

- ◉ Power Point creation and co-facilitation of HIV Prevention Plan
- ◉ Sfhiv website development
- ◉ HIV counselor and tester training manual editing and development

# POPULATION HEALTH AND PREVENTION: HIV PREVENTION SECTION

Our Mission is to reduce HIV infection through promoting health and enabling individuals and communities to increase control over conditions affecting their health.

# GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

- Our overall goal is to reduce new HIV infections by 50% by 2017. Our specific objectives are to:
- Reduce new HIV infections among men who have sex with men (MSM) by 50%;
- Reduce new HIV infections among transpersons by 50%;
- Eliminate new infections among IDUs; and
- Eliminate perinatal infections
- In reaching the above objectives, we believe we will also achieve the goal of keeping HIV infection rates among non-injecting biological women and men who have sex exclusively with women extremely low, because most transmission within these groups is due to transmission from MSM or IDUs.

# SAN FRANCISCO 2010 HIV PREVENTION PLAN

- ◉ developed by the HIV Prevention Planning Council in partnership with the San Francisco Department of Public Health AIDS Office
- ◉ lays out the framework for HIV prevention in San Francisco for the next five years (2010-2014).
- ◉ May be downloaded here:

<http://sfhiv.org/community.php>

# HIGH SCHOOL OUTINGS

- ◉ HIV prevention in partnered San Francisco high schools
- ◉ Safer Sex education with high school students at lunch time
  - Games
  - Riddles/puzzles
  - Free condoms



# CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN AMERICANS AND HIV

- 2 day conference Addressing health disparities in the African American community
- Topics:
  - epidemiology, cultural considerations impacting HIV prevention and treatment, stigma, how HIV, racism and homophobia are connected, LGBT issues, strategies for addressing health disparities

# CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN AMERICANS AND HIV: AGENDA DAY 1

- ◉ *Part 1: Friday June 10th, 2011*
- ◉ *8:30 -9:00 Registration & continental breakfast*
- ◉ *9:00 - 9:10 Welcome and Overview of the Trainings*
- ◉ *9:10 - 9:25 Overview of Health Disparities in San Francisco*
- ◉ *9:25 - 10:25 The HIV Epidemic and African Americans*
- ◉ *10:25 - 11:25 Historical & Cultural Considerations that Impact Prevention and Care*
- ◉ *11:35 - 12:35 Panel of HIV-infected and affected African Americans living in SF*
- ◉ *12:35 - 1:35 LUNCH (on your own)*
- ◉ *1:35 - 2:35 Incarceration and HIV*
- ◉ *2:35 -3:35 How Racism & Homophobia Can Increase HIV risk*
- ◉ *3:45 - 4:50 HIV & Stigma*
- ◉ *4:50 - 5:00 Wrap up and evaluations*

# CONFERENCE ON AFRICAN AMERICANS AND HIV: DAY 2

- ◉ 8:30 - 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- ◉ 9:00 - 9:10 Welcome and Overview
- ◉ 9:10 -10:10 Co-Morbidities: HIV, & other Health Disparities
- ◉ 10:10- 11:10 Community Viral Load: What It Means for African Americans in SF
- ◉ 11:20 - 12:20 Substance use and HIV
- ◉ 12:20- 1:20 LUNCH (on your own)
- ◉ 1:20- 2:20 Transgender Issues in the African American community
- ◉ 2:20 - 3:20 Social Networks
- ◉ 3:30 - 4:10 DPH Response: The Next Five Years
- ◉ 4:10 - 4:50 The Power of One: Turning information into Action
- ◉ 4:50 - 5:00 Wrap up and evaluations

# WEEKLY INTERN TRAININGS

Date	Topic	Speaker
Tuesday, 6/7	HIV 101	Jonathan Fuchs
Monday, 6/13	PrEP & Microbicides 101	Al Liu
Tuesday, 6/14	Tracking the HIV Epidemic in San Francisco	Willi McFarland
Thursday, 6/16	Vaccines 101	Jonathan Fuchs
Tuesday, 6/21	<i>Unnatural Causes</i> (video)	
Thursday, 6/23	Mobilizing the Community: Strengths-Based Model	Pedro Arista
Tuesday, 6/28	Responsible Conduct of Research <b>(Note: some "pre-work" may be required for this one so let me know if you plan to attend)</b>	Jonathan Fuchs
Thursday, 6/30	Clinical Research Methods & Analysis: Terminology and Basic Concepts	Milo Santos

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Thursday, 7/7	Responsible Conduct of Research Case Study Discussion Part 1(Designing Research Studies)	Jonathan Fuchs & Liz Kroboth
Tuesday, 7/12	Responsible Conduct of Research Case Study Discussion Part 2 (Professional Ethics)	Jonathan Fuchs & Liz Kroboth
Tuesday, 7/19	Latino Populations and HIV	Pedro Arista
Thursday, 7/21	African American Populations and HIV (tentative)	UNITY Team & Black Brothers Esteem (tentative)
Tuesday, 7/26	HIV Prevention through Substance Use Reduction	Deirdre Santos
<b><u>Friday</u></b> 7/29	Prevention with Positives and Community Viral Load	Moupali Das
Tuesday, 8/2	Emergency Response/Outbreak	Tomas Aragon
Thursday, 8/4	Monitoring Diseases - Surveillance, Databases, Sampling	Priscilla Chu
Tuesday, 8/9	Intern Research Project Presentations	N/A
Thursday, 8/11	Panel of Public Health Researchers	N/A

# SHADOWING THE DIRECTOR

- ◉ Grant Colfax
- ◉ Ward 86
- ◉ SF General Hospital



# REFERENCES

● [www.sfhiv.org](http://www.sfhiv.org)