



DELTA FOCUS
Conference 2020
A Spotlight On Sexual Health

Feb 6-8, 2020
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Welcome to the Delta!

"Delta FOCUS: A Spotlight on Sexual Health" is a grassroots conference for the community to consider and gain insight on topics affecting the sexual health of people in the Mississippi Delta and surrounding areas. This conference seeks to expand the skills and awareness of community health professionals through interactive workshops, thematic plenaries, and community listening sessions. Pre-conference sessions are designed for college students and will include topics on Intimate Partner Violence, College PrEP, and a Truth Talk student convening. General conference topics include Medical Mistrust, Intersectionality, Spirituality and Sexual Health, Understanding Gender Identity, Stigma & Myths, Sexual Health in Communities of Color, Sexual Wellness, and Sexual Health for All Ages. Delta FOCUS Conference is hosted by FABRIC, Incorporated and CH-PIER; co-presented by Widener University and Delta State University with support from ViiV Healthcare's ACCELERATE Initiative.



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Thursday, February 6, 2020

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| 11:00AM to 12:45PM | REGISTRATION Jacob Conference Center Lobby |
| 1:00PM TO 1:30PM | PRE-CONFERENCE OPENING – L. Nicole Stringfellow |
| 1:45PM to 3:00PM | SESSION 1: Breakout #1: Intimate Partner Violence Althea Hart Breakout #2: College PrEP Gerald Gibson |
| 3:15PM to 4:30PM | SESSION 2: (Repeat topics) Breakout #1: Intimate Partner Violence Althea Hart Breakout #2: College PrEP Gerald Gibson |
| 4:45PM to 6:00PM | SESSION 3: TRUTH TALK : Stigma & Myths Jacob Conference Center – Linda Dixon |

Friday, February 7, 2020

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| 7:45AM to 8:45AM | REGISTRATION Jacob Conference Center Lobby |
| 8:45AM to 9:15AM | CONFERENCE OPENING: Importance of Sexual Health Jacob Conference Center Lobby |
| 9:30AM to 11:00AM | SESSION 1: Breakout #1: Medical Mistrust Chris Roby Breakout #2: Intersectionality Valencia Robinson Breakout #3: Cultural Competence Javontae Williams |
| 11:15AM - 12:45PM | SESSION 2: (Repeat some topics) Breakout #1: Understanding Gender Identity Chris Roby Breakout #2: Intersectionality Valencia Robinson Breakout #3: U = U & PrEP for the Community Gerald Gibson |

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| 1:00PM to 2:15PM | NETWORKING LUNCH: TABLE TOPICS – Marc Meachem Jacob Conference Center Lobby |
| 2:30PM to 4:00PM | SESSION 3: Breakout #1: Stigma & Myths Linda Dixon Breakout #2: Sexual Wellness Earl Benjamin-Robinson Breakout #3: Cultural Competence Javontae Williams |
| 4:15PM to 5:30PM | SESSION 4: TRUTH TALK: Tool Kit <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Jacob Conference Center – Javontae Williams |
| 8:00AM to 8:45AM | REGISTRATION Jacob Conf Center Lobby |
| 9:00AM to 10:30AM | SESSION 5: Breakout #1: Trauma Informed Care Michael Benjamin-Robinson Breakout #2: Sexual Health-Communities of Color Melverta Bender Breakout #3: Spirituality and Sexual Health Kevin Patterson Breakout #4: Sexual Health for All Ages Teen Health - MS |
| 10:45AM to 12:15PM | SESSION 6: Breakout #1: Trauma Informed Care Michael Benjamin-Robinson Breakout #2: Sexual Health-Communities of Color Melverta Bender Breakout #3: Spirituality and Sexual Health Kevin Patterson Breakout #4: Sexual Health for All Ages Teen Health - MS |
| 12:30PM to 2:00PM | CLOSING LUNCHEON WITH PANEL Jacob Conference Center <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Moderator: Cedric Sturdevant 2020 Vision: Sexual Health in the MS Delta <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Monica Coleman- Linda Dixon- Cora Jackson- Chris Lane |

Delta Focus Planning Team

L. Nicole Stringfellow

Conference Host and Planning Co-Chair



Ms. L Nicole Stringfellow is the Regional Vice President for the Delta with Together for Hope with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Her professional and academic background includes a 19 year career at Delta State University where she was the former Regional Director for the MDSC/AmeriCorps*VISTA program at Delta State University and served 5 years in an interim capacity as Director for The Center for Community and Economic Development. L Nicole has a diverse education with a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice from Mississippi Valley State University, and Master's in Criminal Justice from Delta State University, a Master's in Human Capital Development from the University of Southern Mississippi and is also a Certified Economic Development Finance Professional from the National Development Council (New York).

L Nicole is the Executive Director of her nonprofit, FABRIC, Incorporated and her life has always included volunteering where she is able to work with sensitive populations like people living with HIV/AIDS, and people with arrest and conviction history. She has volunteered on mission/research trips in South Africa is currently assisting two mentees with a girls/woman project in Ghana and a school renovation project in Kenya. She is currently a Community Advisory Committee Member with ViiV ACCELERATE (Washington, D.C.), and the Chair for the Advisory Board with the Cleveland (MS) Salvation Army. Her previous volunteer work includes four years as the Community Co-Chair for the Mississippi HIV Planning Group with the MS State Department of Health, and six years as a member of the Disability Inclusion Planning Team with the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service.

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Cedric Sturdevant

Conference Host and Planning Co-Chair

Cedric Sturdevant has been working in the field of HIV prevention for ten years. He started as a volunteer with Magnolia Medical Clinic (MMC) in Greenwood, Mississippi, in 2006 where he participated in health fairs and health summits to assist in pre and post counseling for rapid HIV testing. Cedric is an advocate for HIV, working with and training HIV-positive people to be an advocate for themselves and others through a program called AIDSWatch Mississippi and co-founder of Mississippi Positive Network [MSPN]. Cedric is also the organizational co-chair for Black Treatment Advocates Network [BTAN] Mississippi.



For eight and half years, Cedric worked as a Project Coordinator at My Brother's Keeper, Inc., a private, nonprofit, 501(c)3 dedicated to the reduction of health disparities throughout Mississippi by enhancing the health and well-being of minority and marginalized populations. During his time at My Brother's Keeper, locally referred to as MBK, Cedric has had the opportunity to share with others the importance of HIV prevention, education, and awareness. Presently, Cedric works with the Southern AIDS Coalition, as Executive Director of the Greenville Center. The organization is dedicated to providing services and opportunities to young men that focus on wellness, empowerment, and leadership.

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Javontae Lee Williams

Conference Planning Co-Chair



Javontae Lee Williams, MPH, is project manager for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health and also works as Applied Research Scientist at the Interdisciplinary Sexuality Research Collaborative, Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania. He manages a grant-funded sexuality education project for Black men in Baltimore MD and Jackson MS

Additionally, Javontae conducts research exploring the racial, gender, age, and cultural factors that influence black men's health, particularly concerning well-being and aging. Javontae is known as a dynamic speaker nationwide, and his work has been featured in popular media outlets like National Public Radio, Philly Weekly, and TheBody.com among others.

Michelle Johansen

Conference Planning Co-Chair

Michelle Johansen is Delta State University's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Coordinator as well as an adjunct instructor of history and an international education coordinator. She came to the Mississippi Delta with Teach for America and taught elementary school for three years. Before joining the DSU staff in 2012, she spent six years as a program coordinator for the Sunflower County Freedom Project, a non-profit dedicated to creating a corps of academically capable, socially conscious, and mentally disciplined young leaders in public middle and high schools.



At DSU, Michelle coordinates cultural competency across the curriculum and campus, teaches American and world history, and works with DSU's international university partners to increase opportunities for cultural and academic exchanges. She holds a B.A. in political science from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and an M.Ed in history from Delta State University.

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The planning committee is grateful to many individuals for offering their time, talent and resources to make this event successful.



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Presenters

Melverta Binder

Melverta Bender is the project manager of a Multicenter NIH Clinical Genomics Research Study with Brigham and Women's Hospital. She earned a Master of Liberal Studies from Millsaps College, a Master of Public Health from Jackson State University and is currently pursuing a PhD in Public Policy and Administration. She is a member of the Training Cadre for Teen Health MS, Project Management Institute, the American Public Health Association, and the MS Public Health Association.

Hope L. Crenshaw

Hope is a native of Crenshaw, MS. Hope completed her Ph.D. in Education Policy Studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, with a focus on equity and data driven decision making. As Executive Director of Teen Health Mississippi, Hope directs interaction with stakeholders, donors, partner organizations, and policymakers. Hope is also responsible for overseeing all Teen Health Mississippi programming and growth and supporting the Teen Health Mississippi staff.

Monica L. Coleman

Monica is an emerging mental health entrepreneur. Her training and research focuses on clinical mental health, addictions, sexual health, crisis intervention, vocational rehabilitation, career, and family counseling. She has a special passion for working with adolescents in marginalized populations. She currently resides with her partner of 17 years and two children in the Mississippi Delta.

Presenters

Anupria Davenport

Anupria works for Teen Health Mississippi as the Pregnancy Assistance Fund Coordinator to ensure that organizations who serve expectant and parenting teens have the knowledge, skills, and ability to promote positive youth development. In collaboration with MSDH, she develops a comprehensive resource guide for expectant and parenting teens, and youth-serving professionals in Mississippi. Anupria creates and provides local and state organizations, agencies, and individuals, capacity building trainings to support healthy outcomes for the youth they serve. She also monitors and evaluates all aspects of the resource guide and training materials for continuous quality improvement. Anupria is a native of Greenville, MS.

Linda Dixon

Linda Dixon serves as the health law director at the Mississippi Center for Justice, a position she has held since November 2008. Prior to joining the Center, she was the assistant secretary of state for elections for the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office, where she previously held the position of senior attorney and director of elections training and education. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Southern University at New Orleans and her law degree from Mississippi College School of Law. Linda is a member of the Mississippi Bar and the Magnolia Bar Associations. Linda currently serves on the Southern Black HIV/AIDS Advisory Council and the Access Care & Engagement TA Center Advisory Council. She serves on the Mississippi College School of Law Alumni Association Board. She previously served on the Southern AIDS Coalition Board of Directors and the steering committee of the Southern HIV/AIDS Strategy Initiative. Linda is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and the Links, Incorporated.

Presenters

Gerald Terrell Gibson

Gerald currently serves as Mobile Testing Manager. He plans and implements comprehensive Sexual Health screening events throughout the State. He also oversees the massive Condom distribution campaign which has been expanded from just clubs and bars to beauty salons, barber shops, clothing boutiques, some church organizations, and retail outlets. Lastly, he is co-coordinator for the Community Based Programs Educational component where they present on topics ranging from HIV /STD 101, Stigma, and Cultural Competency. He has done and currently does presentations all over the state in various settings from schools to churches and college and universities.

Earl Nupsius Benjamin

Dr. Earl Nupsius Benjamin is a health equity expert and strategist and well known as a skilled strategic convener and facilitator. He is a population health practitioner with over 18 years of public health experience. He is public health faculty in Xavier University's Department of Public Health Sciences, teaching graduate and undergraduate courses. Dr. Benjamin is the co-founder of The BACH Group - a social, population, and community capacity support practice dedicated to providing consultative and capacity building services that support improvements in behavioral, community, and population health. He also led the development of Louisiana's first statewide health equity plan.

Michael L. Robinson

Michael is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker - psychotherapist and is social work faculty at Southern University at New Orleans and Tulane. Mr. Robinson has been a social services and public health practitioner for 20 years. Mr. Robinson is also the CEO/primary psychotherapist at BACH Therapeutic Counseling Services and is the co-founder of The BACH Group - a social, population, and community capacity support practice dedicated to providing consultative and capacity building services that support improvements in behavioral, community, and population health. His doctoral studies-research is on the Possible Selves Theory.

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