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Breaking Barriers, Advancing Access: Collaborating to Enhance Rehabilitation for People Living with HIV and Other Episodic Illnesses

Speaker Biographies



Tara Carnochan

Manager, Health Promotion and Outreach Programs
Nine Circles Community Health Centre

As Manager of the Health Promotion and Outreach Programs at Nine Circles Community Health Centre in Winnipeg, Tara works with an inter-disciplinary group of professionals to provide integrated HIV prevention, care, treatment and support activities. In the last year, Nine Circles has developed a partnership with CWGHR to expand their capacity in relation to rehabilitation programs and services. Tara also acts as the Health Promotion lead for the Manitoba HIV Program.



Dr. Bob Gardner, Ph.D.

Director, Healthcare Reform and Public Policy
The Wellesley Institute

Bob Gardner is Director of Healthcare Reform and Public Policy at the Wellesley Institute, an independent non-profit research and policy think tank. Bob has a Ph.D. in sociology, has been an academic, public sector executive and consultant, and has many years experience in HIV/AIDS, reproductive health and other community groups. He researches, writes and speaks widely on health equity policy, and works with governments, LHINS, service provider networks and community partners to develop effective strategies and action plans to enhance health equity.

In 2008 he developed a comprehensive health equity strategic framework for the Toronto Central LHIN, subsequently co-authored reports on equity-focused planning and building equity into performance management systems, and is a member of the Ontario Health Quality Council.



Dr. Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco

Born in Chile in 1963, Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco is an AIDS activist, educator, researcher and writer. He migrated to Canada in 1985 and became HIV-positive six months later. Francisco obtained his PhD in Education in 1999 with a focus on health education and sexuality. He has worked as an AIDS outreach worker, university instructor in qualitative research methods, creative writing educator at Goddard College (2004-2009) and an HIV community-based research facilitator in British Columbia (2003-2009). Since 2009, Francisco has been the Program Manager of Universities

Without Walls, a national training program for emerging HIV researchers at the Ontario HIV Treatment Network.

Francisco's fiction has been published in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom.

His non-fiction and academic writing has appeared in a number of edited collections, magazines, and newspapers, including: *Public Acts Disruptive Readings on Making Curriculum Public* (co-edited with Erica Meiners, 2004); "Organizing CBR Knowledge Between University and Communities: Lessons Learned" in *Journal of Community Development* with Pilar Riaño-Alcalá (2009) and "Posi+ive Prevention for Gay Men: Dismounting Missionary Positions" in *Adult Education in Queer Contexts: Power, Politics, and Pedagogy* with Peter Hall (2009).

His community service began as member of the Board of Directors of AIDS Vancouver in 1989. He served on the CWGHR Board of Directors from 2002 until 2007, and was Co-Chair from 2002 to 2006. His research interests include HIV as an episodic disability in the context of rehabilitation and social participation, HIV and aging and gay men's health and sexuality in the context of HIV.



Dr. Michel D. Landry PT, PhD

Michel D. Landry is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Toronto, and an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (USA). Prior to receiving his doctoral degree, he held clinical and senior management positions within the private rehabilitation sector in Ontario, and within international humanitarian aid and development agencies in Central America and Eastern Europe. He is a health policy and health services researcher. His area of research is the interface between available supply (financial and human resources) and increasing demand for health and

rehabilitation services across the continuum of care in Ontario, Canada and within the global community. He is also the Past-President of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association, and lectures widely on the changing structure of rehabilitation services across Canada and internationally.



Deanna Matzanke

Director, Global Employment Strategies
Scotiabank

Deanna Matzanke was appointed in February 2007 to the position of Director, Global Employment Strategies in the Global Human Resources (HR) and Communications function at Scotiabank. Prior to joining this Global HR group, she spent six years in the Employment Law Group as in-house counsel at the Bank where she dealt with all aspects of the employment relationship including termination, wrongful dismissal, human rights, discipline and performance management. In her current role, she guides two teams of employees who focus on Diversity and Inclusion and HR Policy and Compliance. Within these two areas, her group deals with a wide range of employment strategies, including privacy, occupational health and safety, employment equity, human rights, flexible work options, accommodation, accessibility, as well as fostering and integrating the Bank's Global Inclusion Strategy for addressing diversity. Deanna has been living with depression and anxiety since she was approximately eight years old, but only had an official diagnosis when she was admitted to hospital and spent three weeks on the psychiatric ward at Mount Sinai Hospital in March 2006. Since then she has successfully rehabilitated herself back to full-time work at Scotiabank, but only after numerous road blocks and setbacks, many involving regular access to professional therapeutic care. She is now in a stable, functioning work and life routine and is looking to

make a difference for others who have experienced similar issues on the road back to wellness, by sharing her story and her thoughts.



Michael Shapcott

Director, Affordable Housing and Community Innovation
The Wellesley Institute

Michael Shapcott is Director of Affordable Housing and Community Innovation at the Wellesley Institute, an independent, non-profit policy, research and social enterprise based in Toronto.

With a focus on housing rights, poverty, social exclusion, urban health and health equity, Michael is co-chair of Canada's National Housing and Homelessness Network. He has worked with community and municipal officials in Canada and internationally and has developed hundreds of units of affordable and supportive housing. He has also collaborated with Aboriginal communities to develop practical and effective strategies for housing under Aboriginal control.

Michael works on housing rights issues with the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Habitat International Coalition. He is co-author, with Jack Layton, of "Homelessness: The Making and Unmaking of a Crisis" (Penguin, 2008) and co-editor, with David Hulchanski, of "Finding Room: Policy Options for a Canadian Rental Housing Strategy" (CUCS Press, 2004).

He attended the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto and the Faculty of General Studies at the University of Calgary and completed advanced economic work at the London School of Economics and Political Science.