

## ***Ashlee Pigford***

Ashlee Pigford is the Manager of Health Programs and Policy at Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada. She has an undergraduate degree in anthropology and a master's degree in community nutrition, both from the University of Alberta. For almost a decade Ashlee has worked on multidisciplinary participatory projects with indigenous communities and organizations across Canada. Ashlee is passionate about addressing the social determinants of health in order to develop sustainable solutions for Inuit communities.

## ***Bongiwe Maome***

Bongiwe Mae is a fourth year teacher education student at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. She has been part of the Girls Leading Change initiative since 2013 and will lead this interactive workshop. The Girls Leading Change initiative has 14 young indigenous women working as activists to address gender-based violence on university campus. They are: Sandisiwe Gaiza, Zethu Jiyana, Melissa Lufele, Bongiwe Maome, Lelethu Mlobeli, Asisipho Mntonga, Takatso Mohlomi, Wandiswa Momoza, Happy Mthethwa, Elethu Ntsethe, Zikhona Tshiwula, Zamahlubi Mabhengu, and Thina Kamnqa.

## ***Christopher M. Mumba***

Christopher Mumba attended the Evelyn Hone College of Applied Arts and Commerce in Lusaka where he graduated with a diploma in journalism, public relations and advertising. He then joined the Zambia News Agency (ZANA) where he worked as a senior reporter and later elevated to the rank of sports editor but resigned after the plane he was expected to board to go and cover a 1994 World Cup qualifier game crashed off the coast of Libreville in Gabon on 28<sup>th</sup> April 1993, killing all 32 people on board. A few weeks after Mumba suffered from herpes zoster attacks on his left hand, Mumba decided to walk in for voluntary counselling and testing. He was diagnosed with HIV. That turned his career from that of journalism into an AIDS activist with the aim of using media to sensitize people about HIV and AIDS in a country where HIV infection was treated as a disease for affluent foreigners or Zambians who had travelled abroad and stigma was rife. Mumba joined a Winstone Zulu led community outreach education group of AIDS educators that was operating at Hope House under Kara Counselling and Training Trust.

In February 1997 Mumba joined the National United Nations Volunteers (NUNV) pilot project (RAF 96/VO1) as a volunteer and was appointed assistant coordinator to the Network of Zambian People Living with HIV & AIDS (NZP+). The NUNV pilot project was initiated by UNAIDS on joint collaboration with the UNDP and UNV Zambia country offices. Mumba later worked as programme manager on an OVC project for the Danish based Development Aid from People to People (DAPP) where he organized OVC committees in 64 villages in Cibombo district in the central part of Zambia to support orphans and vulnerable children living with HIV and AIDS. He also worked as editor on a regional HIV and AIDS youth magazine covering 23 countries for the Commonwealth Youth Programme-Africa Centre. He was appointed temporary adviser on task shifting for the World Health Organization (WHO) and was also a member of the International AIDS Society (IAS). From 2011 to 2012, Mumba worked as a Commonwealth Professional Fellow at the UK Consortium on AIDS & International Development (now STOPAIDS) in London, UK. Mumba is currently working as a volunteer with Prisons Care and Counselling Association (PRISCCA) in Zambia where his work is centered on HIV and AIDS, TB, human rights and basic legal education. He is married to Beatrice Mwanza, a nurse in a public health centre in Zambia and has two daughters.

## ***Delme Cupido***

Delme is a human rights lawyer and activist with 15 years experience working with vulnerable and marginalised communities and populations in Southern Africa. While working at the at the Legal Assistance Centre as an attorney, he assumed the leadership of the Centre'sd AIDS Law Unit and was engaged, amongst other things, in drafting the National Policy on HIV and in the campaign for access to affordable treatment for people living with HIV. He has conducted numerous human rights workshops, and training programmes for grassroots and community organisations, and business and public sector leaders. He is the founding Trustee of the AIDS and Rights Alliance for Southern Africa, the International Treatment Preparedness Coalition and the Pan African Treatment Action Movement. He joined the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) in 2005 as the Law and Policy programme officer and Assistant Programme Manager in the HIV programme, managing grantees in 10 SADC countries and working on international campaigns to end human rights abuses against People Living with HIV and AIDS, sex workers and LGBTI. In 2011, he established the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Programme at the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA), which he currently manages. Their work focuses on the rights of indigenous communities, including their socio-economic and cultural rights, their rights in relation to extractive industries, biodiversity, education, health care and freedom from discrimination

## ***Denise Lambert***

Denise Lambert shares her life with five children who provide her with motivation and support to continue addressing HIV/AIDS issues. Her goal is to get information about HIV to people who need it and to ensure Aboriginal peoples are involved in decisions affecting HIV programs and policy. Denise works with the Kimamow Atoskanow Foundation (KAF) in Alberta. KAF is a rural based organization which provides mobile education and support to Aboriginal people affected by HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and related lifestyle issues since 1990.

## ***Dr. Dominic Targema Abaver***

As a researcher, he has collaborated with public health institutions such as Institute of Human Virology, Abuja; GEDE AIDS Foundation, Abuja; National Hospital Abuja; USAID sponsored research program at General Hospital Toto; Innovative Biotech, Keffi, Nassarawa State, Nigeria. Has taught undergraduate/graduate students Parasitology, Microbiology and Environmental- based courses and conducted seminars/symposia on HIV/AIDS locally and abroad. Contract Researcher with Walter Sisulu University, attached to the Research, Innovation and Development Directorate (RIDDD) of the university. In collaboration with the Faculty of Health Science of the university, he is conducting a research in Eastern Cape on the role of Intestinal Parasites as Cofactor for transmission of HIV and progression to AIDS; supervising PhD students researching in HIV/AIDS. Bachelor Degree (B.Sc Zoology) from the University of Jos; Master Degree (M.Sc.) in Medical Entomology and Applied Parasitology from University of Ilorin and a Doctoral Degree (Ph.D) in Parasitology/Virology, University of Abuja-all in Nigeria. Research expertise include Epidemiology of HIV/AIDS and other Opportunistic Infections; Preventive measures/techniques of HIV/AIDS; Palliative care for people living with HIV/AIDS; Gender, age and sexual orientation as determinants for the impact of HIV/AIDS; Etiologic factors in HIV disease progression and development to AIDS; and Assessment of disease burden of HIV/AIDS. Managing Editor (HIV/AIDS) of Southern African Training Academy (SATA) Journal of Innovation and Research in Health Sciences and Bio-Technology and active member of international conferences organizing committee, OMICS group International, USA.

## **Dr. Ebenezer Durojaye**

Ebenezer Durojaye is currently an Associate Professor of Law and Head/Senior Researcher of the Socioeconomic Rights Project at the Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape, South Africa. His research interests include issues relating to health and human rights, access to medicines as human rights, women's access to health care, sexual and reproductive health and rights, the link between culture and women's rights, human rights issues raised by HIV/AIDS, adolescents sexual and reproductive health and rights, corruption, constitutionalism and access to justice in Africa. He has published widely in these areas with some of his articles appearing in reputable international journals. More recently, he has been involved in research and advocacy work relating to the link between access to housing and poverty in South Africa. From 2012 to 2014 he provided technical support to the UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights (Ms Magdalena Sepulveda Carmona). This included preparing background documents on poverty situations prior to country visits to some African countries, including Mozambique and Namibia. More importantly, he was involved in the drafting of the Guiding Principles on Extreme poverty and Human Rights, which was adopted by the Human Rights Council in September 2012. Since 2010 he has served as one of the independent experts to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights Committee on the Protection of the Rights of People Living with HIV (PLHIV) and those at Risk, Vulnerable to and Affected by HIV. In this capacity, he has been involved in the drafting of a number of important resolutions on HIV and human rights in Africa. He was also involved in the drafting of the first General Comments of the Commission relating to article 14 (1) (d) and (e) of the Protocol to the African Charter on the Rights of Women, adopted by the African Commission in 2012. He is co-editors of two important books in his area of research interests: *Strengthening Sexual and Reproductive Health as Human Rights in Africa* (eds. with Prof. Charles Ngwena (Pretoria University Law Press: Pretoria 2014) and *Constitution Building in Africa* (with Profs. J de Visser and N Steyler and Dr. D Powell eds) (Nomos Publishing: Broschiert 2015). He is also the editor of a recently published book *Litigating the Right to Health in Africa: Challenges and Prospects* (Ashgate: London 2015).

## **Dr. Earl Nowgesic**

Dr. Earl Nowgesic is Indigenous from Canada. Specifically, he is Ojibwe from Gull Bay First Nation. He is the Interim Director of the Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health, based in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto. Earl is also an Assistant Professor within the same School. He holds a *Doctor of Philosophy* in Public Health Science and a *Master of Health Science* from the University of Toronto, and a *Bachelor of Science in Nursing* from the University of Ottawa. Earl has over 20 years of experience working in the health sector. For example, he was: The Associate Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research-Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health; The Epidemiologist for the Assembly of First Nations; and The National First Nations and Inuit HIV/AIDS Program Specialist for Health Canada. Earl has participated in many national and international committees, such as the Canadian Institutes of Health Research HIV/AIDS Research Advisory Committee. He is currently a member of the Canadian Nurses Association-Aboriginal Health Nursing and Health Advisory Group.

## ***Ken Clement***

Ken Clement of the Ktunaxa First Nation studied Social Work at the University of British Columbia and has resided in Vancouver for the past 30+ years. Mr. Clement is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN); and an advocate and contributor in the leadership of municipal, provincial and national organizations serving Aboriginal people. Mr. Clement has offered steady frontline and executive guidance to Aboriginal organizations whose mandates include health, social, education and justice and has been involved in the Aboriginal HIV/AIDS movement since 1980.

## ***Kerrigan Johnson***

Kerrigan serves as Board of Director for both the 2 Spirited People of the First Nations and the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN). Currently, she is the Aboriginal Program Coordinator at Prisoners HIV/AIDS Support Network (PASAN); CAAN Voices of Women (VOW) Standing Committee Chair; Co-Chairs for both, the Positive Parenting Community Advisory Board at McMaster University and the Interdisciplinary HIV Pregnancy Research Group at Women's College Hospital. Kerrigan's research involvements include Visioning Health with the University of Ottawa, Aboriginal Women's Stress Study with Women's College Hospital, and Positive Mothering with McMaster University and CHIWOS. In 2012, Kerrigan was awarded a Trailblazer Award for her dedicated service and is a phenomenal advocate.

## ***Krista Shore***

Krista Shore, a 33-year-old mother of four, is an aspiring nurse and entrepreneur, CEO of Rolling Thunder Consulting, storyteller and artist in her own right. She has been actively involved in the Aboriginal HIV movement since her diagnosis in 2007 at many levels, from local, regional to national. Of note, she is the founder of Circle of Courage, an HIV-Positive Indigenous Women's sharing circle/support group grounded in Indigenous ceremony and capacity building for women. She is currently a member of the National Aboriginal Research Advisory Council (NARAC), and has been actively engaged in indigenizing the HIV Pregnancy Guidelines for HIV+ Positive Women in Canada. Krista is no stranger to the determinants of health and has risen above systematic barriers to be a leader for Positive Indigenous Women in her community. "I believe in nation building, what we do and not do affects the next seven generations. My children fuel my fire, they fill me with the passion I have for life, and encourage me to thrive and fulfill my dreams."

## ***Marama Pala***

Marama Pala (Ngātiawa ki Kāpiti); Executive Director of INA (Māori, Indigenous & South Pacific) HIV/AIDS Foundation; Chair of the International Council of AIDS Service organisations (ICASO); Acting-Chair International Community of Women living with HIV (ICW); Co-Chair International Indigenous Working Group on HIV (IIWGHA); Community Delegate Global Fund on HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria AND Co-chair of the Civil Society Stakeholders Task Force to the United Nations General Assembly High Level Meeting on HIV. Marama was the first Māori Indigenous woman to publicly disclose her HIV status in 1993. She has become a powerful advocate for Māori, Women and key populations. Through her work she advocates for gender equality for women living with HIV, nationally, regionally and internationally.

## ***Onkemetse Maruping***

Ms Onkemetse Maruping is a San speaker from the Naro San linguistic group, residing in the Ghanzi Township from a San settlement known as (Kanagas). She is fluent in Naro (mother tongue), Setswana and English. Onkemetse started working on community health care with Letloa trust as a community mobiliser in remote areas. She promoted; house to house community health campaign “Boomase maase” we want life in Naro, a Khoisan language, development of communication tools for information sharing, stakeholder networking towards community access towards health care services and promoting mobile technology for communication in remote San settlements with the health facilities. Having a San background, Onkemetse has the common understanding of San people and health changes they face on daily basis at their remote and hard to reach locations.

## ***Dr. Roberto Orellana***

Dr. Orellana is a Guatemalan-born social and behavioural scientist currently living in Portland, Oregon (USA, land of the Multnomah people.) He has conducted HIV and drug abuse prevention research in partnership with Indigenous communities in South, Central and North America.

## ***Relebohile Molessane***

Relebohile Moletsane is Professor and the John Langalibalele Dube Chair in Rural Education in the School of Education, University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa. Her areas of research include curriculum studies, rural education, indigenous knowledge, gender and education, sexual and reproductive health education, girlhood studies and girls education in Southern African contexts. She is the co-author (with Claudia Mitchell, Ann Smith and Linda Chisholm) of the book: *Methodologies for Mapping a Southern African Girlhood in Age of Aids*. Rotterdam/New York/Taipei: Sense Publishers; and co-editor with Barbana Pini (lead) and Martin Mills of the 2016 book: *Education and the Global Rural: Feminist perspectives*. London and New York: Routledge. She was a 2014 Echidna Global Scholar at Brookings Institutions’ Centre for Universal Education, where she completed a research report: *The Need for Quality Sexual and Reproductive Health Education to Address Barriers to Girls’ Educational Outcomes in South Africa*. Washington, DC: Centre for Universal Education, The Brookings Institution. Moletsane was the 2012 winner of the Distinguished Women in Science: Social Sciences and Humanities Award (awarded by the South African National Department of Science and Technology).

## ***Renée Masching***

Renée Masching is First Nation from Southern Ontario, Canada. Professionally Renée’s energies are dedicated to Aboriginal health. Her work in the Aboriginal HIV and AIDS community began in 1995 and she is honoured to contribute with dedication and determination. She earned her degrees in Social Work at McMaster University, with a CIHR research award for her Masters. Renée’s research interests focus on community-based research frameworks, Indigenous knowledge and community health with an emphasis on HIV and AIDS. Presently, Renée is the Director of Research and Policy with the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN). She lives with her husband, sons and pets by the ocean in Mi’kmaq Territory.

## ***Rakiya Larkin***

Rakiya has been part of the Indigenous movement to fight against the stigma and oppression of HIV and AIDS of Indigenous people since the age of 8. She has been public speaking about the epidemic for the last 15 years as her mother, Kecia Larkin, has done since for the last 27. Kecia Larkin was the first Aboriginal woman in Canada to publicly disclose her HIV status. Rakiya remembers the words of her mother and continues working to build solidarity in Indigenous communities, share knowledge and create positive partnerships. She is currently in South Africa as part of the research at the University of KwaZulu Natal. Her project is “Networks for Change and Well-being: Girl-led from the Ground-up Policy Making to Address Sexual Violence in Canada and South Africa.” The team uses participatory visual methodologies and works with girls in rural KwaZulu Natal to co-produce knowledge that can be used to inform and influence policy to improve the safety of Indigenous girls and young women. “We, the youth, are the voices of today and leaders of tomorrow and we will not be forgotten. We will stand-up against the systematic imperialism and colonialism that has been cast upon us and rise again for all our people. The time is now, and the youth of today will create a better change for tomorrow. Gilakasla.”

## ***Sam Lopez***

In 1993, Samuel made his directorial debut with the documentary *Samuel & Samantha*, an autobiographical documentary about his life as a Latino drag queen activist, founding member of the Latino Gay Group HOLA. In 1996, while at the University of Toronto, Samuel wrote the screenplay “*L’Histoire d’Henri*.” In 2008, Samuel directed and produced the short documentary “*Our Faces, Our Stories*” for Latinos Positivos. He has directed several short documentary videos for the Canadian AIDS Treatment Information Exchange. “*The Sugarcane*” (2013) premiered in December 2013 at the Festival Internacional del Nuevo Cine Latinoamericano in Havana, Cuba and was the recipient of the Best Local Emerging Filmmaker Award in the Latin Film Media and Arts Festival ALUCINE 2014

## ***Sandy Lambert***

Sandy is a member of the Tall Creek First Nation in Fort Vermillion, Alberta, Canada. After being admitted to the hospital with a staph infection, which required emergency surgery, she was asked to have an HIV test. She has now been HIV positive for 20 years. Through her life growing up in the foster care system and her adult life living with HIV, she learned the importance of resilience and finding her own voice. She has sat on various boards at the local and national level, including, but not limited to: Canadian Action, Treatment, Information Exchange (CATIE), Canadian Treatment Action Council (CTAC), and Red Road HIV/AIDS Network (RRHAN).

## ***Sipporah Enuaraq***

Sipporah has been with Pauktuutit Inuit Women of Canada since December 2005, where she started as the Coordinator of Abuse Issues. Sipporah has a strong desire to help make a difference for the lives of Inuit women and children. Sipporah has been working as a Coordinator at Pauktuutit’s Health department since June 2014. Sipporah’s professional commitment is to be a part of a process that makes a difference on issues and improving the services, programs, projects that are in existence today.

## ***Sudip Bhattari***

Sudip was born HIV Positive. He worked as a volunteer in Children Affected by AIDS (CABA), Young Key Affected Population (YKAP), and People living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in Nepal. He has extensive field work experience working for (PLHIV). He has worked in several HIV/AIDS agencies in various positions. He is also a member of YKAP where he is a youth worker encouraging young people to talk about their experiences and needs. At PLHIV, he provides young people with appropriate referrals for counselling, capacity building training, and family environment. He has extensive working experience with several agencies as a key liaison person for those he works for and has many varied networks in Nepal.

## ***T. Sharp Dopler***

Sharp Dopler, of Cherokee/Sauk/Fox and Irish descent, is originally from Newfoundland but has lived in Ottawa, Canada, for over 20 years. Sharp has extensive experience presenting on a range of topics to groups at local, national and international venues. Sharp picked up the drum over 20 years ago and has been sharing that gift with community by facilitating drum circles and encouraging people to find their voice. Sharp is a dynamic presenter who engages people through a variety of techniques including humour. Sharp has a Master's degree in Canadian Studies, an honours diploma in Social Services and serves the Indigenous community in Ottawa as a traditional Helper and knowledge keeper.

## ***Takatso Mohlomi***

Takatso Mohlomi is a fourth year student education teacher at Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. She has been part of the Girls Leading Change initiative since 2013 and will lead this presentation. The Girls Leading Change initiative has 14 young indigenous women working as activists to address gender-based violence on university campus. They are: Sandisiwe Gaiza, Zethu Jiyana, Melissa Lufele, Bongive Maome, Lelethu Mlobeli, Asisipho Mntonga, Takatso Mohlomi, Wandiswa Momoza, Happy Mthethwa, Elethu Ntsethe, Zikhona Tshiwula, Zamahlubi Mabhengu, and Thina Kamnqa.

## ***Tracey Prentice***

Tracey Prentice is a Community-Based Health Research Consultant and a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Centre for Indigenous Research and Community-Led Engagement (CIRCLE) in the School of Public Health and Social Policy at the University of Victoria. Tracey has been engaged in the national and international response to HIV and AIDS for 14 years, working primarily with Indigenous communities. Her work is focused on community development, health equity, and the social determinants of health. As a non-Indigenous scholar, seeks out collaborative research projects that support Indigenous community leadership, self-determination, and strive for social change. She is particularly interested in culture and gender as determinants of health, and decolonizing, arts-informed and strengths-based approaches to health and wellness

## ***Tshisimogo Lesley Leepang***

Tshisimogo Lesley Leepang originates from Central Kalahari Game Reserve, but currently resides in New Xade. I speak six languages namely: G|ui, G||ana, Naro (Khoesan languages), Shekgalagari, Setswana and English. In 2012 Tshisimogo Leepang completed Bachelor of Arts (Humanities) where he took English Language and Literature and African Language and Literature. He completed his Master's Degree in African Languages and Literature in 2015. In addition, he previously worked as a research assistant, translator, and guest lecturer. He regards himself a researcher, linguist, and activist. His research interests are; Khoesan languages and literature, sociolinguistics, and the grammar of Khoesan languages (G||ana). The title of his Master's Degree dissertation is **'A survey of Pronominal Person, Gender and Number Markers in G||ana Language'**

Furthermore, Leepang attended the 7<sup>th</sup> international English Conference as a panelist at the University of Botswana. He also attended a (Southern African Nordic Centre) SANORD as a panelist at Rhodes University (South Africa). In addition, he attended the 5<sup>th</sup> international Symposium on 'Khoisan Languages and Linguistics' as a panelist in Austria-Riezlern, 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> July 2014. In 2015, he attended an International Conference on 'Hunting and Gathering Societies (CHAGS)' as a panelist at University of Vienna, Austria, 7-11 September 2015, and lastly attended a workshop on 'Digital Story Telling' funded by Institute of Dispute Resolution in Africa, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015-3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 at University of South Africa. He therefore has benefited by acquiring experience and skills which he would like to use to contribute and further develop Khoesan languages, San movement and their development.

## ***Walter Ugwuocha***

Walter Ugwuocha is a Public Health Specialist and the Executive Secretary at Civil Society for HIV/AIDS in Nigeria. He has extensive experience and knowledge in Nigeria's HIV/AIDS National Response especially Treatment, Care and Support (TCS), Prevention, institutional capacity strengthening of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Support Groups (SGs). He has postgraduate advanced degrees in Public Health and Business Administration from the prestigious Assam Don Bosco University India and has worked with both international and indigenous organizations focusing on improving the quality of lives of People Living with HIV/AIDS in resource limited settings. He actively coordinated Civil Society mobilization of domestic resources to HIV and AIDS in Nigeria. He facilitated the USG, UNAIDS and Government of Nigeria's dialogue on the increasing treatment user fees in Nigeria. He has also conducted treatment researches related to HIV/AIDS treatment in selected facilities in Nigeria and has provided technical assistance to Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Nigeria leading treatment advocacy within the civil society response in Nigeria.

## ***Williams (Willy) Morales***

Willy Morales is the Mapuche President of the Kelwo Chiloé AIDS service organization. Kelwo is run by and for Indigenous people living with HIV & AIDS and is located on the largest island of the Chiloé Archipelago off the coast of Chile, in the Pacific Ocean. Willy is also an active member of the International Secretariat of Indigenous and Afro-descendants for HIV / AIDS, Sexuality and Human Rights. Through Kelwo, Willy addresses issues of discrimination, reinforced by cultural barriers of language, poverty, access to education in the isolated Indigenous communities as it relates to HIV/AIDS, health and human rights.

# Biographies

## **Zodwa Masinga**

Miss Zodwa Masinga is currently the coordinator of the National Department of Science and Technology Indigenous Knowledge Systems Documentation Centre based at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. After attaining her Degree and Honors degree in Biochemistry from the University of Zululand she pursued her dreams in Science at the National Department of Technology as an assistant in Biotechnology division. Because of her exposure to the importance of IKS she was drawn to the field and has since acquired 4 years of experience with working with local traditional communities in the protection of their Indigenous knowledge in the form of traditional medicines, farming, and traditional food with possibility of expanding into cultural expressions and folklore. The focus area of the documentation is traditional medicine and has since meet many healers who produce immune boosters and have their regular clients that are HIV positive. She currently sits in the accreditation and certification of Indigenous knowledge holders working group. Her vision is to contribute effectively to the intellectual property protection of Indigenous knowledge holders and its promotion for indigenous communities to be able to contribute effectively to the knowledge economy.

