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REUNIÓN LATINA

TRAINING INSTITUTE

MARCH 14-15, 2024
ALBANY, NY

A GATHERING
OF LATINO LEADERS AND LATINO-
SERVING ORGANIZATIONS TO
SHARE STRATEGIES AND ENHANCE
SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE AROUND
CURRENT HIV/AIDS,
HEPATITIS C, STIs AND
HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES
AFFECTING NEW YORKERS.



Welcome Letter

March 14, 2024

Dear Esteemed Attendees of the Reunion Latina Training Institute,

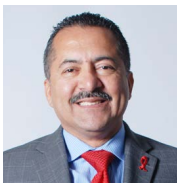
On behalf of the Latino Commission on AIDS, it is our distinct honor to extend to you a warm welcome to the Reunion Latina Training Institute 2024, themed “Our Health Our Future.” As we convene for this pivotal event, we come together to engage in crucial conversations, share valuable insights, and collectively pave the way towards a healthier and more equitable future for our communities.

We are particularly grateful to have the privilege of hosting distinguished speakers and moderators who will lead enlightening discussions and workshops aimed at addressing the pressing health needs and challenges faced by Latinx communities across New York State. The expertise and dedication of each participant are integral to the success of this endeavor, and we are deeply appreciative of your commitment to advancing the health and well-being of our communities.

As we embark on this transformative journey together, let us seize this opportunity to forge new connections, cultivate collaborations, and empower one another to effect positive change in our communities. Your presence and participation are invaluable contributions to the collective effort towards achieving health equity and social justice for all.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you. May this institute be a catalyst for meaningful action, enduring partnerships, and tangible progress in our shared mission to build healthier, more resilient communities.

Sincerely,



Guillermo Chacón
President
Latino Commission on AIDS



Lucciano Reberte
Director of Community Engagement
Latino Commission on AIDS



WHAT WE LIVE FOR™

STANDING
SIDE BY SIDE
WITH THE
COMMUNITY

It will take all of us to put an end to the HIV epidemic. All of us working together to focus on the HIV issues that matter most such as inclusion, equality, stigma and disparities.

Together we can lift each other up until HIV is no more. Because there is no greater force than people united by a shared purpose, rallying together for a common goal.

That's what unites us. And that's what will someday put an end to HIV once and for all.

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Thursday, March 14

8:00am-
9:00am

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

9:00am-
10:30am

OPENING PLENARY:

Welcome & Intro: **Rosy Mota, MPA** – Program Director, Latino Commission on AIDS

Moderator: **Guillermo Chacón** – President, Latino Commission on AIDS

Speakers: **Dr. Elizabeth Vásquez** – Director of the Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities and Associate Professor at SUNY Albany School of Public Health
Joseph Kerwin – Director, AIDS Institute, New York State Department of Health
Allan Clear – Director, Office of Drug User Health, AIDS Institute, New York State Department of Health
Jesús Aguais – Executive Director, AID for AIDS

10:30am-
10:45am

BREAK

10:45am-
12:00pm

CYCLE ONE PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Workshop #1 | GOVERNOR C

Addressing the Health Needs of Cisgender Latinas

Cisgender Latinas in NYS have been unequally affected by HIV/AIDS and many other health challenges. Panelists will discuss best strategies to engage Cisgender Latinas and address barriers to care.

Moderator: **Aracelis Quinones** – Program Coordinator, Latino Commission on AIDS

Speakers: **Ofelia Barrios, MA** – Senior Director of Community Health Initiatives, Iris House
Elizabeth Javier – Program Director, Dominican Women's Development Center

Workshop #2 | GOVERNOR D

Transgender, Nonbinary and Gender Non-Conforming Access to Care and Supportive Services

The transgender, nonbinary, and gender non-conforming communities have different needs that are too often unaddressed. Our panels will discuss what these needs are, barriers to care, and strategies to increase access to care.

Moderator: **Haze Hernandez** – OASIS Community Pride Center

Speakers: **Jasmine Lopez-Phelan** – TGNCNB Health Project Coordinator, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Victoria Orellana – Peer health advisor, TransLatinx Network

Workshop #3 | GOVERNOR E

Communities of Faith and Access to Care and Resources

Panelists will discuss the success and barriers to increase access to care and resources among communities of faith. Furthermore, we will discuss engaging communities of faith on the issues of HIV/AIDS and sexual health.

Moderator: **Andrea Serna** – Community Health Educator, Latino Commission on AIDS

Speakers: **Karina Escamilla** – Deputy Director of the Latino Religious Leadership Program, Latino Commission on AIDS
Carol Tyrell – Coordinator, Faith Communities Project, New York State Department of Health

12:00pm-
1:00pm

LUNCH

1:00pm-
2:15pm

CYCLE TWO PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Workshop #4 | GOVERNOR C

New York State Latino Gay, Bi and Trans Men's Initiatives

Different initiatives focused on Latino Gay, Bi and Trans Men have become more of a focus over the past years in New York State. The panelists will discuss their experience with various Latino Gay, Bi and Trans Men's initiatives, challenges, successes, and strategies.

Moderator: **Juan Tejada** – Social Media Outreach Specialist, OASIS Community Pride Center

Speakers: **Jaisen Garcia-Castillo** – Community Engagement Specialist, EXPONENTS
Julio Roman – Director of Gay & Bi Men's Initiatives, Latino Commission on AIDS

Workshop #5 | GOVERNOR D

Substance Use and Mental Health

Mental health and behavioral health have been historically unaddressed in Hispanic/Latinx communities. During the Covid-19 pandemic, mental health and behavioral health disparities increased among our communities. We will address various strategies to improve mental and behavioral health in the Hispanic/Latinx community.

Moderator: **Gustavo Morales** – Director, OASIS Community Pride Center

Speakers: **Ivette Chavez Gonzalez** – Founder, Giving Back Foundation
Debbie Valentine – Community Mobilization Program, Centro Civico

Workshop #6 | GOVERNOR E

Understanding HIV Drug Resistance and Its Impact

Presentation establishes a foundational knowledge of HIV drug resistance and how it can impact HIV treatment considerations for patients and their treatment options going forward. Learning objectives: define HIV drug resistance and what can cause it; discuss factors that can affect a patient's treatment adherence, and the impact of adherence to ART on viral suppression; and understand how HIV treatment may reduce the risk of HIV drug resistance.

Speaker: **George Bouldin Gates, MBA** – Executive Community Liaison, GILEAD

Workshop #7 | GOVERNOR B

Cannabis as Medicine, New York State Medical Cannabis Program

The Office of Cannabis Management presents an overview of New York State's Medical Cannabis Program. The presentation aims to destigmatize medical cannabis and increase awareness and utilization of the NYS medical cannabis program amongst New Yorkers and the medically underserved. It begins with a brief overview of the current state of cannabis research and documented scientific evidence regarding its physiological effects and then dives into a comprehensive summary of the medical cannabis regulatory framework here in New York State and the pathways to participation for patients, practitioners, caregivers, and pharmacists.

Moderator: **Daniel Leyva** – Program Director, Latino Commission on AIDS

Speaker: **Katherine Diaz** – Public Health and Campaigns Coordinator, NYS Office of Cannabis Management

2:15pm-
2:30pm

BREAK & NETWORKING

2:30pm-
3:45pm

CYCLE THREE PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Workshop #8 | GOVERNOR C

Status Neutral: Access to Care

Status neutral is engaging clients equally regardless of their HIV status. Panelists will discuss the importance of having a status neutral approach and various challenges and successes of this approach.

Moderator: **Gustavo Morales** – Director, OASIS Community Pride Center

Speakers: **Ines Garces** – NYS PEP Hotline Program Coordinator, Mount Sinai's Institute for Advanced Medicine
Martine Bowman – NYC PEP hotline Program Coordinator, Mount Sinai's Institute for Advanced Medicine

Workshop #9 | GOVERNOR D

Mental Health and Trauma for Recently Arrived Immigrants in New York State

Empowering recently arrived immigrants in New York State by providing essential tools and knowledge to navigate mental health challenges and trauma, fostering resilience and well-being in their new environment.

Moderator: **Rosy Mota, MPA** – Program Director, Latino Commission on AIDS

Speakers: **Jean Carlos Osorio, LCSW-R, CDBT, SIFI** – Founder and Clinical/Executive Director, Minds Together
Monika Cecil Estrada Guzman, BSW, LMSW-SIFI – Maternal and Child Integrative Mental Health Program. Behavioral Health Social Worker
Basiliso Moreno, LCSW – Author, *Triumph Through Pain*; Host, *The Social Work Rants Podcast*

Workshop #10 | GOVERNOR E

Supporting People Living and Aging with HIV: Reengaging Long-Term Survivors

People living and aging with HIV have different needs and are often overlooked by society. Panelists will discuss challenges and strategies in supporting people living and aging with HIV. There will be a focus on reengaging long-term survivors.

Moderator: **Luis Mares, LMSW** – Program Director, Latino Commission on AIDS

Speakers: **Aracelis Quinones** – Program Coordinator - Latino Commission on AIDS
Dr. Elizabeth Vásquez – Director of the Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities and Associate Professor at SUNY Albany School of Public Health

6:00pm-
9:00pm

DINNER & PROGRAM

Speaker: **Guillermo Chacón** – President, Latino Commission on AIDS

Friday, March 15

8:00am-
9:00am

BREAKFAST & NETWORKING

9:00am-
10:15am

CAPACITY BUILDING INSTITUTE

Session #1 | GOVERNOR C

Fundamentals of Program Evaluation, Monitoring, and Learning

More and more funders are interested in evaluating the services they fund. However, many community-based organizations struggle with evaluating their programs. In this session, we will discuss how to avoid common pitfalls of program evaluation and monitoring and what strategies to maximize their data collection and analysis efforts.

Moderator: **Julio Roman** – Director of Latinx Gay & Bi Men's Initiatives, Latino Commission on AIDS

Speaker: **Daniel Castellanos, PhD** – Director of Research & Innovation, Latino Commission on AIDS

Session #2 | GOVERNOR B

Is the WIFI on? How to Strengthen Your Agency's Social Marketing

This workshop will focus on how organizations can fully utilize social media tool and virtual programming to help bridge the gap between their target audience and their organization resources they need, through social marketing, social media management, campaigning, and content creating. By the end of the session participants will be able to create a social marketing strategy to engage their target audience to their organization resources.

Moderator: **Gustavo Morales** – Director, OASIS Community Pride Center

Speakers: **Zeena Hazuri** – Director of Communications, Latino Commission on AIDS
Juan Tejada – Social Media Outreach Specialist, OASIS Community Pride Center

10:15am-
10:45am

BREAK - HOTEL CHECKOUT

10:45am-
12:00pm

CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS

Session #3 | GOVERNOR C

Leadership Development

A Workshop for Personal and Professional Growth. Join us to explore key principles, strategies, and practical skills essential for effective leadership development.

Moderator: **Rosy Mota, MPA** – Program Director, Latino Commission on AIDS

Speaker: **Janelle Viruet, Ed.D.** – Director of Training and Development, Fund for City of New York

Session #4 | GOVERNOR B

Building Stronger Teams- Conflict Resolutions

Learn practical techniques and strategies to navigate conflicts within teams effectively. This workshop provides insights into understanding conflict dynamics, fostering constructive communication, and cultivating a collaborative environment. Equip yourself with the tools to resolve conflicts peacefully, strengthen team cohesion, and propel productivity.

Moderator: **Carolyn Peguero Spencer, Ph.D., LCSW, MA** – Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Speakers: **Erica Priscilla Sandoval, LCSW, SIFI** – CEO & Founder of Sandoval CoLab | Latinx in Social Work
Budy J. Whitfield, LCSW – Clinical Director/Therapist Beauteous Mind, LCSW PLLC

12:00pm

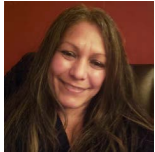
BROWN BAG LUNCH

Reunion Latina Speakers



Jesús Aguais

Jesús Aguais is a change-maker and social impact innovator focused on the health and well-being of vulnerable populations across the globe. In 1996, he founded AID FOR AIDS (AFA) with the idea of collecting unused, unexpired HIV medication and sending it abroad to people with HIV without access to treatment. Today, it has become the largest HIV medicine redistribution program in the world, sending more than \$200 million in HIV medicine to over 50,000 people in 75 countries worldwide. In 2018, Jesús founded AID FOR LIFE (AFL) to address the Venezuelan complex humanitarian emergency and the migration crisis in the LAC region.



Ofelia Barrios, MA

Ofelia Barrios has worked in HIV/AIDS prevention for over twenty-five years and is currently employed by Iris House, Inc. in New York City. As the Senior Director of Community Health Initiatives, she is responsible for providing oversight and management of the Prevention Department and leads HIV/HCV/STI, PrEP/PEP, advocacy, substance use, mental health, and skills building services. Ms. Barrios is an active member of the NYCDOHMH Women's Advisory Board. Ms. Barrios holds a master's degree from the University of New Mexico, a bachelor's degree from Middlebury College and is also a graduate of the CDC/ASPH Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership.



Martine Bowman

Martine Bowman (she/her/ella) is the Program Coordinator for the NYC PEP Hotline where she serves as a touch-point for those seeking PEP after a potential HIV exposure. Martine completes eligibility assessments and provides a warm hand-off to the appropriate clinic, following up to ensure linkages were met and medication was acquired. Previously, Martine worked with LGBTQ+ youth, teaching LGBTQ+ sexual health and history around NYC's five boroughs.



Daniel Castellanos, PhD

Daniel Castellanos, DrPH, is the Vice President of Research and innovation at the Latino Commission on AIDS. He initiated his career as a community activist advocating for integrating civic engagement, research, policy, and social services. Daniel put these ideas into action in 1996 when he founded Proyecto P.A.P.I. at Gay Men Health Crisis, the first HIV prevention program for Latino gay and bisexual immigrants in NYC. Soon after, he co-founded and co-chaired the Colombian Lesbian and Gay Association (COLEGA) and the Queens Lesbian and Gay Community Center. Daniel obtained MPH and DrPH degrees from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University.



Guillermo Chacon

Guillermo Chacón is the President of the Latino Commission on AIDS, where he has been a vocal advocate on promoting access to care, addressing stigma, and developing agendas on health policy issues affecting the health of Hispanics. Mr. Chacon serves on the board of the New York City COVID-19 Vaccine, Test & Tracing (VT2) program; the National Hispanic/Latinx Health Leadership Network; the New York Immigration Coalition; and the New York City AIDS Memorial. He is an advisor for Alianza Americas and AIDSVu.org, and co-chairs the Latino Jewish Coalition in New York. Mr. Chacón is a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA).



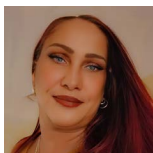
Ines Garces

Ines Garces (she/her/ella), is the Program Coordinator for the NYS PEP Hotline. Ines provides access to PEP assessment, prescriptions, and linkage to care to callers around New York State. She has experience providing information about who should take PEP, how PEP stops HIV, side effects, safety and effectiveness. Ines has a vast knowledge of community resources that she uses for the benefit of people looking for HIV services. She believes that providing the best possible answers to callers can help clients to be well-informed to understand HIV and protect themselves in the future.



George Bouldin Gates, MBA

George Bouldin Gates is an Executive Community Liaison with Gilead Sciences covering Manhattan. He has worked with Gilead for over 8 years. Prior to joining Gilead he worked in NYC at organizations like the Hetrick-Martin Institute, Project ACHIEVE of the New York Blood Center, Bellevue Hospital, GMHC and Harlem United. He is an experienced educator, trainer and facilitator providing training and technical expertise to community members, community-based organizations and community stakeholders in the areas of HIV prevention, community outreach and awareness and community mobilization.



Ivette Chavez Gonzalez

Ivette Chavez Gonzales is a Latina woman who is HIV positive and used to use substances. She now does harm reduction work as a peer outreach worker. She conducts mobile outreach and provides clean syringes in the community to help individuals to reduce their risk of HIV transmission. She encourages HIV testing and provides education to people with HIV about the importance of taking HIV medication to stay healthy and to become and remain undetectable. Ivette is the CEO and founder of the Giving Back Foundation, an outreach and street-based grassroots organization built on the spirit of unconditional, radical love for those facing barriers to overall stability.



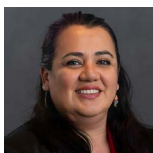
Allan Clear

Allan Clear is the Director of the New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute's Office of Drug User Health where he is responsible for program planning, design and implementation related to drug user health, including overdose, HIV, low threshold buprenorphine and access to care including medical care and mental health services. Mr. Clear has worked in the field of drug user health since 1990. He was the Executive Director of the Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, one of the first syringe exchange programs in New York State, and of the Harm Reduction Coalition.



Katherine Diaz

Katherine Diaz- Katherine Diaz (she/her) is a proud Washington Heights, NYC native who for over a decade worked on the frontline leading community programs towards health equity, including co-founding the only drop-in program for queer youth in Washington Heights. Grounded in a background of activism and the arts, Katherine is a strong believer in the transformative power of community and the creation of a just and equitable world. Katherine started her career as a youth organizer and is a graduate of both Parsons School of Design and New York University. She is currently the Public Health and Campaigns Coordinator at the Office of Cannabis Management.



Karina Escamilla

Karina Escamilla is originally from Mexico City. As the Deputy Director of the Latino Religious Leadership Program where she supports collaborations with different allies to create culturally appropriate testing and vaccination campaigns, materials, and intervention programs that help to tackle the main health issues that the immigrant community confronts. Prior to joining the Commission, she worked as the Health Affairs Coordinator at the Consulate General of Mexico in New York. Currently, she serves as Co-Chair of the *New York Knows* campaign with the NYC Department of Health. Karina holds a bachelor degree from Ibero-American University.



Monika Cecil Estrada Guzman, BSW, LMSW-SIFI

Monika C. Estrada Guzman is part of the Maternal and Child Integrated Mental Health Program (MAC-IMP) at New York-Presbyterian Hospital where she is a behavioral health social worker who collaborates with prenatal patients to screen for, address behavioral health needs, and provides short-term to long-term mental health care. She is also a clinician at Sandoval Psychotherapy Consultation, working with clients navigating trauma, anxiety, depression, and parenthood. She is also a clinical supervisor to MSW Interns from NYU Silver School of Social Work, Fordham, and Columbia University. Monika serves as a Board Member and Education Chair for the Latino Social Work Coalition.



Jaisen Garcia-Castillo

Jaisen is a 24-year old Latinx man of Trans experience. Jaisen currently serves as an Ally Activist Dismantling Stigma for People Living With HIV and also the Community Engagement Specialist for Exponents, an institution that supports members of the LGBTQ+ community and individuals seeking to address substance use challenges. He also partners with Destination Tomorrow, the Bronx LGBT Center and NY City Agencies to bring needed services to his TGNC communities. He currently serves on the Bronx Borough President's LGBTQIA+ Taskforce. Jaisen currently attends the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) in pursuit of his degree in Criminal Justice.



Zeena Hazuri

Zeena Hazuri is the Director of Communications at the Latino Commission on AIDS. Her public health interests include reducing racial ethnic health disparities, especially among the African American community. Ms. Hazuri has been working in development and fundraising for the past 3 years with an emphasis on development event planning. Additionally, she is experienced in capacity building, conducting sexual/reproductive health education and HIV prevention health education. She has held direct service positions with the New Jersey Women and AIDS Network, the Coalition on AIDS in Passaic County and The Central Jersey Maternal and Child Health Consortium.



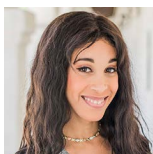
Elizabeth Javier

Elizabeth Javier, better known as “Liz”, is a Dominican immigrant who is currently a program director for the health program at Dominican Women’s Development Center with over 15 years of experience protecting vulnerable families. In 2013 Liz became an HIV activist by promoting the *Let’s Stop HIV Together* campaign among marginalized communities and stigmatized individuals. Elizabeth studied Nursing at Bronx Community college and is a proud veteran of the New York City Emergency Services. In 2013, Liz earned a sound engineer certificate at SAE University in New York City, and is currently working on a Psychology degree at Southern New Hampshire University.



Joseph Kerwin

Mr. Joseph Kerwin is the Director of the AIDS Institute. Prior to serving as Director, Mr. Kerwin was the Deputy Director for four years. Prior to joining the AIDS Institute, Mr. Kerwin was the Executive Director of AIDS Services at Catholic Charities and the Program Administrator of the AIDS Program and Division of HIV Medicine at Albany Medical Center. At his current role at the AIDS Institute, priority efforts have focused on the integration of health equity principles to advance ending the epidemics of HIV, Hepatitis C, Congenital Syphilis, and opioid overdose, advancing LGBTQ+ health and wellness, and leading in many areas of the state’s outbreak responses including COVID-19 and mpox.



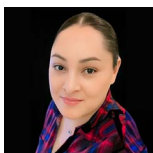
Jasmine Lopez-Phelan

Jasmine Lopez-Phelan (she/her/ella) is the TGNCNB Health Project Coordinator and Chair of the TGNCNB Workplace Inclusion Committee at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and a dedicated advocate for New York City’s LGBTQ+ community. Starting her career by supporting college students, older adults, and Haitian refugees, she later focused on economic empowerment and justice for transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary individuals at The Center. With a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services from Boricua College, she remains committed to advocating for justice and inclusion for marginalized communities.



Basiliso Moreno, LCSW

Basiliso (Bas) Moreno is a Licensed Masters Level Social Worker and a Certified School Social Worker in the state of Delaware. In October 2020, Basiliso started his online business Bas City Entertainment LLC that provides financial education for Generation X people of color. Basiliso is the author of *Triumph Through Pain, How to Maximize Your Full Potential During Hard Times*. He is the contributing author to Amazon best seller, *Latinx in Social Work Volume 2*. Basiliso is also the host of *The Social Work Rants Podcast* which can be currently listened to on all audio platforms and be seen on YouTube. Basiliso earned his Master’s in Social Work from Fordham University.



Victoria Orellana

Victoria Orellana is a Peer Health Advisor at Translatinx Network. Victoria is a trans woman from Honduras, who came to New York in search of new opportunities. She has worked for several LGBTQ+ community organizations, where she learned the skills to better advocate for the trans community. Victoria believes in strong relationships and continues to support demonstrations and town halls to stop discrimination and hate crimes.



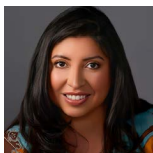
Jean Carlos Osorio, LCSW-R, CDBT, SIFI

Jean Carlos Osorio is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and psychotherapist for the State of New York as well as licensed for Connecticut, Florida, New Jersey, Washington DC and Texas. He is the founder and Clinical/Executive Director at Minds Together, LCSW, PC. Mr. Osorio has worked in the field of Social Work for more than 14 years in different social work settings including Psychiatric hospitals/institutions, inpatient and outpatient mental health facilities, community centers, non-profit agencies and LGBTQI community centers. He specializes in childhood trauma/abuse/neglect, addictive behaviors, personality disorders, anxiety, depression and gender identity conflicts.



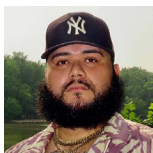
Julio Roman

Julio Roman is a transformative Latinx LGBTQIA+ advocate, celebrated author & organizational strategist, with 25 years devoted to advancing health equality and social justice. He has played a critical role in establishing LGBTQIA+ centers in Newark, propelling public health research onto the national stage, and mobilizing significant funding for LGBTQ+ initiatives. His publication, “*Out of Space: Creating Safe Spaces in Unlikely Places*,” delves into the imperative of inclusivity. Currently, Roman is leading a film project to amplify the voices of LGBTQIA+ advocates, heading the OUT Agency, and directing the Latinx Gay & Bi Men’s Initiative for the Latino Commission on AIDS.



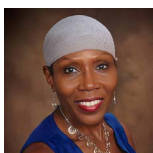
Erica Priscilla Sandoval, LCSW, SIFI

Erica is a passionate licensed clinical therapist dedicated to promoting diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI). Erica holds a Post Master's in Clinical Adolescent Psychology and a Master's in Social Work from New York University, Silver School of Social Work. She is the founder and CEO of Sandoval CoLab, a wellness and equity consulting firm. Erica is a 6x published author and Founder of *Latinx in Social Work*, a #1 Best Seller and Hot New Release under Social Work and Psychology on Amazon. Erica is a social justice advocate and supports the healing of communities of color through storytelling, mental health, wellness workshops, psychedelic therapy and retreats.



Juan Tejada

Juan Tejada, a proud Dominican Afro-Latino New Yorker, brings over 13 years of experience in community organizing and public health education to his role as Media Outreach Specialist for Oasis/The Commission. Juan develops marketing strategies and creative content to connect underserved Latino gay/bi men to vital resources, including HIV/STI testing, social support groups, stable housing, and food security. He currently promotes the *Yo No Sabia Campaign*, working tirelessly to dispel myths and stigmas surrounding HIV, mental health, and substance abuse. Juan holds a BA in Communications from the University of Mount Saint Vincent



Carol Tyrell

Carol Tyrell is a Public Health Administrator, II, at the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute, Division HIV/STI/Hep C Prevention. She is responsible for coordinating the Institute's statewide efforts to increase the involvement of faith communities in HIV prevention and care activities, and to enhance collaborations between faith communities and HIV service providers. Ms. Tyrell is a Certified Health Education Specialist, was graduated from Syracuse University, and has over 20 years of experience in public health. Ms. Tyrell is the co-author of the journal article "Early Results of a Statewide Initiative to involve Faith Communities in HIV Prevention."



Dr. Elizabeth Vásquez

Dr. Elizabeth Vásquez is an Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University at Albany School of Public Health. Dr. Vásquez completed her Master of Public Health degree at Columbia University School of Public Health (2002) and a Doctor of Public Health degree at the School of Public Health at New York Medical College (2010). Dr. Vásquez's research focus is in the areas of physical activity among older adults and the influence of contextual factors and social determinants. Dr. Vásquez has made significant contributions to this field of study, resulting in 50+ published papers and multiple abstracts accepted at major national conferences.



Janelle Viruet, Ed.D.

Dr. Janelle Viruet serves as the Director of Training and Development at Fund for the City of New York where she directs the design strategy, planning and implementation of leadership training and retreat programs both nationally and internationally. Dr. Viruet also currently teaches as an Adjunct Professor at NYU Steinhardt. In 2017, Janelle co-authored a book called "Mastering Your Career Journey". Janelle holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Long Island University, a master's degree in counseling from Pace University and most recently earned a doctorate degree in leadership and innovation from NYU Steinhardt's School of Culture, Education and Human Development.



Budy J. Whitfield, LCSW

Budy (pronounced Beauty) Whitfield is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker based in Westchester County, NY, who works with individuals across the lifespan, with a focus on professional women. Many of her clients have found great success in their professional life, but struggle to feel connected or at peace in their daily lives. Budy is particularly sensitive to clients facing moments of transition, such as a move, job loss, or breakup. Budy's approach is rooted in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, an evidence-based approach that focuses on helping clients understand how their thoughts, feelings, and behaviors are interconnected, so that they can begin to make targeted change.

LOBBY LEVEL



HOTEL MAP

KEY

- Public Areas
- Amenities
- Fitness Center
- Meeting/Conference Rooms
- Food & Beverages
- Elevators

EVENT LEVEL



PATIO LEVEL



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