

*CORD's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Rights Symposium:*  
***“Embedded Violence: The Turbulent Relationship among  
Human Rights, HIV and the Nation – State”***

*University of Denver*  
*Graduate School of International Studies*  
*April 22 – 23, 2004*

**Schedule of Events**

**Thursday, April 22, 2004**

***Opening Night and Reception***

6:00 PM: Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception

6:30: *Welcome: Morgan Taylor*

6:45-7:15: **Susan Erikson**: “Health, Human Rights and Structural Violence: Implications for Foreign Policy”

7:15-7:45: **Daniel Whelan**: “HIV and Human Rights: A Conceptual and Programmatic History”

7:45-8:30: *Keynote, Steve Koester*: “From Risk Behavior to the Risk Environment: Structural Factors and HIV”

**Friday, April 23, 2004**

*8.30-9.00: Registration and Breakfast*

9:00-9:10: *Welcome, Morgan Taylor*

9:10-9:40: **Shana Harris**—”Harm Reduction as Human Rights: HIV/AIDS and Drug Use in Contemporary Argentina”

9:40-10:10: **Louise Singleton**—”Working with Realities on the Ground: Three Case Studies—Ghana, Zambia and Uganda”

10:10-10:40: **Pius Kamau**—”Modern Feminists: A Power Not Used in the African AIDS Crisis”

*10:40-11:00: Break*

11:00-11:30: **Lucy Bradley-Springer**—”Rhetoric and Reality in International HIV Efforts”

11:30-12:00: **Anthony Natale**—”U.S. HIV/AIDS Policy Barriers”

12:00-12:30: **Steve Koester**—”Intravenous Use in Denver”

*12:30-12:45: Break and Serve Lunch*

12:45-1:45: **Karambu Ringera**—”A Crisis of the Soul: Women, HIV and the State—The Case of Kenya”

1:45-2:00: *Concluding Remarks—Morgan Taylor*

## **Speaker Bios**

**Lucy Bradley-Springer, BSN, MSN, MA, Ph.D.**, has been working in the field of HIV infection since 1988. She is the Director of the Mountain Plains AIDS Education and Training Center; and Associate Professor of Medicine and an Adjunct Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Colorado Health Science Center in Denver. She is the author of *HIV/AIDS Nursing Care Plans*, which is now in its second edition. She recently lead a People to People Ambassador Program on HIV Nursing to South Africa.

**Susan Erikson, Ph.D.** is a medical anthropologist who has worked in West Africa, the Balkans, and Central Asia. Susan is a global health educator interested not only in the causal biomedical agents of ill-health and disease, but also in the political, economic, social and historical aspects of health phenomena. She is the director of the Global Health Affairs Program at the Graduate School of International Studies.

**Shana Harris** is a graduate student in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Colorado-Boulder. She has studied drug use from an anthropological perspective in Britain, Latin America, and the Pacific Northwest over the last 4 years. Her most recent research focuses on the relationship between the American-led War on Drugs, drug related-HIV transmission, and harm reduction interventions in Argentina. Shana hopes to continue her research in a joint medical anthropology doctoral program at the University of California-San Francisco and the University of California-Berkeley in September.

**Pius Kamau** is a surgeon, newspaper columnist and writer of fiction and nonfiction. He was born and raised in Kenya and has been in practice in Denver for two decades. Pius has written about Africa and African issues and is very concerned about Americans' ignorance of Africa and the world, as well as being an advocate of Africa and the Third World.

**Steve Koester, Ph.D.**, is an Associate Professor in the Human and Behavioral Science program at the University of Colorado-Denver. His research interests include social inequality and health, social and structural models of disease prevention, HIV, drug use and hepatitis and political ecology.

**Anthony Natale, MSW, Ph.D.(c)** is a doctoral candidate in the Graduate School of Social Work at the university of Denver. He is also an adjunct faculty member and teaches courses on policy and research. Anthony is currently completing his dissertation research which focuses on development of community level strategies to reduce HIV transmission.

**Louise R. Singleton, MSPH**, has an interest in rural and international health. She completed a Masters thesis in 1989 on "Rural Health Care System in Two Counties in People's Republic of China". Louise worked for the Colorado Department of Health and Environment on an environmental health program for migrant farm workers and administered a federal pilot project in Colorado to keep small rural hospitals viable. Since retirement, she has volunteered as the training coordinator for the Institute of Cultural Affairs African HIV/AIDS Initiative.

**Karambu Ringera** is a Kenyan pursuing doctoral studies in DU's Department of Human Communication. Her area of focus is Communication, Culture and Peace. Karambu is also the president and founder of Peace Initiatives International-Africa (PII-Africa), an NGO that is working with communities to overcome devastation of conflict and disease in Africa and further peace and justice issues on the continent. On completing her studies, she hopes to go back to Kenya to develop her lecturing career, continue her work with individuals, families and communities infected and affected by HIV/AIDS, and further her NGO's peace initiatives in Africa.

**Daniel Whelan** is a Ph.D. Candidate in International Politics, Political Theory and Human Rights in GSIS. He has been researching and writing on the relationships between HIV/AIDS and human rights since 1992, when he joined the Women and AIDS Research Program at the International Center for Research in Women (ICRW) in Washington DC. Since beginning the doctoral program, Daniel has continued to write on HIV/AIDS and has consulted for the World Health Organization, the Population Council and UNFPA. His dissertation research is focusing on the concept of the indivisibility of human rights.