

2025 South Carolina HIV, STD, & Viral Hepatitis Conference Registration Brochure

CHALLENGES AHEAD: SUPPORTING FUTURE GENERATIONS



South Carolina
HIV, STD and
Viral Hepatitis
Conference

The Conference planners are proud to present the 42nd annual SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference! Conference planners have chosen a theme that emphasizes the importance of supporting future generations in the areas of HIV, STD, and viral hepatitis prevention, care, and treatment in South Carolina.

*SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

<u>Wednesday, Oct 22</u>		<u>Thursday, Oct 23</u>	
7:45-9:00am	Registration/Breakfast	7:45-9:00am	Registration/Breakfast
9:00-10:15am	Welcome/Keynote	9:00-10:15am	Welcome/Keynote
10:15-10:35am	Break/Visit Exhibits/ Network	10:15-10:35am	Break/Visit Exhibits/ Network
10:45-11:45am	Concurrent Sessions	10:45-11:45am	Concurrent Sessions
11:55am-12:55pm	Concurrent Sessions	11:55am-12:55pm	Concurrent Sessions
12:55pm	Doors open for lunch	12:55pm	Doors open for lunch
1:30-2:40pm	Platform Presenters/ Award Presentations	1:30-2:40pm	Keynote
2:50-3:50pm	Concurrent Sessions	2:40-3:00pm	Closing Remarks
4:00-5:00pm	Concurrent Sessions		

*subject to change

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Pernessa C. Seele

Founder & CEO-he Balm In Gilead, Inc.

Dr. Pernessa Seele is a native of the settlement town, Lincolnville, SC, where she spent her young years in a thriving, close-knit community that gave her the foundation she would need to become the Founder and CEO of The Balm In Gilead, Inc., a not-for-profit organization celebrating over 37 years of providing technical support and disease state awareness that strengthens faith communities in the USA and Africa to promote health education and services that contribute to the elimination of health disparities. Dr. Seele is well-known for her extraordinary vision and ability to create national and global partnerships in support of service to people. It is that very same service to people and passion for community and legacy that led her in 2021 to establish the Lincolnville Preservation and Historical Society. Historic Lincolnville is a town located in Charleston County that is home to rich histories of pre-Civil War, Reconstruction and the Civil Rights eras - yet its stories are untold. As a pioneer in developing public health & faith-based models for engaging individuals in health promotion and disease prevention, Dr. Seele is the recipient of numerous citations and honors. They include: Dr. Seele was featured on the cover of TIME magazine in 2006 as One of the Most Influential Persons In the World. Ebony Magazine selected Dr. Seele as one of their Power 150; Essence Magazine has honored her with numerous features. In its 35th Anniversary issue, she was named one of the 35 Most Beautiful and Remarkable Women In The World; In May 2010, Dr. Seele was selected as 21 Leaders of the 21st Century of Women E-News in New York City. In April 2008, Clark Atlanta University honored Dr. Seele with the Pathway of Excellence Award, citing her as one of its most outstanding graduates of all time. In October 2017, His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, bestowed the Pierre Toussaint Medallion upon Dr. Seele.

Rebecca Makkai

Rebecca Makkai is the author of the New York Times bestselling I Have Some Questions For You as well as four other works of fiction. The Great Believers, a novel set in Chicago at the height of the American AIDS epidemic, as well as in 2015 Paris, was a finalist for the 2019 Pulitzer Prize and the 2018 National Book Award. One of the New York Times' Top Ten Books of 2018, it also won the ALA Carnegie Medal, the LA Times Book Prize, the Stonewall Award, the Chicago Tribune Heartland Prize, the Midwest Independent Booksellers Award, the Clark Fiction Prize, and the Chicago Review of Books Award. A 2022 Guggenheim Fellow, Rebecca teaches graduate fiction writing at Middlebury College, Northwestern University, and the Bennington Writing Seminars, and she is Artistic Director of StoryStudio Chicago.



Stephen Lee, M.D., M.B.A

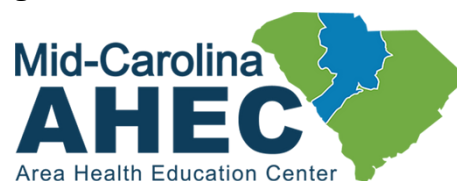
Dr. Stephen Lee is the executive director of NASTAD. Stephen oversees all NASTAD programs – Health Care Access, Prevention, Hepatitis, Drug User Health, Health Equity, Policy & Legislative Affairs, and Health Systems Integration – as well as NASTAD's overall operations. Stephen has deep expertise in program and organizational management, and his experience as a physician brings a practical perspective with regard to policy and program implementation. Prior to joining NASTAD, Stephen was a global HIV expert for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, where for 13 years he managed the development and implementation of programs that provided prevention, care, and treatment services to individuals affected by HIV. He

has a bachelor's degree in biology from Baylor University, a degree in medicine from Emory University School of Medicine, an MBA from Heriot Watt University, and a post graduate diploma in health systems management from the University of London, School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference is designed for nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, other clinicians, HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis educators, social workers, case managers, public health professionals, pharmacists, other service providers, teachers, students, people living with HIV/AIDS and other interested community members. Our mission for this interdisciplinary conference is to provide opportunities for professionals and community members to engage in dialogue and share past successes, discuss current practices and interventions, as well as address emerging issues and trends.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT



Mid-Carolina Area Health Education Center (AHEC) provides a variety of continuing education credits for up to a total of 10 hours across the two-day conference. **Participation will be tracked and recorded at each session. Contact hours will only be awarded based on documented attendance.**

Daily Totals: 10/22 (Wednesday) = 6 hours; 10/23 (Thursday) = 4 hours

Counselors & Therapists: This program has been approved for up to 10 hours of continuing education by SC AHEC under its accreditation by the SC Board of Examiners for Licensed Professional Counselors, Marital and Family Therapists and Psycho-Educational Specialists.

Nursing with Pharmacology Content: Mid-Carolina AHEC is approved as a provider of nursing continuing professional development by South Carolina Nurses Association an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This nursing continuing education activity is approved for up to 10 hours of which 4.0 are pharmacology hours ((please note: exact pharmacology hours will be based on sessions attended).

Social Workers: This program has been approved by SC AHEC under its accreditation by the SC Board of Social Work Examiners for up to 6 hours social work and 4 hours non-social work hours, for a total of 10 clock hours.

Mid-Carolina AHEC, Inc.: This program is approved for up to 1.0 CEU (10 clock hours) of continuing education by Mid-Carolina AHEC, Inc. and meets the SC AHEC Best Practice Standards. Participants must attend 90% of the program in order to receive a certificate of attendance. *No partial credit given.*

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) Treatment and Prevention Professionals: Applications are being made to the SC Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors (SCAADAC) and the SC Association of Prevention Professionals and Advocates (SCAPPA) for 10 hours of continuing education credit.

Pharmacists: The University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider of continuing pharmacy education. This activity is eligible for ACPE credit; see final CPE activity announcement for specific details.



Detailed instructions regarding how to claim credit will be provided at the conference. The NABP CPE Monitor will not accept credit claimed and reported greater than 60 days from the date of the program.

CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

Location

All sessions will be held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 1101 Lincoln Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 545-0181

<https://www.columbiaconventioncenter.com/>



Parking

The Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center (CMCC) Parking Lot is adjacent to the facility and has 260 first come first served, complimentary spots. In the case that the CMCC Parking Lot becomes full, the Park Street Garage located directly across the street from CMCC is free for the first hour but the second hour is \$3 and an additional \$1 for every hour after that up to \$15 for the day.

Hotel

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Columbia Downtown the Vista

901 Washington Street, Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 683-7500

Room Rate: \$115.00* per night.

Reservation Deadline: October 7, 2025

To make reservations online, click the link below and enter your travel dates.

[Holiday Inn Express Booking Link- CLICK HERE](#)



**Limited number of rooms are available at this rate. Rates are subject to room, local area, and hospitality taxes and may be approximately 14%. Standard Parking Fees apply and may be approximately \$22.00/ night.*

Accessibility

The SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference Committee is committed to making the conference fully accessible for all attendees. If you require assistance to fully participate in the conference, please contact Pam Harper, Conference Registrar, at [**pharper@midcarolinaahec.org**](mailto:pharper@midcarolinaahec.org) or **(803) 286-4121**.

Refunds, Cancellations and Substitutions

Refunds for a cancelled registration (less a **\$50.00** administration fee) may be obtained by written request to the Conference Registrar, Pam Harper, at Mid-Carolina AHEC, (803) 286-4121 or [**pharper@midcarolinaahec.org**](mailto:pharper@midcarolinaahec.org). Such requests must be received by **October 5, 2025**. Refunds will not be made to participants who cancel after that date or who register but do not attend.

Substitutions are permitted but must be approved through **written request only (no phone calls)** to the Conference Registrar at [**pharper@midcarolinaahec.org**](mailto:pharper@midcarolinaahec.org). The 2025 SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference is not responsible for any change/cancellation charges incurred by the registrant.

CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP AND/OR EXHIBIT SPACE

For those who wish to support this year's conference, the following contribution levels are available:

Conference Partner	\$10,000
Diamond Level	\$ 5,000
Platinum Level	\$ 2,500
Gold Level	\$ 1,400
Silver Level	\$ 1,000
Bronze Level	\$ 750 (the base level for commercial exhibitors)
Commercial/For Profit	\$ 650 (to exhibit only ; keynote and concurrent sessions are not included)
Non-profit/State Agency	\$ 450 (to exhibit only ; keynote and concurrent sessions are not included)

Contact Chris Skope at (843) 792-1348 or cmskope1@gmail.com to support the conference and/or arrange an exhibit space. The complete Sponsor/Exhibitor Brochure is available at www.schiv-stdconference.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS

PLWHA Registration Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships to cover registration fees are available for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). All application materials must be received by **June 27, 2025**. The scholarship application forms and information about the scholarship process can be found at www.schiv-stdconference.org. For further information, contact Gerald McNair, Scholarship Committee Chair, at gmcnair30@yahoo.com.

Student Scholarships

Up to twelve **1-day scholarships** are being offered to students enrolled in public health-related programs (health sciences, medicine, social work, pharmacy, etc.) in South Carolina colleges and universities. Each scholarship will cover registration for **one day** of the conference including breakfast and lunch. Scholarship recipients may choose which day to attend. Students will be responsible for any travel and hotel accommodations. All scholarship applications are due **September 5, 2025**. Please see our website, www.schiv-stdconference.org for student scholarship application forms.

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Only complete if registering by mail. If registering on-line, visit: www.midcarolinaahec.org

NAME _____
ORGANIZATION _____
DISCIPLINE (e.g., nurse, social worker, health educator, etc.) _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE (_____) _____ **E-MAIL (REQUIRED for CEUs)** _____

Registration Timeline	Wed., Oct. 22	Thurs., Oct. 23	Full Conference (both days)
EARLY REGISTRATION			
<i>Deadline: August 23</i>	____ \$150	____ \$150	____ \$280
REGULAR REGISTRATION			
<i>Deadline: September 13</i>	____ \$180	____ \$180	____ \$340
LATE REGISTRATION			
<i>Deadline: October 11</i>	____ \$220	____ \$220	____ \$425
ON-SITE REGISTRATION			
<i>Registration after October 11</i>	____ \$270	____ \$270	____ \$525
STUDENT REGISTRATION*			
<i>Deadline: September 13</i>	____ \$65	____ \$65	____ \$130

**Students will be required to submit a scanned copy of their school identification card (with photo) with their registration and MUST have that card with them at conference registration on-site.*

If you are pursuing ACPE credit, please add \$15 to your total: ____ +\$15

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____

For those with dietary restrictions:

☐ **YES, I would like a VEGETARIAN lunch.** ☐ **YES, I would like a VEGAN lunch.**

*Please note there is a \$10 convenience fee for paying online. **Registration fees include conference materials, keynote addresses, concurrent sessions, and conference meals (continental breakfast and lunch each day).** Late Registration will be accepted on a space-available basis. **Any registration paperwork not received in the Mid-Carolina AHEC office by **October 11, 2025** will be considered On-site Registration and the appropriate fees will apply if space is available.*

I have read and agree to the “Refunds, Cancellations and Substitutions” policy found under “REGISTRATION INFORMATION” in this brochure or on the conference website: www.schiv-stdconference.org.

Registrant Signature (required) _____

If registering by mail, make fee payable to: Annual SC HIV STD Conference (Federal ID #20-3795068)

Specify method of payment: ____ Check # _____ Money Order # _____
State Purchase Order # _____ (We will accept POs from SC state government agencies only.)

Incomplete registration forms will not be processed. Confirmation of registration will be made via postcard or e-mail.

Mail completed registration form and payment to:

Pam Harper, Registrar
SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference
Box 2049, Lancaster, SC 29721

Questions? Phone (803) 286-4121; Fax (803) 286-4165 or E-mail pharper@midcarolinaahec.org.