

South Carolina HIV, STD, & Viral Hepatitis Conference

Celebrate Life! 40 Years of Making a Difference
October 25 & 26, 2023

**Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
1101 Lincoln Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201**



**South Carolina
HIV, STD and
Viral Hepatitis
Conference**

The Conference planners are proud to present the 40th annual SC HIV, STD and Viral Hepatitis Conference! Conference planners have chosen a theme that emphasizes the success stories and achievements over the past 40 years in the areas of HIV, STD, and viral hepatitis prevention, care, and treatment in South Carolina.

***SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE**

Wednesday, Oct 25

7:45-9:00am	Registration/Breakfast
9:00-10:15am	Welcome/Keynote
10:15-10:35am	Break/Visit Exhibits/ Network/Vaccinations
10:45-11:45am	Concurrent Sessions
11:55am-12:55pm	Concurrent Sessions
12:55pm	Doors open for lunch
1:30-2:40pm	Platform Presenters/Award Presentations
2:50-3:50pm	Concurrent Sessions
4:00-5:00pm	Concurrent Sessions

Thursday, Oct 26

7:45-9:00am	Registration/Breakfast
9:00-10:15am	Welcome/Keynote
10:15-10:35am	Break/Visit Exhibits/ Network/Vaccinations
10:45-11:45am	Concurrent Sessions
11:55am-12:55pm	Concurrent Sessions
12:55pm	Doors open for lunch
1:30-2:40pm	Keynote
2:40-3:00pm	Closing Remarks

*subject to change

Visit our website: www.schiv-stdconference.org

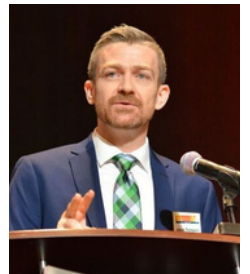
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dafina Ward, J.D.

Dafina Ward, J.D. is an attorney and non-profit strategist with nearly fifteen years of experience addressing HIV and health equity issues in the southern United States. Working in partnership with a range of advocates—from grassroots leaders to federal decision-makers—she is a trusted voice in regional and national spaces. Dafina currently serves as Executive Director of the Southern AIDS Coalition (SAC), an organization with a regional focus and national reach, with a mission to end the HIV and STI epidemics in the South. SAC utilizes community-centered policy advocacy, grantmaking, leadership development, and capacity building trainings to support transformation in the region. SCA created Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day [SHAAD] in 2019 to amplify the HIV crisis in the region. SHAAD is now a nationally recognized day adopted by hundreds of organizations and reaching thousands annually. Dafina shares her reflections on the intersections of race, gender, and health through writing, with work appearing in the Washington Post, Role Reboot, and The Body. She was recognized by POZ Magazine twice in 2021—as the July/August POZ Hero and as a member of the 2021 POZ 100 (the magazine’s list of the 100 most influential Black HIV advocates in the nation). Dafina received her BA in Mass Media Arts from Clark Atlanta University (Atlanta, GA) and her Juris Doctor from Temple University’s Beasley School of Law (Philadelphia, PA). She and her husband reside in Bluffton, South Carolina with their brilliant daughters.

Adam Thompson



Mr. Adam Thompson holds an undergraduate degree in theology from Georgetown University and a master’s degree in public health from the Jefferson College of Population Health. Mr. Thompson is the former Director of the South Jersey AIDS Education and Training Center and currently works as a health systems carpenter and practice facilitator supporting clinics, communities, and health systems throughout the United States to transform practices and improve patient and community outcomes. As a person with HIV himself, Mr. Thompson brings both professional expertise and lived experience to his work championing the rights of all persons in the United States to have access to equitable high quality care.



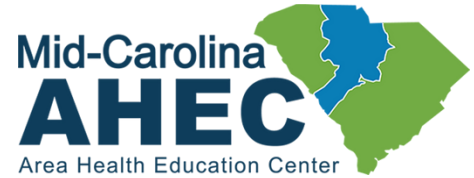
Deondre B. Moore

Deondre B. Moore is a GLAAD Award winning human rights activist who has spent the last eight years of his life dedicating his time and resources to educating people and raising awareness all over the world regarding HIV and Civil Rights issues. Deondre began his work in public health and advocacy after receiving an HIV positive diagnosis in 2014 at the age of 19 on campus as freshman at Sam Houston State University. Since his diagnosis, he has taken the education he has received and shared it with community members and peers across the globe. Deondre’s years of experience serving on various national Community Advisory Boards, as a Community Mobilizer in Texas, and experience as a pharmaceutical community engagement expert has provided him with the necessary skill sets to serve on his role with Prevention Access Campaign(U=U) as the Director of U.S. Partnerships & Community Engagement from 2020-2023. Deondre’s lived experience has helped strengthen PAC’s meaningful engagement with national partners and communities to bring about awareness and resources consistent with PAC’s values. In 2019 Deondre was called upon by the United States Consulate General to Milan, Italy to tour the northern part of the country and educate the citizens in various cities on the importance HIV treatment, access, and prevention. Deondre has been named PLUS Magazines 2022 Person of the Year & featured as one of POZ magazines 100 influential advocates of 2021. Deondre is now the owner of a new restaurant and bar located in Southeast Texas called “The Park on Calder” which has quickly grown to be a staple in the community. Deondre continues to engage with various communities and organizations throughout the U.S. and around the world with emphasis on Black and Brown communities and other communities of color in order to provide resources, build meaningful partnerships, and to ensure that entities & organizations that he is connected to are expanding and operating at their full potential to continue changing the trajectory of and the way we look at HIV & prevention around the world.

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: 10/25 (Wednesday) = 6 hours; 10/26 (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, Inc. is approved as a provider of continuing professional development South Carolina Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission of 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.

Certified Health Education Specialists (CHES)/Master Certified Health Education Specialists

(MCHES): Application is being made to the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control for 10 hours of continuing education credit for Certified Health Education Specialists and Master Certified Health Education Specialists.

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 charges \$2 for the first hour and \$1 for every hour after that up to \$10 for the day.

Hotel

Aloft Columbia Downtown

823 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 445-1900

Room Rate: \$112.00* per night.

Reservation Deadline: September 25, 2023

To make reservations online, visit their website.

Cambria Hotel Columbia Downtown the Vista

1000 Lady Street, Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 728-3355

Room Rate: \$139.00* per night.

Reservation Deadline: September 24, 2023

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

[Cambria 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@comporium.net 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@comporium.net. Such requests must be received by **October 6, 2023**. 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@comporium.net. The 2023 SC HIV, STD, and Viral Hepatitis Conference is not responsible for any change/cancellation charges incurred by the registrant.

ETE SC PREVENTION THROUGH EMPOWERMENT PRECONFERENCE SUMMIT

Date: October 24th, 2023

Location: Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center

Time: 8:30AM-3:30PM

Credit Hours: 5.0 credit hours

Registration for the summit is separate from the conference registration. A separate fee is required.

Link to Register: <http://www.midcarolinaahec.org/node/380>

Scholarships for persons living with HIV to attend the summit are separate from the conference scholarships. For information, contact dwood@capconsc.com.

The purpose of the preconference is to enhance providers skills and empower community advocates in preventing HIV, STDs, Viral Hepatitis, and substance use disorders.

The objectives of the preconference are:

- To enhance capacity of participants to deliver high-quality care to individuals desiring PrEP.
- To enhance providers' skills and knowledge about PrEP deliver.
- To support wholistic engagement of women in their healthcare throughout the HIV Continuum of Care to achieve consistent viral suppression.
- To provide pertinent information on available gender-responsive interventions including biomedical and psychosocial interventions designed to counter isolation and loneliness.
- To enhance efforts to reduce internalized stigma, intersectional discrimination, and intergenerational trauma.
- To share life and leadership opportunities which enables women to serve as messengers and change agents for other women.

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 skopecm@musc.edu to support the conference and/or arrange an exhibit space. The complete Sponsor/Exhibitor Brochure is available at www.schiv-stdconference.org.

SCHOLARSHIPS

PLWH Registration Scholarships : For Conference Only, Not for Preconference Summit

A limited number of scholarships to cover registration fees are available for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH). All application materials must be **received** by the Scholarship Committee by **July 3, 2023**. The scholarship application forms and information about the scholarship process can be found at www.schiv-stdconference.org. For further information, contact Inez Morris, Scholarship Committee Chair, at (864) 787-2845 or inezmorris54@gmail.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 8, 2023**. Please see our website, www.schiv-stdconference.org for student scholarship application forms.

2023 SC HIV, STD AND VIRAL HEPATITIS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM
 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. 25	Thurs., Oct. 26	Full Conference (both days)
EARLY REGISTRATION <i>Deadline: August 25</i>	____ \$145	____ \$145	____ \$270
REGULAR REGISTRATION <i>Deadline: September 15</i>	____ \$170	____ \$170	____ \$320
LATE REGISTRATION <i>Deadline: October 16</i>	____ \$205	____ \$205	____ \$395
ON-SITE REGISTRATION <i>Registration <u>after</u> October 16</i>	____ \$245	____ \$245	____ \$470
STUDENT REGISTRATION* <i>Deadline: September 15</i>	____ \$60	____ \$60	____ \$120
*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.			
<i>If you are pursuing ACPE credit, please add \$15 to your total:</i>	____ +\$15	____ +\$15	____ +\$15
TOTAL PAYMENT:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
For those with dietary restrictions:			
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I would like a VEGETARIAN lunch.		<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I would like a VEGAN lunch.	
<i>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 16, 2023 will be considered On-site Registration and the appropriate fees will apply if space is available.</i>			

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@comporium.net.