

AUGUST 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 14-18

2009 LGBTI Health Summit

Chicago Hilton and Towers

The **2009 National LGBTI Health Summit** is dedicated to preserving and improving the physical, spiritual, mental, and social health and wellness of LGBTI people, who continue to experience significant health disparities because of our sexual orientations and/or gender identities.

Planners have chosen the theme of "Health Through the Life Course" to emphasize our mission to reach members of our communities at every point in their lives. The Summit will encompass workshops, plenaries, networking, organizing and social activities to meld our communities of letters and age together. We know that language can be problematic, and that many people do not identify with terms such as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender. Our summit strives to welcome those who identify otherwise—as queer, genderqueer, same-gender loving, and a wide diversity of other sexual and gender identities. We also embrace those who may not fit any of the above, but are allies in this cause.

Monday, August 17, 2009

Risky Business? Bare Back Porn and Reclaiming of Pleasure

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Center on Halsted's Hoover-Leppen Theater
3656 N Halsted St., Chicago**

How does porn – and bareback porn – affect our sexual desires and practices?

Are videos depicting edgy sex a HOT but safe way to get off for viewers or does condomless porn signal a dangerous normalizing of risk? Come for a raw discussion about the kind of sex, intimacy, fantasies and pleasure we crave, and how we can get there. Moderated by Fausto Fernos and Marc Felion of the Feast of Fun Podcast. For more information, contact Pete at psubkoviak@aidschicago.org, 312-334-0963.

Thursday, August 20, 2009

The Intersection of Women, Poverty, Economic Dependence, & HIV

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

University Center, 525 S. State Street

All are invited to attend this one-day event focusing on how poverty, homelessness and the lack of economic independence play a critical role in the rates of infections in African American women. The conference features Lynn Todman, PhD, Director of the Institute on Social Exclusion at the Adler School of Professional Psychology and Chakena Conway, Youth Advocate & Activist, Center for Women & HIV Advocacy, HIV Law Project, NY. For more information contact Cynthia at ctucker@aidschicago.org.

Saturday, August 29, 2009

Dance for Life

5:00 p.m. – Gala Reception;

7:30 p.m. – Dance for Life Performance

Harris Theater, 205 E. Randolph Drive, Millennium Park

Join Chicago's most renowned dance companies for one spectacular evening of dance on one stage! Proceeds benefit the AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Chicago House, AIDSCare, Center on Halsted, and the Dance for Life Fund. Participating companies include: Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, The Joffrey Ballet, and River North Chicago Dance Company. Tickets \$75 - \$500. For more information contact Chris Matthews at cmatthews@aidschicago.org.

More information for all events is available online at aidsconnect.net or by calling (312) 922-2322.