8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Thursday, February 27, 2014
Classics Building, Room 110
1010 E. 59th Street, Chicago, IL 60637

SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM
ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

“Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care...” Article 25, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948

This symposium is the first of a series in which the Health and Human Rights Initiative will examine case studies related to health and human rights in modern China. Today’s sessions will focus on the current state of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in China. Participants will discuss the progress and challenges in the battle against the disease and the particular problems of vulnerable populations including men who have sex with men, injection drug users, commercial sex workers, and plasma donors. The panelists and audience will include experts in public health, medicine, the social sciences, and civil society.

This symposium is generously supported by the Richard and Ann Pozen Fund at The University of Chicago Human Rights Program.

SCHEDULE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2014

8:15 AM  Registration and light breakfast

8:30 AM  Welcome  Renslow Sherer, MD

8:45 AM  HIV in China: An Overview of Current Epidemiology and the National Response  Han-Zhu Qian, MD, MPH

9:25 AM  Vulnerable Populations: Injection Drug Users  Zhijun Li, MD, MSc

10:05 AM  BREAK

10:15 AM  HIV and Human Rights of Vulnerable Groups  Linda Arnade, MPH
Rychai Wan, MD

10:45 AM  Health Governance and the HIV Epidemic  Yanzhong Huang, PhD

11:15 AM  Health and Rights in the Future of HIV in China: Progress and Perils  Renslow Sherer, MD

11:45 AM  Panel Discussion: Lessons for Rights, Duties, and the Role of Government  All Presenters

12:30 PM  Symposium Adjourns
SPEAKERS

Renslow Sherer, MD, is Professor of Medicine in the Section of Infectious Diseases and Global Health at the University of Chicago, as well as the Director of the International AIDS Training Center. He has been a primary caregiver for people living with HIV since 1982. He was a member of the U.S. Health and Human Services HIV/AIDS Treatment Guideline Panel from 1996-2010 and the “Free ART” Guideline Panel in China from 2004-2006. Dr. Sherer has led HIV treatment and training collaborations, prevention and stigma reduction programs worldwide, including in Africa and China. He is currently leading a seven-year program to support medical education reform in Wuhan University in China. He teaches courses on HIV and Global Medical Education at the Pritzker School of Medicine and on Health and Human Rights in the College.

Han-Zhu Qian, MD, PhD, is Assistant Professor at Vanderbilt Institute of Global Health, and Division of Epidemiology, Department of Medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He also works for the Westat Administrative Coordination Center for Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute’s Global Health Initiative on combating chronic diseases in developing countries. He has provided methodological support to epidemiological research at nine Centers of Excellence in developing countries. Dr. Qian’s current research topics include substance abuse, HIV risk and disease progression, circumcision for preventing HIV among men having sex with men, and HIV testing and linkage to care intervention. Dr. Qian has collaborated with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in China and medical universities since 2002. He has published over sixty papers on Chinese HIV and sexually transmitted infection.

Zhijun Li, MD, MSc, is a Chief Medical Officer in the U.S. Center for Disease Control’s Global AIDS Program China office. He oversees prevention and control of HIV transmission for key populations, including injection drug users, commercial sex workers, and men having sex with men. Dr. Li is also responsible for HIV testing, counseling, and implementation research. He is the primary responsible officer for Tibet, Xinjiang, Guangdong, Inner Mongolia and Shandong provinces. Besides project planning and management, he also provides technical assistance at national, provincial, and county levels.
Yanzhong Huang, PhD, is a Senior Fellow for Global Health at the Council on Foreign Relations. He is also an Associate Professor and Director for Global Health Studies at School of Diplomacy and International Relations at Seton Hall University (New Jersey). He is the founding editor of Global Health Governance: The Scholarly Journal for the New Health Security Paradigm. Huang has written extensively on global health governance, health diplomacy and health security, and public health in China. He has published numerous reports, journal articles, and book chapters, including articles in Foreign Affairs, Journal of Contemporary China, and Bioterrorism and Biosecurity, as well as op-ed pieces in the New York Times, International Herald Tribune, and South China Morning Post, among others. His book Governing Health in Contemporary China looks at the health care reform, government ability to address disease outbreaks, and food and drug safety in China.

Linda Arnade, MPH, coordinates the global health concentration at Yale School of Public Health. She graduated from Duke University in 2006 with a B.S. in Public Health and recently completed her MPH at the Mailman School of Public Health (Columbia University, New York). She worked for the Chicago Women’s AIDS Project for two years as the support service and advocacy coordinator. Linda’s interest in Asia began in 2005 with a short summer project focused on youth sexual health and HIV prevention programs in Beijing, Qingdao, and Wuhan. She returned to China in 2009 to work as a program consultant with Aizhixing (Love, Knowledge, Action), working closely with Wan Yanhai and his team on their community health and legal rights programs. Linda returned to Shanghai in 2012 with Students of the World and the Livestrong Foundation to create a documentary about the stigma associated with cancer in China.

Yanhai Wan, MD, is a visiting fellow at both the National Tsing Hua University in Taiwan and Yale Law School’s Human Rights Program. He is known for his HIV/AIDS advocacy work in China. His work focuses on advocating for health care and human rights of people living with HIV/AIDS in Henan, where many were infected through blood transfusions. He also advocates for the rights of injection drug users, sex workers, and other at-risk populations. Dr. Wan founded China’s foremost AIDS-awareness group, the Beijing-based Aizhixing (Love, Knowledge and Action) Institute and the U.S.-based China Health Action.

The Health and Human Rights Initiative Faculty Committee includes Dr. Renslow Sherer and Dr. Evan Lyon (Medical School), Dan Brudney (Philosophy), Haun Saussy (Comparative Literature), Brian Citro (Law School), and Susan Gzesh (Human Rights Program). Today’s symposium was organized by Dr. Renslow Sherer, with additional support provided by Susan Gzesh, Yaniv Kleinman, Ivy Morgan, and Tara Peters. Information on other activities presented by the Health and Human Rights Initiative can be found at: humanrights.uchicago.edu/