



WELCOME NOTE FROM CENTER:

Welcome to the 13th Newsletter from the Center for Social Science Research on AIDS (CeSSRA), a collaborative training and research center, with collaborators from Case Western Reserve University, Makerere University, the Joint Clinical Research Centre, and Mbarara University of Science and Technology, and SABRES/IDI/SPH. The CeSSRA office is always open Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm. It is located in Seminar Room 7 in the Faculty of Social Sciences, Makerere University main campus.

The center's aim is to train social scientists to carry out social science research on HIV/AIDS Collaboratively and also conduct a longitudinal study on the social context of HIV/AIDS treatment.

RECENT EVENTS:

Dr. Janet McGrath recently presented a paper on the ongoing CeSSRA study, entitled "Expanding perspectives on expanding access to HIV/AIDS medications" at the International Conference of the Society for Medical Anthropology. The paper presents baseline results and notes that emerging themes highlight both material issues related to accessing care (e.g., transport costs) and nonmaterial needs, such as fears of disclosure.

Dr. McGrath also presented a poster at the meeting of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Network of the Centers for AIDS Research. This poster was called "Gender Differences in HIV Disclosure: Implications for Early Initiation of Care in Uganda".

UPCOMING EVENTS

We resume our popular monthly lunchtime lecture series in the Faculty of Social Science, given by local and international experts on topics

surrounding HIV and research. The first will be held on 23 October (details below). Please see future newsletters for the other upcoming lectures and topics. Suggestions of speakers or areas of interest are welcome; please stop by the office to let us know. We are also planning a workshop on ethnographic methods for early 2010. More information regarding the workshop and registration to follow.

CeSSRA is to hold a public lecture on 23rd October 2009 at 1:00pm in the Faculty of Social Science, Makerere University Main campus, Lecture Room 2. The public lecture will be facilitated by **Dr. Rhoda Wanyenze**, The topic to be discussed is; **Universal Access to HIV Care and Prevention: The Role of Expanded Access to HIV Counseling and Testing**

Dr. Rhoda Wanyenze is a Program Manager at the School of Public Health-CDC HIV Fellowship Program, and has six years of experience in HIV counseling and testing research, policy and programming.

OTHER RECENT EVENTS:

USHS SCIENTIFIC LECTURE was held on 17th September 2009 at the MUK College of Health Sciences – Mulago. The topic was an update of Hepatitis B Virus in Uganda Care and Treatment, facilitated by Dr. Ponsiano Ocama (MBChB, MMED Lecturer, Department of Medicine,) and Dr. Kagimu Magid (Senior Lecturer/ Gastroenterologist, Department of Medicine).

Uganda Society for Health Scientists organised a Manuscript Writing Workshop on Wednesday 30th September 2009.

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