



WELCOME NOTE FROM CENTER:

Welcome to the sixth 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, SABRES/IDI/SPH, among others. 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. Under the fellowship component, the Fellows are reviewing their individual mentoring plans and are concretizing their areas of research interest. They are currently participating in an ongoing research design course. Fellows continuously receive free-critique as they present their research work. This will enable them publish papers in scientific journals and prepare grantable proposals.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

As a part of the ongoing "AIDS 201" public lecture series, CeSSRA has invited **Dr. Janet Seeley** to give a talk on **6th February 2009 at 1pm in Faculty of Social Science, Lecture Room 2**. Dr. Seeley has done extensive research on the social dimensions of HIV and her talk is titled **"Fisherfolk and HIV- Looking Beyond the Stereotypes."**

PROFILE:

This month we are featuring a profile of one of our research fellows, **Mukama Raymond**

Raymond is pursuing a Master of Arts in Sociology at Makerere University in Kampala, where he also received his bachelors' degree.

Raymond has served as a team leader/supervisor for projects looking at health seeking behavior related to malaria, ART adherence, operations research on HIV interventions, and condom use among fishing communities



Mukama Raymond

His research interests include understanding why there is still a high prevalence of infectious diseases generally; including both HIV and malaria. He is also interested in fishing communities and mobile populations (such as truck drivers).

His work in fishing communities has led him to be interested in what he sees as complacency. He argues that there has been little or no behavior change among fishermen. They are more interested in money so there is little interest in prevention.

UPCOMING FELLOWS EVENTS:

Research Design Course:

The next research design session will take place at UMI at a date to be communicated later.

RECENT EVENTS:

During the last week in January, CeSSRA hosted Dr. Patricia Marshall, from Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Marshall presented at an IRC Chair meeting with UNCST, as well as two workshops and two public lectures for CeSSRA. On 28 January, there was a workshop titled Ethical Challenges in Study Design and Informed Consent for Health Research in resource-poor settings and a Public lecture titled Ethical Challenges in International Research. On 30 January, there was also a workshop in Mbarara titled

International Informed Consent and a public lecture on Ethical Challenges of International Collaborative Research. Thank you to all who attended the workshop and lectures!

The workshop and public lecture were presented by Dr. Patricia Marshall, a professor of Bioethics in the Department of Bioethics at the school of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University.



Dr. Marshall and Meg Winchester during the break for the workshop at Makerere University.

Her research and publications focus on multiculturalism and the application of bioethics practices, including research ethics and informed consent in national and international settings. In 1999, Dr. Marshall was appointed to serve on the Advisory Board for Fogarty International centre at the National Institute of Health. In 1999, Dr. Marshall served as a consultant on informed consent for the President's National Bioethics Advisory Commission on their project examining ethical issues in international health research. In 2000 she was a consultant to the World Health Organization's Council for International Organization of Medical Societies (CIOMS) on their revision of ethical guidelines for international research. Dr Marshall was appointed to the National Academy of Sciences Study panel on IRBs, Surveys and Social Science Research in 2001. She served on the council on Accreditation, Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs, Inc (AAHRPP), 2003 to 2005. In 2007, she was appointed to serve on the Secretaries Advisory Committee Human Research

Protection (SACHRP) for the office of Human Research Protection (OHRP).



Dr. Marshall responding to one of the questions from a participant during the public lecture.

OTHER RECENT EVENTS:

SABRES Project held a short course on social network assessments and analysis on January 19th to 22nd by Hank Green which took place at IDI

Uganda Society for Health Scientists (USHS) organized a research Methodology workshop focusing on proposal development on 14th to 16th January 2009

COHRE training program organized a non-residential training workshop on Introduction to Research Proposal Writing and Data Management focusing on social and clinical research on 12th to 16th January 2009 at Hotel Africana, Kampala.

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