

# Fighting AIDS in Africa: Public Health vs. Human Rights

**With guest Dr. Brian Williams**

*Epidemiologist, World Health Organization, Geneva*

In residence at Brandeis February 9-13, 2009

## "African Forum"

Wednesday, Feb. 11                      5 – 6:30 pm                      Heller 163

Dr. Williams talks about HIV/AIDS with the African Forum, a group of Brandeis students interested in supporting the development of the African continent by engaging in educational and social projects. Pizza will be served. All are welcome.

## "Student Global AIDS Campaign - Ice Cream Social"

Wednesday, Feb. 11                      8 pm                      Shapiro Campus Center 314

Dr. Williams meets with the Student Global AIDS Campaign (SGAC), a national student-based organization dedicated to ending the global AIDS pandemic. All are welcome. Ice cream will be served.

## "A Day In The Life of an AIDS Epidemiologist"

Thursday, Feb. 12                      12 – 1:30 pm                      ASAC Atrium (across from Heller School)

What's it like to work as an epidemiologist at the World Health Organization or as a community worker in a mining town? What career path did Dr. Williams follow in his micro- and macro- work on disease? What advice does he have for others considering this work? Bring your lunch; dessert and drinks provided. Cosponsored by the Hiatt Career Center.

## "Office Hours with Dr. Williams"

Thursday, Feb. 12                      1:30 – 2:45 pm                      ASAC Atrium (across from Heller School)

Here's your chance to ask Dr. Williams focused questions in a personal interview. Don't miss this opportunity to speak with this noted epidemiologist in a casual, individual setting. First come, first served; no appointment needed.

## Keynote Address:

### "Fighting AIDS in Africa: Public Health vs. Human Rights"

Thursday, Feb. 12    3:30 – 5 pm                      International Lounge

Once exiled from his native South Africa, Dr. Brian Williams has worked in Kenya, Tanzania, and South Africa, notably with communities troubled by multiple health risks. In this address, he attempts to reconcile the disparate views of public-health experts and human-rights advocates to explore how policymakers, donors, scientists, and service providers can work together more effectively to prevent and treat disease.

## "Global Infectious Disease Challenges and the Role of Data in Social Justice"

Thursday, Feb. 12 6:40 – 8 pm                      Heller School, room G4

The burden of ill health is unequally distributed worldwide, with vast disparities in the availability of clean water, food, and adequate healthcare. Dr. Williams demonstrates how quantitative data inform policy decisions, program planning, implementation, and evaluation in order to achieve positive health outcomes. An open session of Professor Sarita Bhalotra's HSSP 110 – Health and Social Justice.

## "Anthropologists and Epidemiologists: An Open Discussion"

Friday, Feb. 13                      9:10 – 10:30 am                      Lown 203

How can anthropologists and epidemiologists incorporate models of cultural diversity in developing effective HIV/AIDS action in sub-Saharan Africa? How might they work together more effectively in partnerships with community-based health workers and traditional healers?

Dr. Williams is the third Distinguished Visiting Practitioner of the International Center for Ethics, Justice and Public Life. The program brings "real-world" leading practitioners to campus for weeklong residencies that combine public lectures, classroom visits, and small-group discussions on topics of current interest to a wide range of students and scholars at Brandeis. Dr. Williams' residency is hosted by the Center and the Chemistry Department, with lead faculty member Irving Epstein.

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