

Bold Ideas Colloquium Speaker Series

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An epidemiologic transition: Aging among people living with HIV in low- and middle-income settings

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Abstract: The number of people living with HIV globally who are age 50 years and older is projected to nearly double to 20 million people by 2040, with 96% of this population living in low- and middle-income settings (LMIC). People with HIV are more likely to experience multimorbidity compared to the general population, and develop aging related conditions earlier in their lifecourse. Understanding the size of the population

and the magnitude of multimorbidity is important for healthcare systems to plan for, finance, and build the resources people need to move beyond increased survival to increased healthspan and improved quality of life. In this session we'll discuss model-based projections and preliminary data on physical and cognitive function among older people with HIV living in LMICs.

Talk Learning Objectives: 1: Understand the underlying causes of the epidemiologic transition in HIV globally; 2: Enhance your understanding of multicompexity in the context of HIV infection; and 3: Identify opportunities for bi-directional translational research between LMICs and Manitoba

Speaker Biography: Kristen Stafford has a Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and a PhD in Epidemiology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. As an infectious disease epidemiologist whose career has spanned research, program leadership and training in North America and sub-Saharan Africa, she has spent over three decades working on the design, implementation and evaluation of HIV care and treatment programs, with a particular focus on how these programs can be built to generate evidence and deliver care sustainably over time. She works in close collaboration with governments, academic institutions, service providers and community members around the world to ensure her research is contextually relevant and person-centred. Prior to joining the University of Manitoba, she was an associate professor at the Institute of Human Virology – University of Maryland School of Medicine. There, she served as deputy director of the Center for International Health, Education and Biosecurity, guiding HIV program implementation across eight countries in sub-Saharan Africa. She has led national HIV, surveillance and data infrastructure projects, and her current research examines how HIV prevalence and care needs are shifting as people living with HIV age.