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“Leadership Through Action: Confronting HIV/AIDS At Home & Abroad”

WORLD AIDS DAY 2004

On November 30, 2004 the Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy cosponsored a panel discussion entitled “Leadership Through Action: Confronting HIV/AIDS at Home and Abroad.” This event dealt with the impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic on millions of people around the world, highlighting the growing impact on African Americans and women of color. Panelist included Adam Handler of CARE International, Joe Corleo, Executive Director of the AIDS Housing Corporation, and Cindy Tchampl of RESULTS, a grassroots advocacy organization. Panelists shared their work in HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention and discussed effective advocacy

efforts, including how their organizations have helped safeguard people’s rights to medical care, provided access to housing, and pressured congressional leaders to give adequate

mentary by filmmaker Robert Bilheimer that chronicles the lives of individuals affected by HIV/AIDS and details the increased feminization of the virus and disease throughout the world. Those in attendance, including students from Harvard College, the Harvard School of Public Health, and Harvard Business School, left with valuable information about how to mobilize others and contribute to the ongoing efforts to address this growing pandemic. In addition, panelists urged students to lobby Congress, join organizations addressing the needs of people affected by and living with the disease, and remain encouraged and hopeful in the global fight against HIV/AIDS.



Harvard students listen as World AIDS Day panelists discuss the impact of HIV/AIDS domestically and abroad.

funding and support for HIV/AIDS policy issues.

Prior to the panel discussion, students viewed selected clips from “A Closer Walk,” a docu-

From the Editor

It is difficult to ignore the escalating rate of HIV/AIDS within African American communities, particularly among women. Unfortunately, many in the United States choose to examine this issue through the very narrow lens of health care. However, no place else in the world is HIV/AIDS a health care issue alone, and many rarely consider the ways in which this epidemic is sweeping through Black communities. Interestingly, when I think of how little attention the growing epidemic of HIV/AIDS in African American communities receives, it often conjures the line Ralph Ellison penned in his classic *Invisible Man*: “I am invisible, understand, simply because people refuse to see me.” It is with this in mind that we have chosen to dedicate the eleventh volume of the *Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy* to the exploration of HIV/AIDS within African American communities and the Diaspora. The Journal acts as a practical conduit to reveal the far-reaching implications of HIV/AIDS for Black communities, including what we can glean from the challenges and feats experienced throughout the African Diaspora in the fight against the spread of infection and the management of the disease. We seek to broaden the scope of this topic to reveal how its complexities extend to various policy areas, including but not limited to the economy, business and government, and the criminal justice system. We invite you to join our discussion of this very important topic and welcome your support of our endeavor to help win a fight that has only just begun.

-Geralyn Richard



Erica McKnight, Managing Editor of Operations, at the Kennedy School Club Fair sharing the Journal with prospective members.

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