



The Consortium for **Social and Policy Research**
on **HIV, Hepatitis C** and **Related Diseases**

Workshop 16 Partnerships in prevention: a summit on hepatitis C prevention

Thursday 26 October 2006 Dockside @ Cockle Bay

Aims of the workshop

In this workshop we will:

- ▶ consider the impact of current efforts on hepatitis C prevention
- ▶ explore what research, policy and practice tell us about the needs for hepatitis C prevention
- ▶ consider what additional hepatitis C prevention efforts can be made in the context of existing service provision
- ▶ explore opportunities for future partnerships between researchers, policy makers and practitioners to enhance hepatitis C prevention efforts.

Delegate profile: who should attend

This workshop is designed for employees of NGOs and area health services, workers from Aboriginal communities and academics who work in the hepatitis C sector.

Cost

There is a registration fee of \$55 (including GST) per participant per workshop.

Note: You may be eligible for funding to attend from the NSW Health Workforce Development Program (WDP). Funding covers registration fees and, where appropriate, travel and accommodation costs. Check the guidelines for applying for a WDP Grant in the *WDP Training Directory* or at www.wdp.nsw.gov.au

Registration

To register, please email Rodney McDonald at rodney.mcdonald@unsw.edu.au. Please include in the email your name, job title, the name of your organisation, its postal address and your contact phone numbers (work and mobile).

Please note: There are strictly limited numbers and delegates will be selected on a first-come-first-serve basis, given that they meet the requirements of the delegate profile above.

Registrations close on 20 October 2006.

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Guest speakers

Dr Sam Friedman Samuel R. Friedman, PhD (sociology) is Senior Research Fellow and Director of the Social Theory Core in the Center for Drug Use and HIV Research at the National Development and Research Institutes, New York City. (He is also a previous Director of the Research Methods Core in the Center for Drug Use and HIV Research.) His other appointments include Senior Research Associate at the Department of Epidemiology, Johns Hopkins University. Dr Friedman is the author of over 300 publications on HIV, STIs and drug use epidemiology and prevention. His recent research projects have included a review paper (*AIDS*, in press) on the social research needs of the AIDS field; a study of social factors, social networks and HIV, STIs and other blood-borne viruses among youth and drug injectors in a high-risk community; research on the impact of economic and political crises on HIV risk in Buenos Aires; a study of how some long-term drug injectors remain uninfected with HIV and hepatitis C (i.e. how they 'stay safe'); a study of socioeconomic and policy predictors of the extent of injection drug use, of HIV epidemics, and of HIV prevention efforts in US metropolitan areas; and research on why women who inject and have sex with women are at enhanced risk of HIV and other infections. Dr Friedman has engaged in many international collaborative projects with the WHO MultiCentre Study of Drugs and HIV and with researchers in Brazil, Spain, Australia, Canada, the Netherlands, and other countries. He has also written on international topics related to HIV, such as war and HIV, sociopolitical transitions and HIV, and drug users' organisations (user groups) as actors globally against HIV. He is a published poet who often presents readings at conferences.

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