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Participant Bios

Erika Arthun

Erika is a senior program officer in the Gates Foundation's Global Policy & Advocacy team. She helps create and leads the implementation of strategies to increase political commitment to and funding for HIV and TB programs and R&D. Prior to joining the foundation in 2010, Erika played a leadership role in the conceptualization and growth of williamsworks, a strategic advocacy consulting firm. At williamsworks, Erika helped clients' design and launch teams to support philanthropic, policy and advocacy efforts; designed and implemented more than 20 learning and advocacy trips to Africa, Asia, South America and Europe; and led the williamsworks project management team. Erika's clients included the Nike Foundation, CARE, ONE, Eastern Congo Initiative, Global Washington, Building Changes, Vote Run Lead and Marguerite Casey Foundation. She also held a variety of positions in the field of child welfare with the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services and Casey Family Programs. Erika holds a Bachelors of Business Administration, Honors from Gonzaga University.



Dawn Averitt

Dawn Averitt is the Founder and Emeritus Board member of The Well Project (www.thewellproject.org), a 501(c)(3) organization formed in 2002 to improve the lives of women living with HIV and AIDS. As an advocate for social justice for people living with HIV and AIDS, Dawn has developed programs to increase awareness, accelerate testing, provide access to treatment, disseminate information and expand clinical trials. In 2003, Dawn launched a think tank that became the Women's Research Initiative on HIV/AIDS (WRI) to work for "more, better, faster" research in women.



Dawn's numerous board and panel affiliations include Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Advisory Panels, National Institutes of Health (NIH) Working Groups, the Perinatal HIV Guidelines Committee, the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council (OARAC), and two terms on the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA). Dawn is also a founding member and advisor to the Positive Women's Network (PWN-USA).

Dawn was diagnosed with HIV in 1988 at the age of 19. In 2000 she completed a 2167-mile hike of the entire Appalachian Trail to celebrate surviving her first decade living with HIV. Dawn now lives in Vermont with her partner and 2 daughters.

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Deborah L. Birx, MD

Ambassador-at-Large Birx is the Coordinator of the United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS and U.S. Special Representative for Global Health diplomacy. Ambassador Birx is a world-renowned medical expert and leader in the field of HIV/AIDS. Her three-decade-long career has focused on HIV/AIDS immunology, vaccine research and global health. As the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Ambassador Birx oversees the implementation of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the largest commitment by any nation to combat a single disease in history, as well as all U.S. government engagement with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Serving as the U.S. Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy, she aligns the U.S. government's diplomacy with foreign assistance programs that address global health challenges and accelerate progress toward: achieving an AIDS-free generation; ending preventable child and maternal deaths; and preventing, detecting, and responding to infectious disease threats.



Mary Bowman

Mary is an award-winning advocate for people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS who uses her gift of poetry and song to spread messages of hope, awareness and education. A native to the Washington, DC area, Mary is a local household name. Performing for seven years, she has had the pleasure of sharing her art all over the United States. For her efforts in the fight against HIV/AIDS she has received many prestigious awards, including the 2015 Mayor's Office of GLBT Affairs, Sheroes of the Movement Award as well as the AIDS Watch 2015 Positive Leadership Award amongst others. Mary has two projects available for sale, her 2011 award winning collection of poetry, LOTUS and her 2014 EP entitled LOVE B.O.A.T.S. (Based On A True Story).



Mary's story and work in the community has been featured in many media outlets. Documentary projects, Local and Internet radio stations, newspapers, blog sites, and magazines. Some of which include, Through Positive Eyes (Doc), POZ Magazine, and The NY Times Blog. Mary is a complete package. Her experience and expertise have been requested for several panel discussions, conference presentations, support groups and more. Mary is currently working as a Policy & Advocacy Associate for The Women's Collective, a historical community AIDS service organization that serves women at risk for and living with HIV/AIDS.

Gina Brown, MD

Gina, an obstetrician and gynecologist, joined the NIH Office of AIDS Research (OAR) as a medical officer to manage microbicides and women's and girl's research issues. Prior, she served as the chair of the NIH Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council (OARAC) for 2004 and has chaired the OAR Women and Girls working group. Gina also was the maternal-fetal specialist at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and was an assistant professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University. There she was a member of the Department of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Columbia and served as the women's health director of the Women and Children Care Center at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, a clinic that provides comprehensive care for HIV positive women



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and their families. At the Center, she also was a co-investigator for the Women and Infant's Transmission Study (WITS) and the Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group (PACTG).

Gina is a graduate of Harvard University and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. She received her ob/gyn training at Harlem Hospital Center and completed fellowships in Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Surgical-Anesthesia Critical Care at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University.

Manju Chatani-Gada, MPH

Manju is a senior program manager at AVAC. She oversees AVAC's HIV Prevention Research Advocacy Fellowship program, coordinates AVAC's microbicides-preparedness work for partner groups globally, supports coordination of the US Women and PrEP Working Group and supports capacity strengthening and consultation platforms for advocacy. Manju has worked in the HIV field and in e-advocacy for two decades. She co-founded the African Microbicides Advocacy Group in 2003 - a network that advocates for more HIV prevention options for African women - which she coordinated until 2008 and for which she is currently a steering committee member. Prior to that, she worked with Health & Development Networks, an organization she co-founded, facilitating information-sharing amongst the international civil society involved in AIDS work. She has worked as community mobilizer in Ghana, program manager in South Africa and Thailand, networking manager in Switzerland and a HIV case-manager in Hawaii. Her work has been published in several peer-reviewed journals. Manju is from Ghana and currently resides in New York.



Cecilia Chung

Cecilia, senior strategist of the Transgender Law Center, is the co-chair of the Amsterdam-based Global Network of People Living with HIV. Cecilia became the first transgender woman to lead the board of GNP+. With over 20 years of advocacy experience, Cecilia continues to push for better policies and laws to protect the rights and dignity of LGBT people and PLHIV. Cecilia is currently directing the Positively Trans project that aims at gathering evidence on how lack of strong policies and protective laws drive the high rate of HIV among transgender people, especially transgender women of color.



Jenna Conley

Jenna is a communications consultant who has been working with the WRI since 2009, managing agenda and content development, materials and message development, membership coordination, publicity, and project oversight. Jenna is a public relations expert specializing in health care communications and president of Conley Communications, which provides a full range of healthcare and science communications services to a broad range of clients. Jenna has worked in healthcare communications for more than 15 years with a focus on HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health. Jenna earned her Bachelor's degree in journalism and a Master's degree in healthcare education.



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E. Tyler Crone, MPH, JD

A human rights lawyer by training, Tyler co-founded and directs the ATHENA Network to advance gender equality and human rights through the HIV response. Tyler has been working at the intersection of gender, human rights, HIV, and sexual and reproductive health and rights since supporting the U.S. State Department preparations for the 1994 International Conference on Population and Development. Tyler's most recent work has focused on advancing the integration of sexual and reproductive health and rights and HIV through a five country project across Africa and Asia; championing the engagement of young women in all their diversity in shaping the post-2015 development framework; and strengthening the HIV policy framework for women, girls, and gender equality in Southern and Eastern Africa with UN family members, a broad range of civil society stakeholders, and academic partners with specific attention to addressing gender-based violence.



Tyler graduated *magna cum laude* from Brown University, received her master's degree in Population and Family Health from the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, and received her law degree from Yale Law School with a focus on human rights and international law. Tyler completed a NIMH Post-Doctoral Fellowship through the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS at the Yale University School of Medicine, a year as a Visiting Lecturer in Law and a Schell Human Rights Fellow at Yale Law School, and four years as a research scientist at Yale's Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS. Tyler currently sits on the Rights and Empowerment Working Group of FP2020, and regularly serves as a peer reviewer for academic journals and the UN family.

Moupali Das, MD, MPH

Moupali is a board certified Internal Medicine/Infectious Disease physician and HIV specialist with a background in HIV clinical, behavioral, and epidemiologic research, public health policy, and advocacy. She is associate director of HIV Clinical Research at Gilead Sciences where she directs numerous multi-site, international, randomized clinical trials for HIV and hepatitis drug development. In addition, Moupali has expertise in designing and evaluating interventions along the HIV continuum of care: to increase HIV testing, prevent HIV transmission, improve HIV outcomes, and reduce substance use. She developed the novel population-based biologic indicator, community viral load, to examine geographic and gender and racial/ethnic disparities in HIV outcomes, as well as, an innovative approach using Twitter to examine temporal and spatial public health trends.



Dázon Dixon Diallo, DHL, MPH

Dázon is a recognized visionary and advocate in the struggle for women's human rights and reproductive justice, and the fight against HIV/AIDS, on behalf of communities of women living with HIV and those at risk for HIV and STIs. Dázon is founder and president of SisterLove, Inc, established in 1989, the first women's HIV/AIDS and RJ organization in the southeastern United States. She is a proud member of the National Black Women's Reproductive Justice Agenda, *In Our Own Voice*, where she works to integrate sexual and reproductive justice issues in public health and prevention programs. For 16 years



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she has served as adjunct faculty in women's health at Morehouse School of Medicine's Masters of Public Health Program in Atlanta, GA. Dázon currently chairs the Metro Atlanta HIV/AIDS Services Planning Council, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Women's Health Network. She is a founding member of the 30 for 30 Campaign for Women in the National HIV AIDS Strategy, and she serves on the HIV/DV National Advisory Committee for the National Network to End Domestic Violence. Dázon was a visiting professor as the Blanche, Edith, and Irving Laurie Chair in Women's Studies at Rutgers University for 2013-2014. She has secured deep reach into a diverse local and regional community, for more than 20 years, as she has hosted a weekly radio program focused on black women, called "Sistas' Time" on WRFG 89.3FM and www.wrfq.org in Atlanta. Dázon holds a master's degree in public health from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (C'97) and bachelor's degrees from Spelman College (C'86) in Atlanta. In 2012, Dr. Diallo received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from her alma mater, Spelman College.

Dázon has pioneered in the women's HIV/AIDS and reproductive justice arena by: developing and implementing "Healthy Love", a seminal prevention intervention that is now a part of the CDC's National Compendium of Effective Evidence-based HIV Prevention Interventions; establishing the first transitional housing program for HIV positive women and children in the South; and engaging a long-term vision for HIV positive women's leadership in the fight against HIV/AIDS and in promoting women's human rights. She currently convenes the only national coalition of women focused on HIV and biomedical prevention, the US Women & PrEP Working Group. In 2001, Dixon Diallo opened a SisterLove program office in eMalahleni, a rural South African municipality near Johannesburg, where the project focus is capacity building and sustainable development for local women-led HIV/AIDS organizations. She has received numerous awards and recognitions over the 30 years she has been working in HIV/AIDS and women's human rights.

Cierra Fox

Cierra resides in the Baltimore City Metropolitan Area. In 2003, she found out she was HIV positive at the age of 17, which caused her to have a stroke. Her world turned upside down facing two enemies at one time. She contracted HIV from her mother; who did not disclose that information. After years of rehab, she started to feel lonely and depressed about living with HIV and her psychologist referred her to JACQUES Initiative. She started going to JACQUES Initiative for their Wednesday support group and that is where she began to realize her negative outcome of being HIV positive, which she turned into a positive outcome. From their Wednesday support group, she began to volunteer and is now an employee of JACQUES Initiative, after having realized the importance of having a young person perspective of needing a support group for young adults.



Cierra co-founded the program young adult support group F.U.S.I.O.N. (Forces United Seeking Improvement On Negativity). It's a support group for the younger generation, ages 18-35, infected and affected to come together and voice their opinions/concerns about what they may be going through and to help others as well. The group discusses topics from adherence to mental health to self-love and everything in between. Cierra has also participated in interviews, magazines, documentaries, and testimonials.

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Susana Fried

Susana is a Fellow at the Yale University Global Health Justice Partnership, working on sexuality, human rights, health and gender equality. She was previously the senior gender, HIV and health advisor the UN Development Programme (UNDP). Susana has worked on staff or as a consultant with a wide range of women's rights, human rights, sexuality-related rights and SRHR organizations, including Open Societies Foundation, ICASO, the Center for Women's Global Leadership, Amnesty International, the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, the International Women's Health Coalition, Columbia University, the Harvard School of Public Health, WHO and the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. She currently sits on the Advisory Committee of Human Rights Watch's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights Program.



Nomi Fuchs-Montgomery

Nomi serves as the evidence and innovation deputy director for the Family Planning Program Strategy Team at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. In this capacity, she leads the team's contraceptive technology and evidence initiatives and provides vision and leadership for the team's approach to adolescent and gender programming; ensuring optimal execution, management and strategic partner engagement to achieve high-quality results. Nomi has 19 years of professional experience in the field of reproductive health, family planning and HIV/AIDS. Prior to joining the Foundation, she worked for Marie Stopes International as the director of global partnerships and U.S. country director, with oversight of team members in the U.S., Brussels and London. Nomi launched the MSI-U.S. office in 2010 and was responsible for the overall direction, leadership and vision of MSI's strategic presence within the United States and development of global partnerships throughout the organization. Nomi previously served as the senior technical advisor for prevention and gender in the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator at the U.S. Department of State, where she developed technical programming in areas of gender, adolescents, HIV prevention and male circumcision. She also served as the senior technical advisor for Family Planning in Office of Population and Reproductive Health at USAID, where she provided global technical leadership for the linkages between family planning and HIV/AIDS and managed voluntary family planning service delivery projects. Throughout her career, Nomi has developed extensive experience collaborating with international bilateral donors, private foundations, UN agencies, private companies, and leading NGOs. Her first professional assignment was as a Peace Corps volunteer in Nigeria.

Ebony Johnson

Ebony is a dynamic leader in the HIV, human rights and women's rights arenas. Currently, one of her primary roles is with the ATHENA Network on issues ranging from the Posg 2015 Agenda to global women's organizing. Throughout her career, Ebony has focused on ensuring that women and PLWHIV are free from violence, stigma, discrimination and human rights violations. As such, Ebony has worked on a global stage with the United Nations, Heads of State and international NGO's to reform punitive laws, expand focus on social drivers, enact social protections and creating overall more equitable legal environments. At the country level, Ebony has provided training and technical support for medical providers, national Ministries, advocacy to promote inclusive HIV service delivery, promote HIV and sexual and reproductive health and rights and expand quality inclusive HIV delivery. Furthermore, at the local level, Ebony partners with commonality



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organizations to provide capacity building for women's groups, people living with HIV and people from key affected populations. Ebony has always held building the leadership as the most essential component of creating change.

Over the past 15 years, Ebony has participated in a number of collaborations that have expanded her impact, advocacy and health literacy. A few such collaborations include: AVAC PxROAR, Different Avenues Board of Directors, UNAIDS PCB NGO'S Delegation, ATHENA Network. Participation in AVAC's PxROAR has been particularly formative, providing Ebony with evolving information on the state of HIV research; offering insight to biological factors, policy and practice. Through PxROAR, Ebony has been connected to leading HIV researchers and advocates. Through these connections, Ebony and colleagues have participated in a cross pollination between science and practicality.

Mmapaseka "Steve" Letsike

Steve is an activist, feminist, leader, mentor, vibrant human rights advocate. She has lots of high-level advocacy and policy experiences, worked with a number of leading NGOs to date. She is the current South African National AIDS Council (SANAC) co-chairperson, a portfolio currently co-chairing with the H.E Cyril Ramaphosa deputy president of the Republic of South Africa, she is also a leader and chairperson of SANAC Civil Society Forum. Steve is a founding director of Access Chapter 2 (AC2), a human rights organization with a focus on women, LGBTI people and Civil Society's participation on public policy processes. The name Access Chapter 2 is derived from South Africa's Constitution referring to the Bill of Rights: Chapter 2. Her passion for human rights goes a long way, which includes her previous experience working with Anova health Institute, Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA), OUT LGBT Well-Being and Department of Social Development, her work includes working with Global LGBTI, HIV/AIDS, Gender Equality, democracy, leadership groups and serves on many other boards, structures and networks including the DOJ National Task Team.



Lebogang Brenda Motsumi

Brenda is a 26 year old single mother. Born into a family of three girls and she is the last born. She was diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, on the 15 of August 2009, but was infected in 2006/2007 by her ex-boyfriend who is now late. It took her a while to accept her status but when she did she decided to start speaking about her experience living with HIV/AIDS Positively. She is now HIV and social activist, social entrepreneur, HIV coach, inspirational speaker and HIV counsellor. Her first talk was in September 2012 in Limpopo for saps orphans, followed by a talk for SAPS peer educators in October 2012. She has also had the opportunity to be on different media platforms, including "life with ThamiNgubeni" on SABC 3, where she disclosed her status on national television station for the first time. She was invited to DlalaNgeringas and soul therapy on Soweto TV to share her story and inspire young people living with HIV. Her story was also featured on drum magazine and real magazine in 2013 in their September issues. She has done radio interviews at Jozifm, Eldosfm, UJfm and e-kasifm, as well as talks in high schools with SLEF (SibusisoLeope Education Foundation).

She had the opportunity of sharing her story to Charlize Theron and the CEO of UNAIDS Michel Sidebe, was invited to love life (Hilbrow), prime media (head office) and Sassa (Vaal branch) to be a guest speaker in December. In 2014 she was the chosen to be part of the youth advisory panel for UNFPA.

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Lillian Kyomuhangi Mworeko

A social worker by profession, Lillian is currently the regional coordinator for the International Community of women living with HIV Eastern Africa with more than 10 years of experience working in HIV&AIDS and with several organisations of people living with HIV. She has represented women and women issues on several policy bodies including being the vice chair of the Uganda Country Coordinating Mechanism for the Global Fund to fight Tuberculosis, Malaria & HIV (CCM), served as a member of the Task Force challenging HIV-related travel restrictions and led to the lifting of travel bans in several countries including the U.S. She served as a member of the Task Force on Universal Access that led to the declaration of Universal Access to Treatment by 2010.



She has been at the forefront of fighting the bad laws and unfavourable legal systems that hinder women and marginalized communities from accessing their human rights, social justice and generally information and services. She has founded and helped found organisations of women living with HIV globally to enable women be at the forefront in challenging the injustices they face and to meaningfully engage with policy and decision making bodies with the ultimate of having a favourable environment in which to live and enjoy life to the fullest.

She has been passionate about fighting for the rights of individuals irrespective of their culture, age, religion, sexual orientation, social or economic status/class and race and always strive and work towards ensuring that human beings access and enjoy their full rights including access to information, education, services and social justice. She has been at the forefront of challenging the gender norms, gender based and domestic violence as these have been the cause and consequences of HIV.

Luisa Orza

Luisa's work over the past 10 years has centered around deepening an understanding of the gender and sexuality dynamics of HIV prevention, treatment and care. She has focused primarily on the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women living with HIV; building the leadership and participation of women living with HIV, including young women living with and most affected by HIV; preventing and addressing violence against women in the context of and response to HIV; and, on participatory, community-led monitoring and evaluation. She was the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer for the International Community of Women Living with HIV and AIDS (ICW) from 2004 – 2008, and since 2009 has been working as an independent consultant. She is currently Programmes Director for the ATHENA Network as well as a Salamander Trust Associate, and STOPAIDS trustee, where she also chairs the Gender Working Group. In each of these roles, she has been deeply and consistently committed to promoting the rights of women in all of their diversity, particularly those living with and affected by HIV, and to creating and expanding spaces for women's democratic and equitable engagement. Luisa holds a Master's Degree in Gender and Development from the Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University.



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Teresa Otieno

Teresa is an accomplished advocate with experience in counseling, testing and community engagement. Teresa is the founder member of Personal Initiative for Positive Empowerment (PIPE), a community based organization in Kenya and a member of ICW International Steering Committee representing East Africa. She is passionate about sexual and reproductive health rights of women living with HIV.

Maura Riordan

Maura is the vice president of access & innovation at AIDS United. She has served as executive director in multiple community-based organizations, including Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases (WORLD) in Oakland, CA. In 2008 she facilitated a series of national consultations in preparation for the rollout of the Obama Administration’s National HIV/AIDS Strategy. Maura joined AIDS United in 2010, primarily focused on strategic grant making to increase access and retention in care. She now oversees several additional grant making portfolios, including one focused on HIV advocacy in the Deep South of the U.S. Maura is a former member of The Well Project board.



Janet Saul, PhD

Janet is the Acting Senior Gender Advisor in the Office of the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Health Diplomacy (S/GAC). She advises S/GAC senior leadership on strategic directions for programmatic and research activities related to gender equality, gender based violence, and violence against children and how these issues impact the successful delivery of HIV prevention, care and treatment. Janet serves as a co-chair of the PEPFAR Gender Technical Working Group. She also provides technical leadership for DREAMS – PEPFAR’s partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Nike Foundation aimed at preventing HIV among adolescent girls and young women. Janet has a PhD in Community Psychology and has been a behavioral scientist at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for 27 years where she has provided leadership on the rigorous evaluation of HIV and violence prevention strategies, as well as linking science and practice.



Martha Tholanah

Martha is a Zimbabwean woman openly living with HIV. She is passionate about issues of women’s rights, access to basic services; access to HIV related treatment, functional health systems, and environment and conservation issues. She has qualifications and experience in medical rehabilitation and family therapy. She has also worked in the development sector and worked with children and adults with disabilities, with a particular interest in community-based rehabilitation. She also has programming experience working with key populations around access to health issues. Besides people with disabilities, key populations include children, women, and communities of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people. She has previously worked with the national network of people living with HIV in Zimbabwe, coordinating the positive women’s network; and as a humanitarian programme officer – a United Nations Volunteer (UNV) position – and advocacy advisor with Zimbabwe AIDS Network (ZAN), the



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national network of AIDS-service organisations. Martha has particular interest in movement building, and has also worked in organising communities in amplifying voices for strengthening visibility to achieve social change. She has worked with Just Associates (JASS) as Southern Africa regional coordinator, Pan-African Treatment Access Movement (PATAM) as advocacy and communications officer; and currently works as acting Director with Community, Livelihoods and Enterprise Development against Stigma (CEDAS) Trust, and volunteer coordinator of the International Community of Women Living with HIV in Zimbabwe (ICW-Z).

Martha currently serves as a member of the Technical Review Committee of the Medical Research Council of Zimbabwe (MRCZ), a Community Advisory Board (CAB) member of the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) in Harare, a Community Scientific Sub-committee (CSS) member on the global ACTG network. Martha is the chairperson of the board of the International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW) Southern Africa (ICWSA) and is also Global Chair of ICW. At national level, Martha serves as board Chair of GALZ (the membership association for the LGBTI community). She is a member of the national volunteer committee (Volunteering for Development – V4D) that organizes and coordinates International Volunteer Day activities. She is a Trustee of Development Data Trust, and serves as a member on the boards of Women’s Action Group (WAG), Women and AIDS Support Network (WASN), and youth-oriented Organizing for Zimbabwe (O4Z).

Martha has won the “*2015 David Kato Vision and Voice Award*”, was one of 20 people appointed to the East and Southern Africa (ESA) Regional Think Tank on HIV, Human Rights and Social Justice that is coordinated by the UNAIDS ESA RST and was one of four individuals who won the inaugural ACTG Global Community Advisory Board (GCAB) 2015 “*Community Impact Award*”.

Alice Welbourn, PhD

Alice is the founding director of Salamander Trust and a writer, trainer, researcher and activist. An anthropologist by background, Alice works internationally on gender and health. She lived and worked in Africa for several years. Diagnosed with HIV in 1992, she developed Stepping Stones, a training package on gender, HIV, communication and relationship skills which reduces intimate partner violence, now used worldwide. A former chair of the International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS (ICW), in the spring of 2015, she was honoured to be nominated as one of 300 women leaders in global health by the Global Health Programme at the Graduate Institute in Geneva.

