

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON **STIGMA**

Call for Creative Art to Fight HIV Stigma!

Deadline for submission: [October 20, 2015](#)

We believe it's imperative to continue having an honest conversation about the attitude that spreads HIV/AIDS - Stigma. Stigma refers to a group of negative attitudes and beliefs that cause people to fear, reject, avoid, and belittle people with certain illnesses. Stigma involves labeling people as “different”. Stigma is a major problem for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Despite medical advances in HIV care, the disease continues to spread globally. It is our belief that we need to include stigma into every conversation, prevention method and research about HIV/AIDS.

We would like to invite you to submit artwork in the form of artistic **posters, essays, poetry or any form of art** surrounding the topic of HIV and Stigma. There will be a separate category for students. Prizes will be awarded, and winning pieces may be featured at the **6th International Conference on Stigma** to be held at Howard University Blackburn Center, Washington DC on November 20, 2015.

Please forward your creative work or questions to:

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