



# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON **STIGMA**

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## **Call for Creative Art to Fight Stigma!**

Deadline for submission: [September 15, 2016](#)

We believe it is important to continue having an honest conversation about the attitude that spreads HIV/AIDS as well as other health-related stigma. Stigma refers to a group of negative attitudes and beliefs that cause people to fear, reject, avoid, and belittle people with certain illnesses or conditions. It involves labeling people as “different.” Stigma is a major problem for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, mental illness, genetic disorders, and many other health issues. Despite medical advances in HIV care, the disease continues to spread globally. Even when there is mental health care availability, people continue avoiding treatment. It is our belief that we need to include stigma in the research, conversation, and prevention of these illnesses.

We would like to invite you to submit artwork in the form of artistic **paintings, drawing, essays, poetry, songs, or any art medium** surrounding the topic of stigma. **Prizes will be awarded, and winning pieces may be featured at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Stigma** to be held at Howard University Blackburn Center, Washington DC on November 18th, 2016.

Please forward your creative work or questions to:

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