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Biographies in Times of Crisis: *Exploring Religious Narratives of AIDS in Africa and the African Diaspora*

International Conference, Groningen, the Netherlands
13, 14 and 15 December 2012

Locations: Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Oude Boteringstraat 38, 9712 GK
Groningen, Court room

Academy Building Broerstraat 5, 9712 CP Groningen

Preliminary Program

Date	Times and location	Activity	Title
Wednesday 12	Studium Generale 20.00- 21.30 Academy Building	Public Lecture Gideon Byamugisha, chair: Rijk v Dijk	“Religious Belief, Faith Communities & Coping with AIDS in Africa: My Journey”
	9.00- 10.00	<i>Registration and coffee/tea</i>	
Thursday	10.00- 10.30	<i>Welcome and introduction to the theme by Rijk Van Dijk and</i>	

13	Faculty ThRS,	<i>Marjo Buitelaar</i>	
	10.30- 11.45, Faculty ThRS	Keynote 1 Musa Dube Discussant: Astrid Bochow	Title to be confirmed
	11.45-12.00	<i>Coffee/tea</i>	
		Panel 1: Masculinities and religious narratives	
	12.00-13.00	Adrian van Klinken	Rewriting the Male Self: Masculinity and Social Vulnerability in the Conversion Narratives of Pentecostal Men in Zambia
		Sonja Gierse- Arsten	Multiple sexual relations of men in Namibia in times of HIV/AIDS
	13.-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
	14.00-15.15	Keynote 2 , Arthur Frank, Discussant: Hanneke Muthert	Truth-telling and the Recovery of Dialogue: A Quarter Century Retrospective of Personal Storytelling and Critical Illness
	15.15- 15.30	<i>Coffee/tea</i>	
15.30- 17.30 Faculty ThRS	Roundtable Chair: Gideon Byamugisha	Practitioners, academics & policy-makers debating [topic]	

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Friday 14	9.00-9.15	<i>Coffee/tea</i>	
	9.15-10.30	Keynote 3 , Philippe Denis discussant	Oral history interviews as a space for disclosure. How faith-based HIV/AIDS support group members from KwaZulu-Natal speak of their status in oral narratives
	10.30- 10.45	<i>Coffee/tea</i>	
	10. 45-13.00	Panel 2: The role of Testimonies in biographies of HIV/AIDS	

		Marian Burchardt and Eileen Moyer	On the Social Value of HIV/AIDS Testimonies in Africa
		Rijk van Dijk	Counseling and the Anxieties of Class: New Socio-economic Contexts and the Shaping of Narratives of the Intimate In Botswana
		Naomi Haynes	“Straight” Speech: The Promise of Pentecostal Openness and the Danger of Traditional Secrecy in Urban Zambian Sexuality
	Lunch, 13.00-14.00		
	14.00-17.00	Panel 3: Religious Narratives of HIV/Aids across generations	
	with a coffee/tea break at 15.15	Rachel Spronk	Agency and event. Sexual self-narratives of young adults in Ghana and Kenya
		Josien de Klerk	Aging with the virus: biographies of changing bodies and practices of caring for the self in urban Mombasa, Kenya
		Betsey Brada	How to do things to Children with words: Biomedical Autobiography and Ritual Self Transformation
		Lena Kroeker	Pregnant women with HIV narrating past, present and future
		Additional papers tbc	

Date	Times and location	Activity	Title
Saturday 15	9.00-9.15	<i>Coffee/tea</i>	
	9.15- 10.30	Keynote 5, Vinh-Kim Nguyen Discussant	Title to be confirmed
	10.30-10.45	<i>Coffee/Tea</i>	
	10.45- 13.00	Panel 4: Religious institutions and biographies	
		Radikobo Tsimane	The Impact of “Strangerhood” on the Life of an HIV/AIDS Support group in KwaZulu-Natal: The Case of Springs of Hope NGO
		Amy Patterson	Clients in Church: Narratives and Power in Zambian Home-Based Care Groups
		Alana Harris and Liz Grant	God’s Great Gift to Malawi’: Narratives of Mourning, Healing and Health at the Michiru Pilgrimage Shrine
	13.00- 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
	14.00- 16.00	<i>IRNARA Network Steering Committee Business meeting (per invite)</i>	

Registration:

It is important that you register for the conference in time, so that we know in advance how many people will be attending. Registration fees are as follows: **20 euro’s for 1 day, 40 euro for the full conference** (two and a half days).

To register, please transfer the money to the following bank account, **mentioning the project number 501114:**

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We are looking forward to meeting you at this exciting conference!

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