

# 7TH INTERNATIONAL TOGETHER AGAINST STIGMA: EACH MIND MATTERS

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In partnership with CIBHS, CalMHSA, the WPA Scientific Section on Stigma and Mental Health, and CBHDA (County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California).



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The 7<sup>th</sup> International Together Against Stigma Conference, will be held in San Francisco at the Hyatt Regency from February 17-20, 2015. The conference will be hosted by California's Mental Health Movement, "Each Mind Matters", with the parallel theme, *Each Mind Matters: Empowering Community Mental Health through Research, Practice, Policy and Advocacy*: through a collaboration between the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA), the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS), and the World Psychiatric Association's (WPA) Scientific Research Subcommittee on Stigma and Mental Health.

The international character of this conference will underscore the fact that stigma is not exclusive to any one country or culture: it is pervasive, encountered at all levels of society, institutions, among families and within the healthcare profession itself. This conference will be the first to be hosted in the United States.

Core values of the "Together against Stigma" conferences are:

- Efforts to reduce stigma must include those who experience it firsthand,
- Rigorously study stigma and discrimination reduction efforts and apply findings to future efforts,
- Share, exchange, and disseminate knowledge of best practices to be cost effective,
- Efforts should be more than cultural competent and should reflect cultural humility and responsiveness while striving for equity, and
- Efforts should promote hope, resilience, recovery, and wellness.

### THEMES FOR THE THREE DAYS INCLUDE:

- Day 1: Opportunities and Future Directions in Effectively Eradicating Stigma
- Day 2: Empowering the Next Generation as Partners in Eradicating Stigma, Preventing Mental Illness, and Supporting Mental Health Promotion
- Day 3: Empowering Communities and Creating Lasting Change – Call to Action



## WORLD PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION (WPA) CONFIRMED SPEAKERS



### Graham Thornicroft: brief biography

#### **Consultant Psychiatrist**

South London and Maudsley NHS  
Foundation Trust

#### **Professor of Community Psychiatry**

King's College London, Institute of Psychiatry

#### **Director King's Improvement Science**

King's Health Partners

#### **Chair**

Maudsley International

Graham Thornicroft is Professor of Community Psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London (KCL) and is a member of the Health Service and Population Research Department at KCL, and the Centre for Global Mental Health, a joint center between King's Health Partners and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He also works as a Consultant Psychiatrist at South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust in a local community mental health team in Lambeth. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Medical Sciences and is a National Institute of Health Research Senior Investigator.

Graham took his undergraduate degree at Cambridge in Social and Political Science, trained in Psychiatry at the Maudsley and Johns Hopkins Hospitals and gained an MSc in Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Graham has made significant contributions to the development of mental health policy in the UK including Chairing the External Reference Group for the National Service Framework for Mental Health, the national mental health plan for England for 1999-2009.

He is also active in global mental health, for example, he chaired the World Health Organization Guideline Development Group for the Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP) Intervention Guide, a practical support for primary care staff to treat people with mental, neurological and substance use disorders in low and lower middle incomes. He currently leads the EU funded 5 year EMERALD research programme on mental health system strengthening in Ethiopia, India, Nepal, Nigeria, South Africa and Uganda, and co-ordinate the INDIGO network of colleagues undertaking research on stigma and discrimination in 41 countries worldwide.

His areas of research expertise include: stigma and discrimination, mental health needs assessment, cost-effectiveness evaluations of mental health treatments, implementation science and global mental health. Graham has authored or edited 29 books and 365 peer-reviewed papers in PubMed.

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**Norman Sartorius, MD, MA, DPM, PhD, FRC Psych** was the first Director of the Division of Mental Health of the World Health Organization and subsequently the President of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) and of the Association of European Psychiatrists (EAP). He is currently the President of the Association for the Improvement of Mental Health Programmes a not-for-profit organization in Geneva. He has been leading the global programme against stigma involving more than 20 countries worldwide and participated in or carried out a number of projects dealing with stigma in various countries. Dr Sartorius holds professorial appointments at several other universities and has published more than 400 articles in peer reviewed journals and numerous books.

He is an Honorary Fellow of numerous professional associations and has been honored by honorary doctorates and membership in medical academies in several countries.



**Heather Stuart, MA, PhD** is a social epidemiologist who researches stigma from the inside out; understanding stigma experiences from the perspective of the individuals who experience it. She is a Professor and the Bell Canada Mental Health and Anti-stigma Research Chair at Queen's University and the Senior Consultant to the Opening Minds Anti-stigma Initiative of the Mental Health Commission in Canada. She is a leading international authority on stigma and stigma reduction and has over 100 peer reviewed publications.



**Julio Abroleda-Florez, MD, PhD** is a forensic psychiatrist epidemiologist and Professor Emeritus at Queen's University in Kingston Canada with a long list of distinctions including past president of the World Association of Social Psychiatry and the Canadian Academy of Psychiatric Epidemiology and has authored almost 250 peer reviewed publications including numerous books and book chapters. He is a leading international authority on legal psychiatry, stigma reduction, and the human rights of people with a mental illness.

**DISTINGUISHED INTERNATIONAL  
CONFIRMED SPEAKERS**



**Patrick Corrigan, PsyD** is a Distinguished Professor of Psychology at the Illinois Institute of Technology. His research examines psychiatric disability and the impact of stigma on recovery and rehabilitation. Currently, he is principal investigator of the National Consortium for Stigma and Empowerment (NCSE); funded by NIMH, NCSE is a collaboration of investigators from more than a dozen research institutions. Corrigan has authored or edited more than a dozen books, most recently, *The Stigma of Disease and Disability* by the American Psychological Association. He is also PI of current grants from NIMHD and PCORI as well as supported on stigma research with the Department of Defense, VA, and Canadian Institutes of Health Research. He edits the *American Journal of Psychiatric Rehabilitation*.



**Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, MD, PhD** is a Professor of Clinical Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, University of California, Davis. He is the Founding Director of the UC Davis Center for Reducing Health Disparities, the Director of the Community Engagement Program of the UCD Clinical Translational Science Center (CTSC), and the co-Director of the UC Davis Latino Aging Research and Resource Center (LARRC). He is currently a board member of the Steering Committee and Research Scientist member of the National Hispanic Science Network (NHSN), a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee of Autism Speaks, a member of the International Advisory Committee of the Carlos Slim Health Institute, a Treasurer of the Board of the Latino Physicians of California, and First Vice President of NAMI California. He has held several World Health Organization (WHO) advisory board and consulting positions and is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the World Health Organization (WHO) World Mental Health Surveys Consortium (WMHSC) and its Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean.



**Bernice A. Pescosolido, PhD** is a Distinguished Professor of Sociology at Indiana University and Director of the Indiana Consortium for Mental Health Services Research. She has focused her research and teaching on social issues in health, illness, and healing. More specifically, Pescosolido's research agenda addresses how social networks connect individuals to their communities and to institutional structures, providing the "wires" through which people's attitudes and actions are influenced. This agenda encompasses three basic areas: health care services, stigma, and suicide research. In the area of stigma research, Pescosolido has led a team of researchers on a series of national and international stigma studies including the first US national study in 40 years, the first national study of children's mental health, and the first global study of 16 countries representing all six inhabited continents. As a result, she and her colleagues developed a model on the underlying roots of stigma, designed to provide a scientific foundation for new efforts to alter this basic barrier to care. Pescosolido has received numerous career, scientific, and community awards from the NIH, the ASA, the APHA, and Mental Health America, and in 2011 was the recipient of the prestigious Wilbur Lucius Cross Medal from Yale University. She works closely with mental health advocacy organizations such as Bring Change 2 Mind and the Carter Center to use research to foster public awareness and improve public policy and decision-making regarding these devastating illnesses.

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