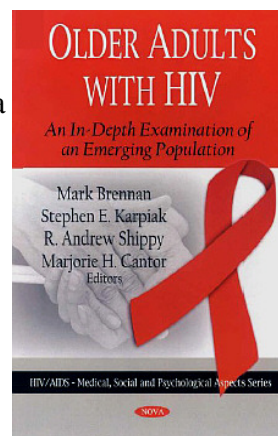


HIV+50 BLOG LAUNCHES

Last month, the ACRIA Center on HIV & Aging launched the organization's first ever blog, HIV+50, under the direction of its Advisory Board Chair Richard Havlik, MD, and located at www.acria.org/blog. The blog will serve not only to highlight ACRIA's own work on the issue of HIV and aging, but will also offer key updates across the full breadth of this subject and from around the world—research developments, policy news, conferences and presentations, publications, and training information. Posts will be contributed by experts from a spectrum of organizations, ACRIA staff, and the ACRIA Center on HIV & Aging Advisory Board members, among others. If you would like to suggest a topic or submit a post for consideration, please send an email to HIV+50@acria.org.

ROAH BOOK PUBLISHED

The book *Older Adults with HIV: An In-Depth Examination of an Emerging Population* was released this month by Nova Science Publishers. This full-length book reports on ACRIA's groundbreaking 2006 Research on Older Adults with HIV (ROAH) study, the first large-scale and comprehensive research into the characteristics and needs of this growing population. The book was edited by ACRIA's Senior Research Scientist Mark Brennan, Ph.D.; Associate Director for Research Stephen E. Karpiak, Ph.D.; former ACRIA Researcher R. Andrew Shippy, M.A.; and the late Marjorie H. Cantor, Fordham University Professor Emerita and Chair of the ROAH Advisory Committee. The book can be ordered on <http://www.amazon.com> or at www.novapublishers.com.





HIV and AGING in VIENNA

The first-ever satellite on HIV and aging at the XVIII International AIDS Conference, to take place this year in Vienna, will be co-chaired by ACRIA's Dr. Mark Brennan and the UN's World Health Organization (WHO) HIV Director Dr. Gottfried Hirschall. The

keynote addresses for this special satellite session will be given by ACRIA's Dr. Stephen Karpiak and Policy Director Lisa Powers from the United Kingdom's Terrence Higgins Trust. The session *Aging with HIV: The Next Challenge of the Epidemic* will be on July 21.

ACRIA JOINS M·A·C AIDS FUND COLLABORATION

In the fall of 2009 ACRIA joined a remarkable new effort, the M·A·C AIDS Fund Older Adults Collaboration. Through the Collaboration ACRIA's Center on HIV & Aging is working with partners GMHC, Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders (SAGE), and Griot Circle to increase public awareness of the needs of older adults with or at risk of HIV, and to positively influence public policy at all levels of government. Towards this end, the Collaboration partners sponsored an October 2009 roundtable for 30 key stakeholders in Washington, D.C., hosted by the AARP, which was followed by a Congressional briefing. A similar state-level meeting was held in Albany, New York, in December. These meetings and briefings were just a first albeit historic step; and you can learn more about this emerging issue at <http://www.acria.org/files/Fall%202009.pdf>.



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