O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law Colloquium:

Focusing on Men who Have Sex with Men (MSM) and Key Populations in the National and Global Response to HIV/AIDS

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1:20 – 3:20 p.m.

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Chris Beyrer, MD
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Dr. Beyrer serves as Director of Johns Hopkins Training Program in HIV Epidemiology and Prevention Science, and as Founding Director of the Center for Public Health and Human Rights. He is the Associate Director of the Johns Hopkins Center for AIDS Research (CFAR) and of the University’s Center for Global Health. He currently serves as a member of the men who have sex with men (MSM) Working Group of the HIV Prevention Trials Network. He has extensive experience in conducting international collaborative research and training programmes in HIV/AIDS and other infectious disease epidemiology, in infectious disease prevention research, HIV among Key Populations, and in health and human rights. As Director of the Johns Hopkins Fogarty AITRP Program, Dr. Beyrer provided fellowships for over 1,400 international scholars in HIV/AIDS prevention, research, and treatment. He served as Field Director of the Thai PAVE and HIVNET studies from 1992-1996, based in Chiang Mai, northern Thailand, and has done extensive research in the epidemiology of HIV in Thailand, Burma, China, India and across Southeast Asia, in Russia and Kazakhstan, in Malawi, South Africa, and the United States. He is the author of the 1998 book “War in the Blood: Sex Politics and AIDS in Southeast Asia” and Co-Editor of Public Health and Human Rights: Evidence- Based Approaches. Dr. Beyrer has served as advisor to the US President’s Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) Program, the HIV Vaccine Trials Network, The Office of AIDS Research of the US National Institutes of Health, the US Military HIV Research Program, the World Bank, the Royal Thai Army Medical Corps and the Thai Red Cross, as well as numerous other organizations.

Gregorio Millett, MPH
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Gregorio Millett is a well-published and nationally recognized epidemiologist/researcher with significant experience working at the highest levels of federal HIV policy development at both the White House and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). From 2009 to 2011, Mr. Millett served as a detailee in the White House Office of National AIDS Policy as a Senior Policy Advisor. In this role, he coordinated the Office’s policy and research activities, including HIV prevention policy and the federal-level inter-agency process to develop the National AIDS Strategy. Gregorio Millett is one of three principal writers of President Obama’s National HIV/AIDS Strategy. He served on the organizing committee for the Washington, DC, Conference, and was the federal lead in organizing the U.S. government and White House activities around the 2012 International AIDS Conference. Mr. Millett also worked on a diverse array of policy issues during his tenure at the White House, including the elimination of the HIV entry ban that prohibited HIV-positive persons from travelling to or seeking residency in the United States; the temporary suspension of the ban prohibiting federal funding for domestic or global needle exchange programs; and the reallocation of HIV prevention resources by CDC to adopt a new funding formula for state and local health departments that better aligns funding with current disease burden. Prior to joining amfAR in May 2014, Mr. Millett served as the HHS/CDC Liaison to the White House Office of National AIDS Policy. Mr. Millett has been credited with changing the underlying assumptions among researchers of observed HIV infection disparities among black men who have sex with men (MSM) and is widely recognized as one of the first researchers to show no protective effect associated with male circumcision for MSM.

Jeffrey S. Crowley, MPH
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Jeffrey Crowley is the Program Director of the National HIV/AIDS Initiative at the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law and Distinguished Scholar. Mr. Crowley is a widely recognized expert on HIV/AIDS and disability policy. From February 2009 through December 2011, he served as the Director of the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and Senior Advisor on Disability Policy for President Barack Obama. In this capacity, he led the development of our country’s first domestic National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States, a five-year plan for aligning the efforts of all stakeholders to reduce the number of new HIV infections, increase access to care, and reduce HIV-related health disparities. The Strategy continues to guide the Administration’s efforts in this area. He also coordinated disability policy development for the Domestic Policy Council and worked on the policy team that spearheaded the development and implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

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