Abstract Title: Effective Community and Campus Partnerships for HIV and STI Prevention, Education and Treatment

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Abstract (not more than 300 words)

This session highlights effective strategies for HIV prevention, intervention and care for students in U.S. higher education. This session will focus on tangible outreach initiatives, partnerships and tools for increasing awareness of HIV and STIs, and PrEP in Los Angeles. Further, intentional partnerships with campus and community organizations have increased access to counselling and mental health services, HIV and STI testing services, research participation and access to care for HIV+ individuals. UCLA's LGBT Campus Resource Center, the Center for AIDS Research and Education and the Connect 2 Protect Coalition have developed a comprehensive set of services to impact campus communities, broader LA and even impact national trends.

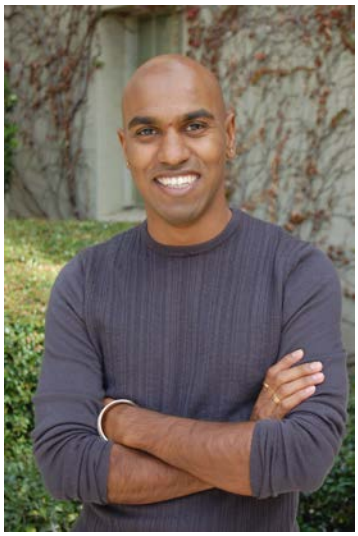
UCLA is a leader in HIV/AIDS research and services. UCLA students, staff and faculty can get tested on campus or with mobile testing vans, access HIV education, fill PrEP prescriptions, engage in HIV-related community outreach, attend HIV support groups and connect with community resources and service providers. This interactive session will provide effective strategies and engage participants in reflective activities to develop effective strategies and networks for their respective communities.

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Professional Biography (100-150 words)

Raja G Bhattar, M.Ed., M.A. (They/Them/Theirs) is the director of the LGBT Campus Resource Center at UCLA. Under their leadership, UCLA has been consistently named a top-15 LGBT-friendly campus in the U.S. Raja is a nationally recognized educator, author and advocate supporting diverse communities. Their research interests include impact-based initiatives for underrepresented communities in higher education, Desi Student Development, Campus Climate for LGBTQ students of color and student resiliency. Raja has served as the National Co-chair for the APIKC, National Chair of Education for the Consortium of LGBTQ Resource Professionals in Higher Education and the UC President's Advisory Council on LGBTQ Students, Faculty and Staff. They have been featured in the Advocate Magazine, India Abroad, Hinduism Today, and has authored several printed book chapters and articles. Raja

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Milton has participated in a wide range of HIV prevention activities in Los Angeles and New York, serving on panels, hosting community forums, and helping to coordinate the development and implementation of a research study targeting black MSM of color sponsored by the National Institute of Health. An alumnus of California State University Northridge and New York University's CAP 21, he sits on the Board of the City of Long Beach's Health and Human Services Department and previously served as a member of the Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Committee.



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