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International AIDS Conference in Melbourne

From July 20 to 25 the 20th International AIDS Conference was held in Melbourne, Australia. Maria Nengeh Mensah discussed a poster presentation entitled *Supporting the Voice and Public VIHSIBILITE of People Living with HIV-AIDS: Results from an Action-Research on Ethical Practices of Coproduction*. Her oral communication took place on **July 22, 2014** and was followed by a lively discussion in the session *Curious Social Scientists: Innovative Approaches and Questions*. The poster was exhibited throughout the week.

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Meetings

Programmation and research work

Academic and community researchers involved in Testimonial Cultures have meet to decide on the orientations of the project and to validate the terms of our future partnerships. The meeting took place on September 12 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at UQAM.

Student seminar

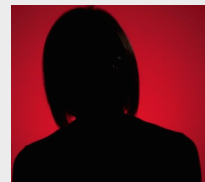
A student seminar will take place on September 22 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at UQAM. This meeting aims to bring together student who are interested in testimonials, offer a space for discussion of their work and to explore what kinds of activities the project may develop in 2014-2015.

You can sign up for this event on our [Facebook page](#). Hurry, places are limited.

Featured testimonial: Jessica Lee defends the rights of sex workers

In the context of Bill C-36, Jessica Lee, a sex worker who freely chose to do sex work, reveals, her positive experience in the industry. Her testimonial (in English) discusses the harmful consequences on the safety of sex workers of this legal reform proposed by the government. Check our most recent "featured testimonial."

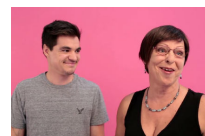
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IN BRIEF

Les visages de la fierté

During the 10th edition of the **Fête Arc-en-ciel** of Quebec, the city organised an exhibit of the 'invisible minorities' in the Saint-Jean-Baptiste neighborhood. Portraits, displayed since August 8, aim to celebrate the diversity of LGBTQ realities in the city of Quebec. The exhibit focuses on the happy nature and on the human side of sexual and gender minorities. You can go to lesvisagesdelafierté.ca to access excerpts of these testimonials



Fugues se souvient : 30 years of homosexuality in Quebec

From June 19 to August 31, 2014, at the **Écomusée du fier monde**, Fugues magazine presented an exhibit on the evolution of the perception of homosexuality in Quebec. With magazine covers and many articles published over the last 30 years, the retrospective showed what has changed socially, legally and economically and how these changes have marked not only the LGBTQ community but society at large.

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A Quiet Place by the OSM

During the Montreal Pride 2014, the Orchestre symphonique de Montreal presented, on August 15, an extract of A Quiet Place, composed by Leonard Bernstein. It is an opera that reveals the struggling relationship between a father and his gay son.

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Team news

New email addresses

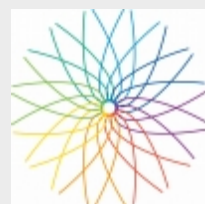
Do you have examples of testimonies to share with us? We invite you send them to us at: archives@culturesdutemoignage.ca. This new address will allow the archiving of testimonials and to better organize how we collect these personal stories. Everybody can submit examples! The examples may be different formats (articles, photos, audio or video material, or any other form of testimonial that can be transmitted by email.

Please note that the gmail address (culturesdutemoignage@gmail.com) is no longer functional. To contact us or for any information, please send us an email at the following new address for the project : info@culturesdutemoignage.ca

Myriam Pomerleau is the new research assistant helping with the web communication. She finished a Honours Bachelor with Specialization in Psychology at the University of Ottawa in 2014. She is now a master's student in clinical sexology at UQAM.

Florence Marchand will continue to work as a research assistant over the fall 2014. In addition to providing administrative support, her responsibilities include the organisation of the team's activities and the preparation of grant application that will be submitted in fall.

Elisabeth Mercier, a researcher affiliated to UQAM and York University, is starting a postdoctoral internship with us. Her research project focuses on the relationships between women and the 'street' that can be used as a means to control their sexually but also as a way for women to disrupt this control, and to take a stand. She will examine the Slutwalk phenomenon et the debates that it raises.



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A cultural study of testimonials as a social intervention strategy for sexual and gender minorities: applications, challenges, issues, and impact of a renewed practice

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