VIDEO: The 2015 US Conference on AIDS

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Not to get all southern gothic on you, but I depend upon the kindness of strangers. Especially when producing video blogs at conferences.

"Excuse me, would you please just hold this camera and point it at me while I talk to these people?" I must have said that sentence at least 40 times during the **United States Conference on AIDS (USCA)**, held recently in Washington, DC. Every single interview you see in my video blog below was shot by whomever was wandering by at the time. Thanks, y'all!

The video contains three AIDS czars, one stripper pole, a ferocious batch of trans protestors, and more inspirational front-line workers than you can shake a stick at. My congratulations to the **National Minority AIDS Council** for their famously creative production of the weekend.

The spirit shared by the advocates, healthcare providers, and organizations who convened for USCA was electrifying, and just the boost many of us need to keep our energy up and our dedication renewed.

Oh, and special thanks to the **CDC's Act Against AIDS campaign** for letting me take over their Instagram page during the conference (**follow them here**), and to Gilead Sciences for sponsoring the "Mind the Gap" session on social media and inviting me to host it.

I love what I do. I love the work you're doing, too. As always, you are welcome to re-post my content, share it, take the YouTube video above and post it within your page, whatever might help share the messages of this amazing event and the awesome people who attended.

Thanks, my friends, and please be well.

Mark

(The photo above was the selfie the Social to Mobile speakers took at the end of our session, and includes - left to right - YouTube star **Davey Wavey**, blogger **Guy Anthony**, Michelle Samplin-Salgado of **AIDS.gov**, **Luvvie Ajayi** of the **Red Pump Project**, Miguel Gomez of**AIDS.gov**, myself, and **Michael Crawford** from **Freedom to Marry**.)

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