

# **Jam Session:**

## **How Are We Doing Together?**

### **A Dynamic Workshop on Developing Academic-Community Partnerships for Population Health**

## **Frank Kronenberg**



**Frank Kronenberg**, who originates from the Netherlands, is a director and co-founder of Shades of Black Works, a Cape Town—South Africa based social enterprise with a triple social mission: strengthening places of origin; forging connections, and collective story-making. Frank is the chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Khayelitsha-Cape Town based NPO Grandmothers Against Poverty and AIDS (GAPA).

Frank is an activist co-founder of the movement 'Occupational Therapists without Borders' which inspired a number of international groundbreaking publications which he co-edited and co-authored. Frank works as an international guest lecturer and consultant at universities in South Africa, North and South America, and Europe. He is formally affiliated with University of Cape Town (South Africa); University of Kwa-Zulu-Natal (South Africa); Zuyd University (Netherlands); Universidad Andres Bello (Chile); and Saint Louis University (United States)

Frank is married with Elelwani Ramugondo. They have two daughters Masana Nelly (8) & Isha Tshiala (6). He is witness and ally to the Rhodes Must Fall Student movement.

**Pre-Conference Workshop**

**Sunday**

**April 26, 2015**

**4:00-7:30 pm Hilton Garden Inn**

**Stony Brook University Dinner Included**



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**Objective #1:** Critically engage the participants with the politics of being human: what is this about and how is it relevant to community engaged scholarship aimed at reducing/eliminating health disparities.

**Objective #2:** Coming to terms with 'knowledge is power' and 'power is knowledge': balancing instrumental rationalities and value and power rationalities. Generating knowledge is a central aim of community engaged scholarship. This is never a value neutral endeavor. It involves learning how to best (read: ethically) navigate and negotiate unequal relations of power within the particular context at hand.

**Objective #3:** Exploring examples of population health based community/academic partnerships and engagements from Central America, Spain, South Africa and Tibet/India.

**'Jam Session':** a dynamic interaction style of the workshop, in which the 'songs' that we will play with are our life long experiences and understandings relevant to the topics 'community engagement and population health'. We will 'employ' these to develop new material (ideas, concepts, understandings, inspiration), find suitable arrangements, or simply as a social gathering and collective learning.

**'How Are We Doing Together?':** the diagnostic nature of the workshop, employing an appreciation of health beyond dominant individualistic institution-based bio-medical model understandings of it. Not overlooking and/or taking for granted the interrelationship between what we are doing (or not doing) every day and our health and well-being. What reads as seemingly simple question, in reality, presents as a highly complex multi-layered phenomenon, and serves as our trigger for collective learning.

**This workshop is open to students, faculty, and the public.**

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