



JOHN-MANUEL ANDRIOTE

- **Author, *Victory Deferred: How AIDS Changed Gay Life in America* (University of Chicago Press), new updated edition to be published in 2011.**
- **Donor of “The John-Manuel Andriote *Victory Deferred* Collection” in the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History.**
- **AIDS reporter since 1986**
- **HIV+ since 2005**

“The students had great things to say about your presentation. For example, one comment noted ‘his encyclopedic demonstration of the disease’s devastating effects on the global community’; another added that ‘incorporating the statistics made it easier to understand.’ Several comments mentioned your ease with the political aspects of the disease and discussion of its origins. One of my male students mentioned in class your willingness to tell your personal story was the most important part of the day for him. I could go on; your ‘reviews’ were glowing. Thanks again for your excellent discussion of the epidemic. Also thanks for bringing the handouts; my students grabbed the remainders in the next class.”

Rebecca Reviere
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SAMPLE SPEECH TOPICS

John-Manuel Andriote offers a message of hope and “how-to” backed by cutting-edge factual information drawn from his many years of interviews with leading experts throughout the United States.

How People with AIDS Changed the World

People with AIDS and their champions challenged the government and won the right for those with life-threatening diseases to use unproved medical treatment and have a voice in their own treatment decisions. They created service models that today are being adapted to serve homebound elders and others with life-challenging illness.

What AIDS Service Organizations Know About Long-Term Care

From their creation in the 1980s, AIDS service organizations have pursued the goal of keeping people out of expensive hospitals and nursing homes. Andriote suggests that ASOs consider expanding their mission to serve others with needs much like those of people with HIV, join forces with agencies that serve homebound elders and others with debilitating illness, and adapt the best practices they have developed to serve other populations.

Backstory: A Reporter’s Own AIDS Story

Andriote blends current statistical and factual medical information with his personal story in a message aimed at college-age people, urging them to “respect and protect” themselves and their partners. As he did in a “coming-out” commentary in the *Washington Post* and on NPR, Andriote describes learning, firsthand, why ‘knowing everything’ about HIV is not enough to protect oneself from the virus.

BIOGRAPHY

The making of an AIDS reporter

John-Manuel Andriote began reporting on HIV/AIDS while he was a graduate journalism student at Northwestern University in 1985. That year, hysteria about the growing epidemic threatened to boil over when actor Rock Hudson announced he had AIDS. That year, two of Andriote's friends died from AIDS and he decided the epidemic would become his "beat."

Living in Washington, D.C., from 1985–2007, Andriote reported from the center of the rising national movement for gay equality and the halting government response to the growing AIDS crisis. He saw firsthand as AIDS devastated communities—even as it drew millions into the movement for gay civil rights and a compassionate, appropriately resourced response to the epidemic.

Chronicling the plague

By the mid-1990s, Andriote was ready to use his nationwide network of contacts and years of reporting on AIDS to write a book about the epidemic. *Kirkus Reviews* called *Victory Deferred* "the most important AIDS chronicle since Randy Shilts' *And the Band Played On*," the bestseller about the epidemic's first six years. *Victory Deferred* won the Lambda Literary Awards "Editors' Choice Award." The American Library Association named it an "honored book," and it was a finalist for the New York Publishing Triangle's nonfiction award.

Now one of 'them'

Marking the 25th anniversary of the AIDS epidemic, Andriote in 2006 revealed his recent HIV diagnosis in a *Washington Post* commentary. He described how the shocking news turned his world upside down. In a follow-up interview on NPR, Andriote explained why "knowing everything" about HIV wasn't enough to protect him from becoming infected. He continues to live well with HIV thanks to effective treatment.

A new book to mark three decades of AIDS

Funded by a grant from the New York-based Arcus Foundation, Andriote in 2010 traveled across the U.S. to interview nearly six dozen leading activists, community leaders, medical researchers, policymakers, and prevention educators for a revised edition of *Victory Deferred*, to be published in 2011 for the 30th anniversary of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Andriote blends medical information, firsthand accounts, and insight from his personal experience to paint a sobering yet hopeful picture of AIDS in the United States after three decades.

"It was great to see you in Seattle. Your talk was very well received. Your 'credentials' on AIDS issues lend credence to your views on other nutrition-related opportunities. Your talk was considered among the best at the conference."

Craig Shniderman
Executive Director, Food & Friends
Washington, D.C.

SELECTED ENGAGEMENTS

Guest lecturer, Connecticut College, George Washington University (Washington, D.C.), Howard University (Washington, D.C.), University of Connecticut, West Chester University (Pennsylvania)

Keynotes, National Association of People with AIDS 20th anniversary conference, Denver; AIDS Nutrition Service Alliance annual meeting, Seattle

Grand rounds lecture, Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City

Panelist, Gay & Lesbian Journalists Association annual meeting (Miami Beach), Tennessee Williams Literary Festival (New Orleans), Library of Congress

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