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## *CIRA Talk: “Aging with HIV across the Life Course: Opportunities and Challenges to Improve Health Outcomes”*



Reena Rajasuriar, PhD  
University of Malaya, Malaysia  
*Speaker*



Luke Davis, MD, MS  
Yale School of Public Health  
*Moderator*

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This is a hybrid event, in-person at CIRA and virtually via Zoom.

**Tuesday, October 29, 2024**

**1:00 pm-2:00 pm ET**

**In-person venue (RSVP not required): CIRA Conference Room  
135 College St, Suite 200, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, New Haven, CT 06510.**

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## **OVERVIEW**

Approximately 1 in 4 of the 40 million people with HIV (PWH) worldwide are over the 50 years and this proportion is expected to double in the coming decade. Over 80% of older PWH reside in low- and middle-income settings where access to geriatric and other basic age-related services are limited. With this increasing burden of care on HIV programs, we need to rethink our approach to HIV and aging. In this talk, Dr. Reena Rajasuriar will use a life course perspective to reframe this concept of aging with HIV, drawing from the WHO’s model for Healthy Aging. She will also highlight the biological and socio-behavioural challenges to growing older with HIV and some opportunities to improve long-term outcomes in this population.

## **SPEAKER**

**Reena Rajasuriar, PhD**

**Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine  
University of Malaya, Malaysia**

Reena Rajasuriar is an Associate Professor at the Department of Medicine, University of Malaya; an Honorary Fellow at the Department of Infectious Diseases, Melbourne University, Australia; and a former CIRA international visiting fellow (2019-2021). She was awarded her PhD in Immunology by Monash University, Australia. She is a Principal Investigator at the Centre of Excellence for Research in AIDS (CERiA), University of Malaya and coordinates the translational research program in HIV immunology and Aging at CERiA. Her research focuses on the immunopathogenesis of aging in people living with HIV and its interaction with functional aging outcomes. Her interests also include understanding how integrated HIV care can best be implemented in resource limited settings to promote healthy aging. She is currently in the US on a Fulbright Scholar Program (2024-2025) hosted by Columbia University to explore how we can optimise healthy aging by improving brain care in people with HIV.

## **MODERATOR**

**Luke Davis, MD, MS**

**Associate Professor of Epidemiology (Microbial Diseases) and of Medicine  
(Pulmonary)**

**Yale School of Public Health, Yale School of Medicine, CIRA**

Luke Davis is a pulmonary and critical care physician and clinical epidemiologist using implementation science to find, treat, and prevent tuberculosis (TB) and HIV, two of the leading cause of death due to infection worldwide. He teaches and mentors students and directs a graduate program on implementation science at the Yale School of Public Health. He is also involved in several international research training programs focused on implementation science. He is a Yale Medicine physician, and attends in the Medical Intensive Care Unit and the Winchester TB Clinic at Yale-New Haven Hospital, caring for patients and their families and teaching medical students, residents, and fellows.