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**UNDERSTANDING HIV-RELATED STIGMA:
SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROCESSES**

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1. There are more similarities than differences across contexts in the causes of stigma, the forms stigma takes, and the consequences of stigma. (this dissertation)
2. Interventions that support PLWH and train them in how to best disclose their status and cope with potential negative reactions must precede interventions that utilize PLWH as public spokesmen to break taboos and reduce stigma. (this dissertation)
3. The psychological impact of HIV-related stigma varies depending on the manifestation and the setting in which that manifestation occurs. (this dissertation)
4. Having a visible stigma is more detrimental than having a concealable stigma. (this dissertation)
5. The careful measurement, generalizable samples, experimental control, and statistical tools of good quantitative studies are precious assets. When they are combined with the up-close, deep, credible understanding of complex real-world contexts that characterize good qualitative studies, we have a very powerful mix. (Matthew Miles & Michael Huberman)
6. When research is informed only by our epistemological foundations and practice only by our personal experience, our work is limited and lacks meaning. For the sake of both effectiveness and efficiency, dialogue and cooperation between *theoria* and *praxis* is imperative.
7. The use of the term 'ethnic minority' has tended to assume that the dominant group within the state does not possess an 'ethnicity'. (Floya Anthias)
8. Science, no matter how objective it may seem, is a subjective and inherently political endeavour.
9. We become just by performing just action, temperate by performing temperate actions, brave by performing brave action. (Aristotle)
10. Management is delegation. (Peter Schroder)
11. If God is really punishing people with sickness for their sins, don't you think the perpetrators of war, terrorism, and nuclear destruction would at least get herpes? (Episcopal Bishop Paul Moore)