



## Toward an Ethics of Interaction: Living with HIV/ AIDS Amid Stigma in South Africa

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*This presentation, based on ethnographic fieldwork in Durban, South Africa with a Zulu gospel choir in which all group members are living with HIV/ AIDS, explores the elisions, allusions and illusions of living with HIV amid stigma in relation to the moral*

*stances taken towards disclosure of one's HIV positive status. The presentation compares interactional (Goffman) and phenomenological (Levinas) concepts of 'face' to model how HIV/AIDS support and activism occur alongside the*

*exigencies of living amid stigma. This analysis suggests ways to incorporate the anthropological study of ethics and morality into linguistic anthropology and vice versa.*