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Two Decades of Caring for Children with AIDS and their Families in Harlem: Social, cultural, psychological and health issues

Dr. Nicholas, an academic general pediatrician, is a pioneer in the care of HIV-infected children and an advocate for the medically underserved in Harlem, Washington Heights, and the Dominican Republic, where his work has primarily taken place over the past 25 years. He has created innovative community-based educational experiences for medical and public health students and resident physicians. He was director of pediatrics at Harlem Hospital Center from 2000-2006, during which time he started the Harlem Children's Zone Asthma Initiative, funded by the Robin Hood Foundation.

In 1999, Dr. Nicholas founded the Columbia University International Family AIDS Program, which introduced the first AIDS treatment for pregnant women (1999) and long-term AIDS care and treatment for families (2004) in the Dominican Republic. Today, its program in the province of La Romana has lowered the rate of mother-to-child HIV transmission to a rate comparable with New York's, and its clinic is one of the largest providers of care and treatment for children and adults in the Dominican Republic. It is also a popular site for health sciences student and resident training and education rotations, which are supported by the Louis and Rachel Rudin Foundation. Dr. Nicholas has been on the admissions committee of the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons since 2001 and now serves as the Assistant Dean for Admissions. He remains actively involved in global health education for medical students and residents. He also has an appointment in the Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health of the Mailman School of Public Health, where he teaches and serves as a faculty mentor.

Dr. Nicholas's talk will be preceded by the short film *20 Minutes...An American Tale* by G. Lloyd Morris. Morris's film deals with issues of incarceration and release among blacks in urban communities.

Workshop in Urban Ethnography
Monday, April 12th

11:30 a.m. – 1:20 p.m., 140 Prospect Street, Room 102B