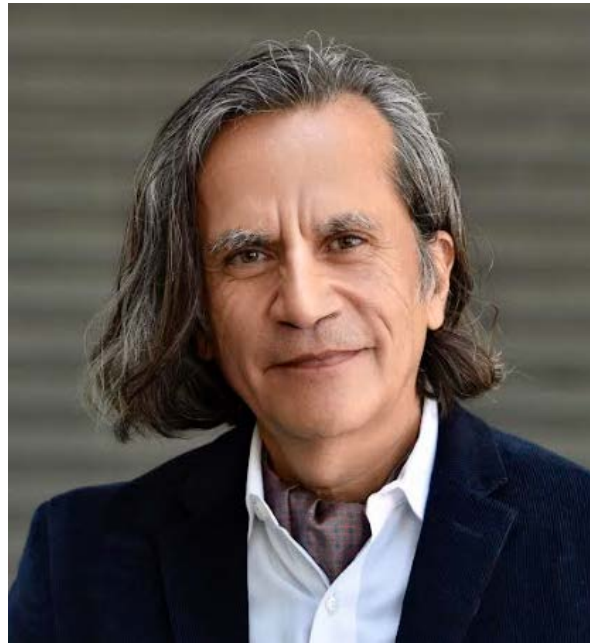


## SPEAKER



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## SPEAKER BIO

Dr. Jesus Ramirez-Valles is Chief and Professor, Division of Prevention Science, Walter Gray Professor on HIV/AIDS Science of the AIDS Research Institute, Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, Prevention Research Center at University of California San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Ramirez-Valles is a public health leader, scholar, and filmmaker. He started his career as a community organizer on the US-Mexico border and over the last two decades has devoted his research to health equity in the U.S. and abroad. His work is rooted on the social and behavioral sciences and in community-engaged research. His research and advocacy have centered on the challenges of health and health care for excluded communities, including LGBTQI populations, people of color, and women. He has published two books: *Compañeros: Latino Activists in the Face of AIDS*, and *Queer Aging: The Gayby Boomers and a New Frontier for Gerontology*. His work has been funded by the National Institutes of Health and several foundations. He has led academic programs in public health and worked on recruitment and retention of scholars of color. He is the Editor-in-Chief of *Health Education & Behavior*. His 2007 documentary, *Tal Como Somos/Just As We Are*, chronicles the lives of Latino gay men, transgender persons and people living with HIV/AIDS. It has been featured on PBS and as part of several international film festivals. Before joining UCSF, Dr. Ramirez-Valles served as director of the Health Equity Institute at San Francisco State University from 2018 to 2022. Prior to that, he was a Professor from 1997-2018, and chaired the Department of Community Health Sciences from 2012-2018 at the University of Illinois-Chicago School of Public Health. He earned his PhD in Public Health in 1997 and his MPH in Health Behavior & Health Education, International Health in 1993 from University of Michigan School of Public Health, and his BA in Communication & Media Studies in 1987 from Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey.