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Bill Darrow is a Professor of Public Health at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami, Florida. He teaches graduate-level courses in the College of Health and Urban Affairs on theories of health behavior, community organization for health promotion, program planning and evaluation, and survey research methods in public health. He continues to conduct research and to publish on the social and behavioral aspects of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. Bill Darrow serves as Project Leader for the REACH project in Broward County.

Before accepting a position at FIU in August 1994, Bill served as Chief, Behavioral and Prevention Research Branch, Division of STD/HIV Prevention, National Center for Prevention Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He has published over 100 scientific papers in professional journals, books, and research monographs. In addition, he has presented more than 100 scientific papers at national and international meetings, and has consulted with many professional and service organizations, including the Global Program on AIDS, the World Health Organization, and the European Union.

Bill Darrow was recognized for his lifetime contributions to science and humanity by his hometown of Norwich, Connecticut, in 1992 when he was presented with their "Native Son" Award. In 1993, he received the Award for Sociological Practice from the Society for Applied Sociology. In 1994, he accepted the Thomas Parran Award from the American Venereal Disease Association. In 1996, he was the sole recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award given by his alma mater, the University of Connecticut. In 1998, Bill Darrow and his colleagues were selected by the Editors of the Journal of Sex Research to receive the Hugo Beigel Award for the best scientific paper published in their peer-reviewed journal.

His role in demonstrating the sexual transmission of the AIDS virus was described by Randy Shilts in "And the Band Played On." His character was portrayed by Richard Masur in the Emmy-Award winning motion picture of the same name. He can be seen playing himself in "The Zero Factor," part one of the four-part documentary, "A Time of AIDS" (shown most recently on the Discovery Channel). In 1999, Bill appeared in the ZDF German Television series, "100 Moments of the 20th Century," to talk about the extent of scientific knowledge about AIDS in 1985, and how that knowledge evolved from a series of scientific studies planned and conducted by Bill Darrow and his colleagues at CDC.

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