My name is Ben Taylor. I am a resident, a second-year resident in the HIV primary care program.

Actually, I came here specifically for the HIV primary care track, I have a background in public health and I've done a lot of work previously in sexual health awareness and HIV testing so seeing that there was a program here at Yale that actually incorporated that into the training for internal medicine and primary care and also added in HIV treatment and HIV prevention and there was also space for community engagement and social justice, it just seemed like an amazing formula for a great program that perfectly aligned with my career path.

So, it started back in undergrad. I had a friend, one day she's, 'Ben, you should sign up to be this peer educator for sexual health awareness.' I signed up. It was really fun.

I really enjoyed getting out into the community and leading these workshops and talking to everyone about that three-letter word S-E-X that no one wanted to talk about that's so very important.

Having someone who is actually part of the demographic that is the most disproportionately affected by the disease is important. That serves as a driving force for me every day.

By default, we sort of always think about race in color. But diversity encompasses much more than that. There's diversity of gender, diversity in sexuality, the diversity of experience and I think that last term is what's the most important: diversity of experiences.

Because regardless of whatever those other sort of buckets are, having a panel or a faculty assembled of people with diverse experiences ultimately creates an environment for learning.

Where there can be intentional conflict for the purpose of moving and progressing forward.