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## AUTHOR

**Stonewall Strong: Gay Men's Heroic Fight for Resilience, Good Health, and a Strong Community** (Rowman & Littlefield). *"A tour de force"* (Kenneth Mayer, M.D., Harvard Medical School and the Fenway Institute)

**Victory Deferred: How AIDS Changed Gay Life in America** (University of Chicago Press), *"The most important AIDS chronicle since Randy Shilts' And the Band Played On"* (Kirkus Reviews).

**Wilhelmina Goes Wandering** (Indie-published). *"The book is extraordinary,"* (Mary Ellen Minichiello, Calf Pen Meadow School library director, president of the New England Association of School Librarians).

## JOURNALIST, BLOGGER

Longtime health reporter and opinion writer for the *Huffington Post*, *The Atlantic*, *The Washington Post*, and many others.

## SAMPLE SPEECH/LECTURE TOPICS

Whether speaking about HIV-AIDS to a university assembly, keynoting a national conference, or discussing his children's book with an entire elementary school student body, John-Manuel Andriote draws from three decades of reporting and his own life's stories to touch his audience's heads *and* hearts.

- **Celebrating gay men's heroic fight for resilience, good health, and a strong community.**
- **Living victoriously while living with HIV.**
- **Coming home to ourselves is life's longest journey.**



**"The students had great things to say about your presentation.**

For example, one comment noted 'his encyclopedic demonstration of [AIDS] devastating effects on the global community.' Another added that 'incorporating the statistics made it easier to understand.' Several comments mentioned your ease with the political aspects of the disease and discussion of its origins. One of my male students mentioned in class that your willingness to tell your personal story was the most important part of the day for him. I could go on; your 'reviews' were glowing."

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John-Manuel Andriote began his writing career in 1983, contributing book reviews to the national LGBT magazine the *Advocate*. After earning a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University in 1986, Andriote built his career in Washington, D.C., reporting on HIV-AIDS and other health and medical subjects for the *Washington Post*, *Washington City Paper*, and the *Washington Blade*. His more recent work has been published by *The Atlantic* and *Huffington Post*.

Andriote's newest book (2017) is *Stonewall Strong: Gay Men's Heroic Fight for Resilience, Good Health, and a Strong Community*, described as a "tour de force." His other books include the award-winning *Victory Deferred: How AIDS Changed Gay Life in America*; *Tough Love: A Washington Reporter Finds Resilience, Ruin, and Zombies in His 'Other Connecticut' Hometown*; *Hot Stuff: A Brief History of Disco*; and a "fable for kids ages 5 to 105" called *Wilhelmina Goes Wandering*.

Besides his freelance journalism, Andriote's "day jobs" have included coordinating HIV-AIDS training conferences for mental health professionals across the U.S. for the American Psychiatric Association; training community HIV-AIDS educators in Nigeria and the Caribbean to report on their work for a USAID-funded project as senior editor for Family Health International; and providing communication support for national and global health organizations working to strengthen health programs in hard-hit areas of the U.S. and the developing world.

Andriote in 2007 returned from Washington, D.C. to eastern Connecticut, where he grew up, and continues to write and speak regularly to audiences at universities, conferences, public libraries, and nongovernmental organizations.

**"You are an incredibly powerful speaker, and your strength and courage inspire me."**

KAITLIN TYROL  
Student, University of Connecticut  
Host, "What's Happening" radio show

## SELECTED APPEARANCES

**Guest lecturer:** University of Connecticut; Connecticut College; George Washington University; Howard University; West Chester University.

**Keynotes:** National Association of People with AIDS 20th anniversary conference (Denver); AIDS Nutrition Services Alliance annual meeting (Seattle).

**Panelist:** Gay & Lesbian Journalists Association annual meeting (Miami Beach); Tennessee Williams Literary Festival (New Orleans); Lambda Literary Festival (Philadelphia, Provincetown, Mass.); Library of Congress.

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his talks)

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