

Courage Awards

CELEBRATING 4 DECADES OF AVP

HONORING SENATOR THOMAS K DUANE AND EMIL WILBEKIN

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TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

WELCOME INTRO - KITO HUGGINS & THOMAS ZUZELO

INTRODUCTION TO COURAGE - BEVERLY TILLERY & BRIAN FRIEDMAN

CELEBRATION OF HONOREES

EMIL WILBEKIN, JOURNALIST WITH INTRODUCTION BY: BRITTON SMITH

NYS SENATOR TOM DUANE WITH INTRODUCTION BY: CONGRESSWOMAN ELIZABETH HOLTZMAN

STORIES OF THE ANTI-VIOLENCE PROJECT - ADITI BHATTACHARYA

SUPPORT AVP - STAN PONTE



EMIL WILBEKIN

FOUNDER, NATIVE SON

Emil Wilbekin is a Black American journalist, media executive, stylist, culture critic, and activist. Over the last three decades, you may have seen Emil's significant cultural contributions in VIBE Magazine, ESSENCE, Giant Magazine, Complex, and Afropunk. In leadership roles ranging from Editor-in-Chief, Founder, and Chief Content Officer, Wilbekin has used and created platforms to speak out and advocate for LGBTQ people, Black communities, and HIV-affected survivors.

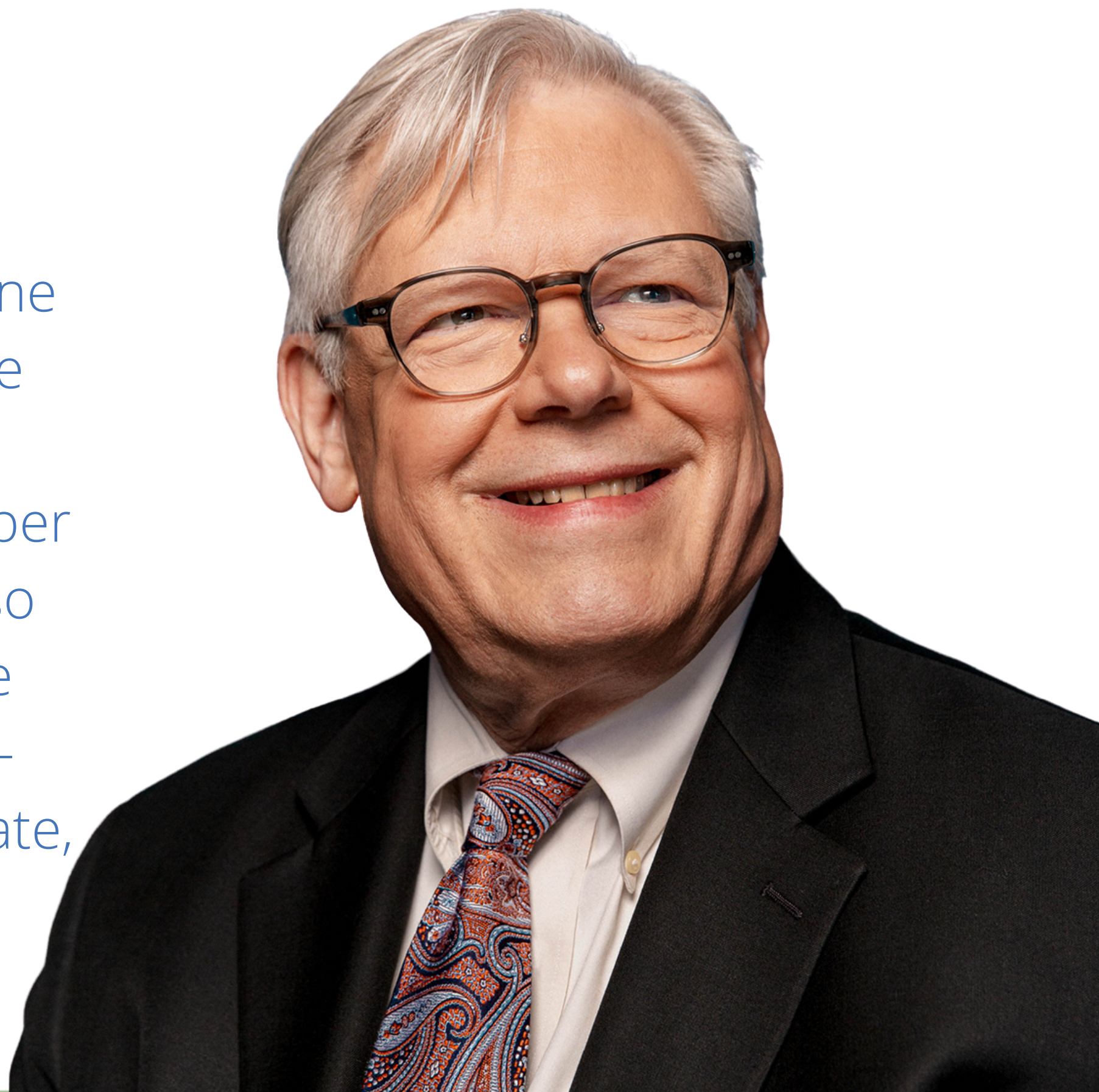




THOMAS K DUANE

NYS SENATOR

As the first openly gay and openly HIV+ member of the New York Senate, Tom Duane has been integral to legislative reform in the state to better protect LGBTQ+ and HIV-affected people. A former AVP board member and hate violence survivor, Tom's legacy also includes sponsorship of same-sex marriage legislation and the Gender Expression Non-Discrimination Act (GENDA) in New York State, as well as the passage of the Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act.





MORE ABOUT AVP

In 1980, the New York City Anti-Violence Project (AVP) was born in the streets of Chelsea, created by community activists in response to a series of brutal attacks against gay men. From the start, we took to the streets, we pushed back on the police, and we demanded safety and justice for our community at a time when few believed it was our right.

AVP was a free hotline and accompaniment support service that remained an all-volunteer organization until 1984, when the first full-time Executive Director was hired. Over time, AVP 's work expanded to provide free, confidential counseling to LGBTQ survivors of all forms of violence including hate violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, police violence and HIV-related violence.



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TO AVP FOR 40 YEARS OF DEDICATED
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RECIPIENT OF THE 2021 COURAGE AWARD.

-TOM DUANE



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**TO EMIL WILBEKIN AND
NATIVE SON FOR YOUR 2021
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-Kito Huggins, Erodney Davis, and Dennis Williams



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Congratulations, Tom!

-Bruce Pachter



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**TO TOM
DUANE**

A Courageous Trailblazer.

- Jim and Michelle Duane



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