

More on John Shaw

The understanding that ‘single bullet’ approaches to curing HIV/AIDS over the past 26 years have failed is what propelled him to continue the fight for a ‘multiple front’ approach to treatment, which in addition to condoms, educated choices in sexual encounters, pre-exposure prophylaxis, and vaccines, would include vaginal and rectal microbicides. He worked for an increase in the number and availability of life saving tools that exist for all couples, gay and straight, while they pursue sexual intimacy, and to empower women and transgender women and gay and transgender men in particular.

Recognizing that “‘all humans have a bottom,’” John believed that it is “only wise to market both vaginal and rectal microbicide for best prevention efforts.”

Often described as a “community builder” and “love activist,” he had been active in advocating for research and use of Cannabidiol in treatment for HIV/AIDS related nausea, and other relevant cannabinoids for chronic pain indications for appropriate medical use. John was also passionately promoted acupuncture and alternative therapies. He lived in San Francisco and worked part time at the Immune Enhancement Project.