BEYOND BOLD AND BRAVE presents
“The Evolution of Our Community” BLACK LESBIAN CONFERENCE 2016
MARCH 25-26, 2016 - Barnard College, NYC
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CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Sessions, Presenters are Subject to Change

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2016

CONFERENCE OPENING PROGRAM & RECEPTION - 6:00p - 8:00p
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Marjorie J. Hill, CEO Joseph Addabbo Health Center, NYC & past CEO, Gay Men’s Health Crisis (GMHC)

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2016 - Sessions are 90 Minutes inclusive of Q&A. Concurrent Session Rooms Will Be Confirmed.

Concurrent Sessions I. - 10:15a-11:45a
• Panel Discussion “What Does It Mean to Draw A Line?: Black Lesbian Separation as Respite From Oppression” Participants: Karen Thompson (The Innocence Project), Yoruba Richen (Film Director), Dr. Judith Casselberry (Bowdoin College)
• Roundtable Discussion “Advocating For Ourselves: Getting The Resources We Need” Participants: Monique “Mo” George (Community Voices Heard, NYC), T. Jibri Douglas (TJD Medical Consulting), Rebecca Williams (Plainfield, NJ City Council), Ejeris Dixon (Vision Change Win Consulting)
• Workshop: “Domestic Violence- Healing The Anger Within”. Presenter: Annette Brent (Certified Spiritual & Transformational Coach)

LUNCHEON DISCUSSION - 12:00p - 1:30p
“State of the Black Lesbian Community: An Intergenerational Perspective. Moderator: Mignon Moore (Barnard College) Participants: Imani Rashid (NYC LGBT Community Kwanzaa), Ryann Holmes (bklyn boihood), Tina Jones (Health Education Alternatives for Teens, SUNY Brooklyn)

Concurrent Sessions II - 1:45p - 3:15p
• Workshop “Sacred Erotica: Creatively Moving Shadows Into Light”. Presenter: Sacred Walker (Kuumba Health)
• Workshop: Sex and Sexuality. Participants: Tanda LaGrone (In Our Own Voices), Gabby Santos (LGBT Health Services, In Our Own Voices), Vanessa Campus (Community Health Education, GMHC)
• Panel: “Creating Financial Wellness for LGBTQ Women - Participants: Aqualia Barnes (Barnes Financial Services), Alexis McSween (Bottom Line Construction & Development), Adriane Ferguson (Billie’s Black Bar, Lounge, Restaurant)

Concurrent Sessions III - 3:30p - 5:00p
• Workshop: Whole Health & Wellness For LGBTQ Transgender & Cisgender Women Presenter: Adaku Utah (Harriet’s Apothecary)
• Panel: “Black Lesbian Poets: Bringing the Political To The Page and Stage” Participants: JP Howard (Women Writers In Bloom Series), R. Erica Doyle (Poet, Author), Amber Atiya (Poet), Monica Hand (Poet/Editor)
• Roundtable Discussion “Black Lesbian Youth & Their Experiences With Homelessness and Gender Roles” Participants: Stacey Lewis (Ali Forney Center), Sheraine Gregory (Ali Forney Center)

WRAP DISCUSSION - 5:15p - 6:30p
• Black Lesbian Organizing and Activism: 1970’s to Now” Moderator: Alexis Pauline Gumbs (Editor, Revolutionary Mothering: Love on the Front Lines) Participants: Linda Villarosa, (Villarosa Media) Shawn(t)a Smith-Cruz (Lesbian Herstory Archives), Cassandra Grant (Salsa Soul Sisters & Community Activist)

FINAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS - 6:30p - 6:45p