

**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:** Tandra 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