



**2017 SPRING ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE
BLACK AMERICANA “Freedom lies in being bold!”**

**St. Thomas, Virgin Islands-University of the
Virgin Islands**

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, APRIL 24 & 25, 2017

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Black Americana is anything and everything that has to do with Black culture, relationships, identity, social resilience and activism. It is the transhistorical driving force that enables individual and systemic movement as well as highlights the continuum of prevention and responsiveness. Black Americana is about how you think, feel, and respond to conceptual and pragmatic challenges using racial/ethnic identity as a primary lens. It is the recognition of the collective need to paint broad strokes and then offer viable solutions to empower the communities we serve. Black Americana was always, and will always, be about YOU!!

The Association of Black Sexologists and Clinicians Roundtable Series involves critical discussion and feedback about black relationships and sexuality. Scholarly discussions may emerge from psychology, religion, education, sociology, history, philosophy, human services, communication. The information must be relevant and helpful to a mixed conference audience comprised of health scholars and clinicians. The roundtable forum will allow each participant to give an academic presentation and receive feedback from conference participants. We also welcome submissions that address intersectionality of other cultures.

You and your colleagues (up to five) will lead a 30-minute academic discussion about your research or clinical work at it relates to the conference theme, *Freedom lies in being bold!* followed by a facilitated 20 minute discussion on the work presented.

The goal of the Roundtable Series is to have panel discussions that examine the continuum of sex and relationship research and expression. We also encourage submission of individual presentation proposals but panel discussions will be given first

consideration.

WHO THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR

Researchers/Scholars
Psychologists
Social Workers
Licensed Professional Counselors
Educators
Medical Practitioners
Mental Health Professionals/Administrators
Life Coaches
Policymakers

PROPOSAL THEMES/TOPICS INCLUDE (but are not limited to):

Aesthetics/Colorism
Symbols
History
Romantic and Familial Relationships
Sexuality
Sexual identity/orientation
Gender
Feminism/Womanism
Privilege/Entitlements/Power
Eroticism/Pornography
Kink
STIs/HIV Awareness, Prevention, and Activism
Sex Trafficking
Sexuality Education/Activism
Communication Styles
Role Constraints
The Influence of Hip Hop, R&B, Blues, Jazz, Rock and Roll Music
The Influence of Black art
Sexual Coercion/Manipulation
Blacks in Academia
Mental Health Issues
Black Culture
Addiction
Morality/Religion/Black Church
Laws that affect the Black Community
Influence of Social Media
Black Television, Movies, Radio
Social Justice

All proposals will include the following:

1. Name(s) of each speaker(s), degrees, institution(s)/ agency, mailing address, email, phone.
2. Brief biosketch of each speaker (approx. 100 words).
3. Title of presentation
4. Abstract/Detailed Summary of Presentation/ Content (approx 150 words).
Presentations should address content related to Black families, Black Relationships, Black Sexuality and/or Building and Strengthening Our Community.
5. *For roundtable 30-minute presentations*, list at least two Smart criterion-referenced learning objective. An example might be, “By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to...” If you are not familiar with SMART objectives, you can visit this link: [http:// topachievement.com/smart.html](http://topachievement.com/smart.html)
6. *For individual presentations*, indicate if your presentation will be 25 or 50 minutes in length and include the aforementioned items (e.g., name, biosketch, title, abstract)
7. Please categorize the level(s) which you think your presentation will fit: Beginners; Intermediate; Advanced

*All proposals should be submitted electronically to absc1041@gmail.com. Proposals submitted in any other format will not be accepted.

SCHOLARLY POSTER INSTRUCTIONS

All scholarly poster proposals will include the following:

1. Name(s) of each speaker(s), degrees, institution(s)/agency, mailing address, email, phone.
2. Brief biosketch of each speaker (approx. 100 words).
3. Abstract/Detailed Summary of Presentation/Content (approx. 150 words).
Presentations should address content related to Black families, Black Relationships, Black Sexuality and/or Black Americana “...with liberty and justice for all.”
4. List at least two SMART criterion-referenced learning objectives. An example might be, “By the end of the presentation, participants will be able to...” If you are not familiar with SMART objectives, you can visit this link: <http://topachievement.com/smart.html>.

**PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 1, 2016
PARTICIPANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF A DECISION BY
DECEMBER 20, 2016**

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

<http://www.emeraldbeach.com>

Emerald Beach Resort

8070 Lindbergh Bay

St. Thomas V.I, 00802

Telephone: (340)777-8800

Hotel accommodations must be made by calling the front desk.

**THIS IS CARNIVAL WEEK AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
WILL GO FAST!**