



**2021 ABSC International Lecture Series IV
“The Convergence of Courage and Emancipatory Discourse”**

**Costa Blu Beach Resort
6.5 Miles North Ambergris Caye,
San Pedro Town (Belize)**

October 21-22, 2021

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Convergence of Courage and Emancipatory Discourse exists within Black literature devoted to the sexual expression of persons of African descent. Courage is a product of the relativistic need and desire to research, create space, and tell our authentic stories. Emancipatory discourse is an outcome of authenticity and actualization. When we met two years ago in Havana, Cuba, we held discussions about the continuum and fluidity of Black sexuality that allowed participants to feel heard, be affirmed, healed and renewed. For this professional conference chapter of the ABSC, we are seeking research and clinical best practice proposals that demonstrate the convergence of courage and emancipatory discourse so that we are able to learn and be empowered to engage in advocacy and influential change.

The Association of Black Sexologists and Clinicians International Lecture 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. Proposals must be relevant and helpful to a mixed conference audience comprised of sexual health scholars and clinicians. The

lecture series will allow each participant to give an academic presentation and receive feedback from conference participants.

You (and your colleagues) will lead a 45-minute academic discussion about your research or clinical work at it relates to the conference theme, *“The Convergence of Courage and Emancipatory Discourse,”* followed by a facilitated 10-minute group discussion or questions on the work presented.

We welcome submission of individual and panel presentation proposals.

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
Black 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
Out of Control Sexual Behavior/Addiction
Morality/Religion/Black Church

Laws that affect the Black Community
Influence of Social Media
Black Television, Movies, Radio
Social Justice
Polyamory/Consensual nonmonogamy

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. *At least one* 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. Please categorize the level(s) which you think your presentation will fit: Beginners; Intermediate; Advanced

*All proposals should be submitted electronically as a word doc to phdjamesw@yahoo.com **AND** absc1041@gmail.com. Proposals submitted in any other format will not be accepted.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS JUNE 15, 2021

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

<https://tinyurl.com/42ew7aca>

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If you plan to attend in person, travel and Hotel accommodations may be made by contacting Mary at International Tours at 484-459-9415 or outside of the area at 1-800-457-7351. She can be emailed at jjirh@aol.com.