The Association of Black Sexologists and Clinicians

2022 ABSC SPRING ROUNDTABLE SERIES VII
“LIVE IN YOUR POWER!”
United States Virgin Islands: St. Thomas
April 25-26, 2022
CALL FOR PROPOSALS!
Proposal submission deadline is November 30, 2021

Description of the Spring Roundtable Series (April 25-26, 2022)
The seventh edition of the Spring Roundtable Series will be another virtual edition produced from the U.S. Virgin Islands (St. Thomas) via Zoom. The conference offers practitioners, educators, activists an opportunity to share their work in a setting that will invite them to discuss the implications of how their work impacts selected communities. In other words, we will continue to “LIVE IN YOUR POWER” in an effort to address how systemic and individual power manifests itself as sexuality educators, counselors, therapists and consultants. There is power in resilience, flexibility, collaboration, and in access. In addition there is also power (and privilege) in the creation and engagement of creating spaces that allow for self-care. Since our host hotel has WIFI, we will meet online and if you join us in St. Thomas, we will observe all CDC protocols and appropriately distance ourselves on the private beach.

When we met last year online for our conference, we were able to experience a profound sense of cohesion and support that allowed each participant to grow professionally and personally. The presentations were compelling and enabled us to discuss and strategize about complex issues. This year, through our research and clinical best practice, we encourage participants to share their work on how power has shifted as a result of COVID-19 and how it has been managed and negotiated in Black relationships and sexuality. We seek proposals that reflect components of
race, gender, and relational power through Black sexual expression; how power influences intersectionality; issues of influence that affect Black LGBTQAI; the power of navigating reproductive politics; the convergence of power, fantasy/desire, and kink; media influences; relationship constellations and the negotiation of power and intimacy; sexuality education; mental health practice and the influence of sociocultural factors; and the management of blackness in predominantly white and Black spaces. Proposal submissions should reflect the theme of the conference.

Roundtable Discussion
Presentations will be fifty minutes in length. Round table is a form of academic discussion. Participants agree on a specific topic to discuss and debate. Each person is given equal right to participate, as illustrated by the idea of a circular layout referred to in the term round table. The session should present techniques, strategies, models, methodology and/or research relevant to the field of sexuality, with special consideration to overall conference theme. All workshops should engage participants and focus on sharing new information and/or expanding previous knowledge. Audience participation and engagement are strongly encouraged. Please be mindful that in order to encourage discussion, you are strongly encouraged to use no more than six to eight slides as a visual support.

Traditional Scholarly Presentation
Presentations will be either 25 or 50 minutes in length. While Powerpoint slides are encouraged, presenters may use handouts in order to facilitate dialogue for the presentation.

Dialogue Panel Presentation
The 50-minute dialogue panel presentations will be comprised of three or four panelists, who will each present a 10-minute brief about their idea or concept related to the theme. These briefs will be followed by a facilitated dialogue between panelists and the audience to further explore the connections between the ideas presented in the briefs or explore possible outcomes. The goal of the panel presentations is to create a respectful, engaging environment to assess complementary and divergent perspectives.

Proposal submissions should include:
1. Name
2. Mailing address
3. Email address
4. Telephone number
5. Institutional/agency affiliation
6. Biosketch (No more than 100 words)
7. Type of presentation (Roundtable Discussion; Traditional Scholarly Presentation [50 or 25 minutes]; Dialogue Panel Presentation)
8. Title of Presentation
9. Abstract of Presentation (No more than 150 words)
10. 2 SMART Learning Objectives
11. Resume or CV
PROPOSALS SHOULD BE SENT AS A WORD DOC TO:
JWADLEY@LINCOLN.EDU and ABSC1041@GMAIL.COM

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS
http://www.emeraldbeach.com
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Telephone: (340)777-8800
Hotel accommodations must be made by calling the front desk. King/Double bedroom
$192 + 22.5% tax per night, per room.

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