

# Association of Black Sexologists and Clinicians 2026 SPRING ROUNDTABLE SERIES XI

## *“The Joys of Individual and Relational Emancipation”*

**St. Maarten**

**April 27-28, 2026**

**EXTENDED CALL FOR PROPOSALS!**

**Proposal submission deadline is  
December 15, 2025**

### **Description of the Spring Roundtable Series**

The eleventh edition of the Spring Roundtable Series offers practitioners, educators, activists an opportunity to share our work in a setting that invites us to discuss the joys of individual and relational emancipation. Too often, our work and discourse centers what's wrong or what needs to be changed as it relates to sexual and mental health. Sometimes, that perspective holds us captive and bound to unexamined ideas and behaviors that lack the consideration for how joy could show up for us as individuals and within our relationships. When we remove ourselves or let go of some of our societal, familial, and relational expectations, we position ourselves to create capacity for emancipatory feelings, thoughts, and dialogue. This conference and series of conversations explores our willingness and ability to experience joy in the spaces that we are in as well as who we choose to share joy with.

When we met last year in Jamaica for our conference, there was a profound sense of cohesion, tranquility, and unrivaled support that allowed each participant to grow professionally and personally. The presentations were compelling and enabled us to discuss and strategize about complex issues. When we meet in St. Maarten, we will explore the possibility and probability of exploring individual and relational joy and the assumptions that we make about creating emancipation. Who is responsible for individual, relational, and sexual joy?

Submitted proposals should consider the continuum of individual, relational, and sexual health of persons of African descent. Proposals can also focus on the experiences of Black LGBTQAI, gender and reproductive politics, fantasy/desire and kink, media influences, relationship constellations including consensual nonmonogamy and polyamory, sexuality education, relational function/dysfunction, mental health practice, navigating trauma, sociocultural factors, and the confluence of race, gender, and sexuality. 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 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; 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**

Simpson Bay Resort, Marina & Spa

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