

# Association of Black Sexologists and Clinicians 2026 International Lecture Series IX

*“Worthy of the space you take up in this world!”*

**Grand Cayman**

**November 5-6, 2026**

## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS!**

### **Description of the International Lecture Series (November 5-6, 2026)**

The ninth edition of the International Lecture Series will be in hybrid format produced from Grand Cayman via Zoom. The conference offers sexuality researchers, practitioners, educators, and activists an opportunity to share their work in a setting that invites them to discuss the implications of how their work impacts selected communities. *“Worthy of the space you take up in this world”* is a call to recognize and honor the inherent value, agency, contributions, and sexual expression of Black folks. It challenges us to dismantle internalized doubt and external barriers that diminish presence, and to cultivate environments where people are empowered to occupy physical, intellectual, emotional, and sexual spaces authentically and confidently. This theme invites reflection on belonging, equity, and the responsibilities of institutions, communities, and partnerships to create conditions where diverse voices are seen, heard, and able to shape sex positive outcomes—affirming that existence, participation, and aspiration are *not contingent on permission* but on the fundamental worth of each person.

The conference presents an opportunity to explore the convergence of race and sexuality (e.g., Black Sexuality) through research, clinical best practice and pedagogy. Our creativity, imagination, emancipation, resilience, strength, and need for self-care (e.g., relaxation, peace, tranquility), will reveal itself during our presentations that center our understanding of various dimensions and perspectives about Black intimate and relational experiences. Since the host hotel in Grand Cayman has WI-FI, we will meet online for our conference with in-person fellowship immediately following presentations for those in attendance.

Proposals on reproductive justice, intimacy, interpretations of pleasure, and relational decision making are managed and negotiated in Black relationships and sexuality. We seek proposals that reflect the timeless beauty of Black sexual response, desire, and relational expression; solutions to the challenges of intersectionality; expansion upon issues that affect Black LGBTQAI including the recent negative legislative and political sentiments; gender and reproductive politics; kink; media influences; polyamory, consensual nonmonogamy and other relationship constellations; sexuality education; sexual function/dysfunction; mental health practice; sociocultural factors; and the confluence of race, gender, and sexuality. Proposal submissions should reflect the theme of the conference.

## **Traditional Scholarly Presentation**

Presentations will be 50 minutes in length. While Powerpoint slides are encouraged, presenters are encouraged to share no more than ten slides and facilitate a discussion for participants.

## **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**

**Proposal submission deadline is  
June 15, 2026**

## **HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Grand Caymania Resort  
276 Crighton Drive  
Grand Cayman, KY1-1206  
Cayman Islands  
<https://shorturl.at/pEf7C>

**Phone: 345-949-3100 or Toll Free: 855-722-9626**

Hotel accommodations can be made online or by calling the front desk. Single/Double Rooms are available starting at \$253.00 + tax per night (subject to change).