



**Sexual Abuse to Maternal Mortality Pipeline: An Institute to Unify Sexual Assault
and Reproductive Justice Advocates**

Program Schedule

Location: Long Island University-Brooklyn

Date: July 25th - 26th, 2019

Thursday, July 25th, 2019

8:30 AM Registration & Breakfast

9:30 AM Opening Ritual & Welcome

Farah Tanis, Executive Director, Black Women's Blueprint

Sevonna Brown, Associate Executive Director, Black Women's Blueprint

*Dr. Stacy Gropack, Dean, School of Health Professions at Long Island
University-Brooklyn*

**10:00 AM Black Women's Blueprint Research Presentation: The Sexual Assault to
Maternal Mortality Pipeline**

Presentation of the Institute for Gender and Culture at Black Women's
Blueprint analysis and research of the Sexual Assault to Maternal Mortality
Pipeline.

Farah Tanis, Executive Director, Black Women's Blueprint

Sevonna Brown, Associate Executive Director, Black Women's Blueprint

11:00 AM Lecture 1: Developing Culturally Competent and Trauma-Informed Care

A discussion with Q&A focused on the psychology of trauma, ways in which
healthcare may traumatize and retraumatize patients, and mechanisms for
developing trauma-informed care in medicine.

*Dr. Dana Crawford, Director of the Trauma-Informed Care Program,
Montefiore Medical*

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Plenary Session 1: Weathering and Maternal Health

A plenary session including birth and reproductive justice advocates as well as mental health professionals discussing how trauma is stored, triggered and amplified in women and survivors of gender-based violence and discrimination impacting maternal health outcomes.

***Chanel Porchia**, Founder & CEO, Ancient Song Doula Services,
Commissioner on NYC Commission on Gender Equity*

***Takeesha White**, Acting Assistant Commissioner for the Center for Health
Equity at the New York City Department of Health*

***Dr. Wendi Williams**, Dean, School of Education, Mills College,
Counseling Psychologist, APA Division 35 President-Elect*

***Moderator: Leeja Carter, Ph.D.**, Development at Black Women's Blueprint &
Assistant Professor at Long Island University-Brooklyn*

2:30 PM Plenary Session 2: Lost Mothers a Discussion with Family and Community Members Impacted by Maternal Mortality + Pre-Recorded Testimonies

A plenary session with community doulas and midwives discussing the occurrence and impact of maternal mortality.

***Regina Conceicao**, Founder & Director of A Passion for New Beginnings*

***Hunter Dae Little-Goodridge**, Doula, Comfort Across the Spectrum*

***Efe Osaren, DC, CLC**, Founder of Doula Chronicles and Orishé Midwifery*

***Moderator: Sevonna Brown**, Associate Executive Director, Black Women's
Blueprint*

3:30 PM Lecture 2: The Heart and Trauma

A discussion with Q&A focused on the impact of stress and trauma on Black women's cardiac health.

***Pilar Stevens-Haynes, MD, FACC**, Director of Non-Invasive Cardiology
South Nassau Community Hospital*

4:15 PM Break

4:30 PM Grounding & Reflection exercise

5:00 PM Close Session

Friday, July 26, 2019

9:30 AM Opening Ritual & Remarks

Farah Tanis, Executive Director, Black Women's Blueprint

Sevonna Brown, Associate Executive Director, Black Women's Blueprint

10:00 AM Keynote Speaker: Honorable Glenda M. Hatchett

A discussion on gender and intersectional discrimination in the health care field and its impact on Black maternal health. A talk for policymakers, advocates, the medical field, and philanthropy to work together to address this urgent medical issue in the interest of our Black mothers, children, and families.

Discussant: *Farah Tanis, Executive Director, Black Women's Blueprint*

11:30 AM Plenary Session 2: Policing and Criminalizing Black Women and Mothers and the Impact on Black Maternal Health

Kelly Davis, Director, NYC Birth Equity Initiative at New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Dr. Lynn Roberts, Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Alumni Relations, CUNY Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy

Melissa Madan, Team Leader & Program Coordinator, Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies, FDP

Sarah Wheeler, Adjunct Professor of Clinical Law for the Reproductive Justice Clinic at NYU School of Law

Moderator: *Shawnda Chapman-Brown, Board Chair at Black Women's Blueprint and Lead Program Specialist, Center on Youth Justice at Vera Institute of Justice*

1:00 PM Lunch

2:00 PM Reflection Exercise

2:30 PM Unifying Fields: A Community Conversation with Sexual Assault and Reproductive Justice Advocates

This teach-in allows attendees the opportunity to reflect on the presentations and do an examination of the current movement with a new lens, moving beyond racial bias and taking gender, sexuality, and gender-based violence into consideration.

Farah Tanis, Executive Director, Black Women's Blueprint

4:00 PM Participant and Attendee Talking Circles

Attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback on their experience and inform the Institute/organization on their experience and ways we can support their organizations.

***Sevonna Brown**, Associate Executive Director, Black Women's Blueprint*

5:00 PM Close-out training