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BLACK FEMINIST CENTERED FORUM ON
DISRUPTING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

October 31, 2019 - November 1, 2019 Philadelphia, PA

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Welcome to our celebration of the 25th anniversary of the making of

## **NO! The Rape Documentary**

and the 2019 publication of the anthology

# love WITH accountability:

Digging Up the Roots of Child Sexual Abuse

and a national, intergenerational forum to co-envision

**A Society Without Violence** 

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## Thursday, October 31, 2019

Lightbox Film Center, 3701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia Lightbox is wheelchair accessible, and there will be ASL interpreters.

### 6:10pm - 6:45pm

Karen Smith she/her Master Drummer, Lead Percussionist, and Arts Educator Remembrance of Indigenous People, Enslaved Africans, and Indigenous Land

**Video slideshow** edited by Tina Morton and featuring original music by Loretta "Funky LB" Brown, in honor of writer Toni Cade Bambara, poet Essex Hemphill, social psychologist Dr. Aaronette M. White, and filmmaker Kagendo Murungi — four ancestral spirits who, in human form, were instrumental in the conception, evolution, and/or completion of NO!

**Screening** of Bahamadia's "WeHere" music video

### **Remarks by Special Guests**

**BAHAMADIA** she/her Pioneering, award-winning hiphop artist, songwriter, and producer **MONIQUE S. HOWARD** she/her Executive Director of of WOAR: Philadelphia Center Against Sexual Violence

**SONIA SANCHEZ** she/her Poet laureate, mother, professor, and national and international lecturer on black culture and literature

Introduction of the director of NO! by LINDA JANET HOLMES she/her, on behalf of Scribe Video Center - Writer (Toni Cade Bambara biographer), Independent Scholar, Curator and long-time Women's Health Activist

Introduction of film by AISHAH SHAHIDAH SIMMONS she/her Producer, writer, and director of NO!

6:50pm - 8:20pm

NO! The Rape Documentary screening (presented with English subtitles)

8:25pm - 9:50pm

**Introduction of and Q&A** with the onscreen contributors, filmmakers, scholar-activist advisors, translators, and study guide authors in attendance:

On-Screen: Sultan Ali, Charlotte Pierce-Baker, Aminata Cairo Baruti, Pat Clark, Johnnetta Betsch Cole, Adrienne Davis, Orelana Clark Edwards, Farah Jasmine Griffin, Audree Irons, F. Reanae McNeal, Loretta J. Ross, Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, Michael Simmons, Scheherazade Tillet, Traci C. West, Tamara L. Xavier

**Behind the Screen:** Charlotte Pierce-Baker, Amadee L. Braxton, Joan Brannon, Joel Byrd, Carole Nawo Crawford, Kia Steave-Dickerson, Wadia L. Gardiner, Charlene Gilbert, Denise C. Jones, Barbara Kigozi, Gail M. Lloyd, Tina Morton, Sharon Mullally, Evelyne Laurent-Perrault, Rachel Afi Quinn, Michael Simmons, Tyree Cinque Simmons, Janine Spruill, Scheherazade Tillet, Giscard Xavier, Tamara L. Xavier

Elsa Barkley Brown, Paul Farber, Nikki Harmon, and Salamishah Tillet are unable to attend the screening, but will be in attendance at the conference and book launch on November 1, 2019.

## Friday, November 1, 2019

Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, 3620 Walnut Street, Philadelphia Annenberg is wheelchair accessible, and there will be ASL interpreters.

8:15am - 9:00am

### **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:00am - 9:30am

### Welcome

LUZ MARQUEZ BENBOW she/her Founder of #lamNegrx Remembrance of Indigenous People, Enslaved Africans, and Indigenous Land

**DEBORAH A. THOMAS** she/her R. Jean Brownlee Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania

MALIK WASHINGTON he/him Acting Director of Sexual Violence Prevention and Education at the University of Pennsylvania

9:30am - 10:00am

### **#FromNO2Love Overview**

AISHAH SHAHIDAH SIMMONS she/her Just Beginnings Collaborative Fellow at the Annenberg School for Communication and the Ortner Center on Violence & Abuse at the University of Pennsylvania LIZ S. ALEXANDER she/her Founder of She Dreams of Freedom Consulting Group

10:00am - 12:00pm

## Plenary Roundtable 1: Blazing the Trails

SALAMISHAH TILLET she/her (moderator) Henry Rutgers Professor of African, African-American Studies and Creative Writing at the University of Pennsylvania and Co-Founder of A Long Walk Home, Inc. CHARLOTTE PIERCE-BAKER she/her Professor Emerita of Women's and Gender Studies and English at Vanderbilt University

**DOROTHY ROBERTS** she/her George A. Weiss University Professor of Law and Sociology and the Raymond Pace and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Professor of Civil Rights, University of Pennsylvania **LORETTA J. ROSS** she/her Co-founder of the SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective and the co-creator, in 1994, of the theory of reproductive justice

BEVERLY GUY-SHEFTALL she/her Founding Director of the Women's Research and Resource Center (since 1981) and Anna Julia Cooper Professor of Women's Studies at Spelman College TRACI C. WEST she/her Professor of Christian Ethics and African American Studies at Drew University Theological School (Madison, NJ)

12:00pm - 1:30pm

### Lunch on your own

Copies of some of the book titles by conference presenters, NO!, and love WITH accountability contributors and guests will be available on-site for purchase from the Penn Book Center between 11:45am and 2:00pm.

1:30pm - 3:00pm

### Plenary Roundtable 2: Sexual Violence Across the Black Diaspora

**DEBORAH A. THOMAS** she/her (moderator) R. Jean Brownlee Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania

 $\hbox{\bf ESTHER ARMAH } \textit{she/her Global Ghanaian award-winning journalist and the creator of } EMOTIONAL \ \textit{JUSTICE} \\$ 

EDXIE BETTS they/she TransFeminine, autonomous organizer and insurrectionary cultural worker SEVONNA BROWN she/her Associate Executive Director at Black Women's Blueprint GRACE SANDERS JOHNSON she/her Assistant Professor of Africana Studies at University of Pennsylvania EVELYNE LAURENT-PERRAULT she/her Assistant Professor of History at the University of California. Santa Barbara

3:00pm - 3:15pm

**BREAK** 

3:15pm - 4:45pm

# Plenary Roundtable 3: Disrupting Sexual Violence in Marginalized Communities

**DAGMAWI WOUBSHET** he/him (moderator) Ahuja Family Presidential Associate Professor of English at the University of Pennsylvania

AHMAD GREENE-HAYES he/him Founding director of Children of Combahee
JEY'NCE MIZRAHI POINDEXTER she/her Equality Michigan's first official Transgender
Victims Advocate

IGNACIO G. HUTÍA XEITI RIVERA they/them Founder of The HEAL Project
AMITA SWADHIN they/them Founding Director of Mirror Memoirs
SCHEHERAZADE TILLET she/her Co-founder and the executive director of A Long Walk Home, Inc.

4:45pm - 5:15pm

## Closing of Conference at the Annenberg School for Communication

JOHN L. JACKSON, JR. he/him Walter H. Annenberg Dean of the Annenberg School for Communication and Richard Perry University Professor at the University of Pennsylvania

African American Museum in Philadelphia, 701 Arch Street, Philadelphia The AAMP is wheelchair accessible, and there will be ASL Interpreters.

6:00pm - 6:50pm

Public reception with approximately half of the 43-contributors to the love WITH

accountability: Digging Up the Roots of Child Sexual Abuse anthology in attendance. There will also be a video montage of all of the contributors, created by Z! Haunkeness featuring original music composed by Loretta "FunkyLB" Brown and edited by Sonali Gulati

The anthology will be available on site for purchase from Uncle Bobbies Books

## 7:00pm

### Welcome

KAREN SMITH she/her Master drummer, lead percussionist, and arts educator Remembrance of Indigenous People, Enslaved Africans, and Indigenous Land

JAMES CLAIBORNE he/him Public Programming Manager for the African American Museum in Philadelphia (AAMP)

## 7:15pm

### Context

MONIQUE S. HOWARD she/her Executive Director of WOAR: Philadelphia Center Against Sexual Violence

BRITTNIE KNIGHT she/her Communications Director for the Leeway Foundation
TYNEHSA MCHARRIS she/her Program Officer for the NoVo Foundation's Advancing Adolescent
Girls' Rights initiative

## 7:30pm

Poetic Performances by three love WITH accountability anthology contributors:
TANISHA ESPERANZA JARVIS she/her Bisexual Afro-Latina, healer, activist and psychology student
E NINA JAY she/her Black lesbian poet who uses words as ropes to climb toward healing from sexual violence
THEA MATTHEWS she/her Poet who writes on the complexities of humanity, grief, and resiliency

## 7:50pm - 8:30pm

**love WITH accountability anthology conversation** with the editor and three of the 43-contributors:

AISHAH SHAHIDAH SIMMONS she/her Moderator & anthology editor
ALICIA SANCHEZ GILL she/her Queer AfroLatinx survivor and the Director of the Emergent Fund
MEL A. PHILLIPS he/him Victim's Advocate at Oregon Abuse Advocates and Survivors in Service (OAASIS)
GWENDOLYN ZOHARAH SIMMONS she/her Professor Emerita of African American Studies and
religion at the University of Florida, Gainesville

## 8:30pm - 9:00pm

## love WITH accountability: Digging Up the Roots of Child Sexual Abuse

Anthology signing with the contributors in attendance: Liz S. Alexander, Esther Armah, Luz Marquez-Benbow, Edxie Betts, Sevonna Brown, Nicole "Kqueen" Denson, CeCelia Falls, alicia sanchez gill, Adenike A. Harris, Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Indira Henard, Tanisha Esperanza Jarvis, e nina jay, Tonya Lovelace, Thea Matthews, Chevara Orrin, Mel A. Phillips, Jey'nce Mizrahi Poindexter, Ignacio G. Hutía Xeiti Rivera, Lynn Roberts, Loretta J. Ross, Aishah Shahidah Simmons, Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, Farah Tanis, and Tashmica Torok

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