

Acknowledgements

DBGM is returning to its origins, bringing greater attention to many underlying issues impacting LGBTQ+ peoples of color mental health, which significantly contribute to their life choices and decisions. These fora lead up to the In My Mind Conference (Oct 8 & 9), with the theme, **“The Environment and Me”**, which looks at the many ways the environment (internal and external) impacts community members’ mental health. For this, the first in the series of NY Citywide discussion fora (see the Save-the-Dates flyer for upcoming fora throughout the City), the organizers acknowledge and thank the following for their sponsorship, support and partnership:

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Join us for a Webinar

“Turning Ideas into Topics - Writing Abstracts”
Wednesday, Mar 18, 2020, 1:00pm to 2:00pm
Presented by

The James Beard Foundation, with facilitators:
Lissette Marrero, MSW and **Collen Vincent**.

Sign up for an opportunity to learn how to present at the only mental health gathering for LGBTQ+ peoples of color in the world! It’s **FREE!**

<http://bit.ly/AbstractWrite>



Hostos Community College, ThriveNYC, Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs, Mayor’s Office of Community Affairs and DBGM, Inc, host

“Immigration and My Mental Health”

on

February 24, 2020

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Hostos Community College, CUNY
Multipurpose Room, 2nd floor,
120 East 149th Street (D-Building)
Bronx, NY 10451

www.dbgm.org

www.inmymindconference.com

www.yana-thefilm.com

What's Happening?

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Welcome – Antoine B. Craigwell (DBGM)
Fabian Wander, LCSW
David Gomes, Ed. D., President, Hostos Community
College, CUNY

Presentation – Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

Introductions

Moderator and Panelists

Panel Discussion –

“Immigration and My Mental Health”

Q&A - Moderator and Panelists

Thank you and Closing

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Light Refreshments, Mingling, Exhibitions

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DBGM (dbgm.org) is an organization founded in 2013 following the release of the documentary “**You Are Not Alone**” (www.yana-thefilm.com), in which Black gay men break their silence and speak out about issues contributing to their depression, suicidal ideation and attempts. It is an advocacy and activist organization, and is committed to increasing mental health awareness – making it easier to speak about one's mental health without fear, judgment or condemnation, to prevent suicides and enable LGBTQ+ peoples of color to work toward their healing. The organization's programs include “**In My Mind**” (inmymindconference.com) a mental health conference for, about, and by LGBTQ+ peoples of color, and two support groups **SONS** (for gay men of color struggling with mental health), and **HER** (for mothers of color who lost sons to HIV/AIDS and suicide).

Interested in raising mental health awareness and want to join us to prevent suicides?

Contact us at info@dbgm.org

About our Panelists

“Immigration and My Mental Health”

Panelists

Tsion Gurmu, Esq., is an Ethiopian-American attorney, writer, consultant, and researcher on migration, with a special focus on gender and sexuality. She is the Legal Director of the Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI), and is the founder and Director of the Queer Black immigrant project (QBip), a Black radical lawyering initiative providing comprehensive legal representation to LGBTQIA+ Black immigrants.

Steve Welch, LCSW-R, is a psychotherapist with 30 years of experience in the areas of addiction, HIV, trauma, and LGBTQ+ issues with a focus on communities of color. He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor for 20 years, and Certified Clinical Trauma Professional.

Orlando Ferrand is an award-winning poet, writer, and multidisciplinary artist. He's a publisher and art director at CreateTank Media. A member of PEN America and the Authors Guild, he's the author of the full-length poetry collections, *Star Witness*, *Citywalker*, and *La Otra Isla* as well as the memoir “*Apologia: Cuban Childhood in My Backpack*”

Uchekukwu “Uche” Onwa is the Co-Director and Coordinator of Community Organizing at Queer Detainee Empowerment Project, and for more than seven years worked in community outreach, public health, and human rights.

Moderator

Alicia Anabel Santos is a Spiritual Life Coach/Activist, Writer, Producer, Playwright, Speaker, Teaching Artist, Afrolatina Lesbian Storyteller and Iyalocha. She was born in Brooklyn and is a proud Dominican writer.

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