



## Let's Talk About Sex! Conference Workshop Descriptions

Following are the workshop session descriptions.

### HOW TO READ:

Below each session date and time, we have listed, in this order:

**TITLE**

**PRESENTERS & CONTACT INFORMATION**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION**

**WHO MAY ATTEND/RATING (see key to the right)/ROOM ASSIGNMENT**

### Ratings Key

*G – Appropriate for all audiences*

*PG – May deal with some more mature topics*

*PG-13 May deal with more mature topics – appropriate for teenagers*

*R – May contain some explicit discussion on sex and sexuality*

If you would like to read a more detailed description, we have a binder at registration with fuller details on each workshop.

### CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 1 Thursday, May 31 – 11:00 am – 12:15 pm

#### 1. Prisons as Agents of Reproductive Oppression

**Robin Levi** (Robin.Levi@comcast.net)/Justice Now

**Rachel Roth** (rachel.roth@earthlink.net) & **Tina Reynolds**

(treynolds@osborneny.org)/Osborne Association

**Alex Lee** (Alex@jnow.org)/Gender-Variant and Intersex Justice Project

*This panel will examine the ways in which prison acts as an agent of reproductive oppression, especially the intersection of abuses that lead to the vast imprisonment of women of color.*

ALL/PG/Cook

#### 2. Calling All Prophets: Partnering Faith Communities and Sexual Health Advocates

**Kate M. Ott** (kott@religiousinstitute.org)/Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing

*This workshop will address practical steps for how sexual and reproductive health advocates can begin to engage local religious leaders and faith communities in their work.*

ALL/G/Heathrow

#### 3. Physicians as Advocates for Adolescent Reproductive Health

**Emiko Otsubo** (emiko@prch.org), **Kaiyti Duffy**

(kaiyti@prch.org) & **Melissa Simon**/Physicians for Reproductive Health

*In this workshop, presenters will discuss the current state of adolescent reproductive health training in the medical community, view a curriculum module, discuss the ways that physicians can be advocates for change within their offices, communities and governments, and dialogue with participants regarding how we can bridge the divide between physician advocacy and grassroots work.*

ALL/G/Orly

#### 4. Sex Work and Economic Justice in Social Movements

**Juhu Thukral** (jthukral@urbanjustice.org)/Urban

Justice Center

**Erika Derkas** (ederkas@nmhu.edu)

**Gennifer Hirano** (gmh@asianprincessartifacts.com)

*This workshop will address the complex issues around sex workers rights and human rights as they are experienced by immigrant communities and communities of color, and will discuss advocacy strategies.*

ALL/PG/Narita A & B

#### 5. Beyond Safe Sex: HIV – a Reproductive Justice Issue

**Mehret Mandefro** (mehret@truthaids.org) & **Manel Silva**

(manel@truthaids.org)/TRUTH AIDS

**Jennifer Augustine & Trina Scott**

(trina@advocatesforyouth.org)/Advocates for Youth

*This workshop examines the experiences of women with HIV/AIDS in the South Bronx, the US South and Ethiopia, comparing their circumstances, emphasizing the experience of gender inequity and developing non-traditional strategies to address these issues.*

WOMEN ONLY/G/Grand Ballroom

#### 6. US Policy and Violence Against Women of Color

**Jessica Hernandez** (Jessiehdz@gmail.com) & **Diana Salas**

(Diana.salas@nyu.edu)/Women of Color Policy Network, Wagner School of Public Service, New York University

*We propose to demonstrate how public policy is greatly influenced by the media, which perpetuates stereotypical image of women of color. Our proposal is to have an open dialogue about the three types of violence and examine how the reproductive justice movement can be involved in combating these forms of violence.*

ALL/PG/Stephens II

**7. The Entertainment Industry as a Model for Preventing Violence Against Women**

**Roxanna Damas** (rgdamas4@aol.com) & **Zoe Flowers** (zoeflowers@netscape.com)

*Our workshop will illustrate the ways the entertainment and fashion industries influence women's sexuality and their susceptibility to violence and explore strategies for using these markets as catalysts for social change.*

ALL/PG/O'Hare Salon A

**8. Thinking Outside the Box: Interconnectedness of HIV Policy & the War on Reproductive Justice**

**Nicole Clark, Ashleigh Peoples, Adaku Utah & Jalan Washington** (trina@advocatesforyouth.org)/**Advocates for Youth's Young Women of Color Leadership Council**

*The goal of this workshop is to enable women, especially young women and adolescents of color, to become advocates in integrating HIV and AIDS within the reproductive justice movement to achieve overall positive sexual and reproductive health.*

ALL/G/Michigan-Erie

**9. Sovereignty Over Our Bodies & Sexuality**

**Katrina Cantrell** (kcantrell@telis.net)/**Women's Health Specialists of California**

*Indigenous activist Katrina Cantrell will share the collective process of participatory self-help groups as a forum for women and girls to share their truths, learn from each other, and gain powerful support from each other to overcome the racist, anti-women shame placed upon us by patriarchal institutions.*

ALL/G/O'Hare Salon C

**10. Sex, Drugs & Politics: Recent US Trends on Sex Research**

**Amy Allina** (aallina@nwhn.org)/**National Women's Health Network**

*This presentation will describe the effect of recent U.S. political and economic trends on research on women's sexuality*

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**11. Controlling the Bodies of Women of Color: Impact of State Restrictions on Abortion Access**

**Katherine Grainger** (kgrainger@reprorights.org) & **Celine Mizrahi**/Center for Reproductive Rights

**Laura Nixon** (lnixon@prochoice.org)/**National Abortion Federation**

*This workshop will examine the different elements of access to abortion as well as the current government attempts to control the bodies, reproduction, and sexuality of women of color.*

ALL/G/Superior

**12. Separated by Oceans, United by Experience and Passion: Women of Color, VAW and HIV & AIDS**

**Sylvia Goba, Miata Jambawai, Wendy Lorisme & Jacqui Patterson** (jacqui.patterson@actionaid.org)/**ActionAID**

*Panelists will be discussing the impact of the AIDS virus on the lives of women from several global perspectives.*

ALL/PG/O'Hare Salon B

**13. Sexual Abuse and Drug Addiction - Breathing Through the Pain to Healing**

**Ayo Handy-Kendi** (ayomeansjoy@yahoo.com)

*BREATHE LIFE INTO YOUR SEXUAL ABUSE, ADDICTIONS AND TRAUMA ISSUES - encourages discovery within a group process, of holistic techniques, rituals and cultural awareness using breath as the primary change agent along with other alternative therapies to increase self-love, forgiveness, grief and anger reduction, that enables one to grow beyond trauma, abuse issues, PTSD, or victimization after violence. Please wear loose, light-colored clothing, eat lightly before session.*

ALL/PG-13/Shannon

**CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 2**

**Thursday, May 31 – 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm**

**14. Slavery's Echo: The Racialized Sexualization of Black Sex Workers**

**Samantha E. Erskine** (serskine@slc.edu)

*We will examine how the legacy of slavery and racism in the United States directly inform the stigma on the sex work industry.*

ALL/R/Cook

**15. Putting Power into our own Hands: Prevention Methods for Sexually Transmitted Infections**

**Bindiya Patel** (bpatel@global-campaign.org) & **Gina Arias**/Global Campaign for Microbicides

**Antoinette Barnes** (Abarnes@sisterlove.org)/**SisterLove**

*This panel of speakers will give participants an overview of what they need to know about: Microbicides; The new HPV vaccine; HIV vaccines under development; Diaphragm and other cervical barriers; Female condoms*

ALL/PG/Heathrow

**16. Sexing the Church: Faith based Models for Sexuality Education**

**Rev. Penny Willis** (pwillis@rcrc.org) & **Courtney Avery**/Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

*Participants in this workshop will explore the relationship between faith, spirituality, and sexuality through activities and dialogues.*

ALL/G/Orly

**17. Youth Taking Action: Organizing to Improve Sex Education in our Schools & Communities**

**Yessenia Cervantes & Adaku Utah** (adaku@icah.org)/Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health

**Nancy Sánchez** (nancy\_clrj@yahoo.com) & **Gabriela Valle** (gabriela.clrj@gmail.com)/California Latinas for Reproductive Justice

*Through interactive, fun and engaging exercises and helpful resources, we will share “best practice” with young women who are interested in making social change around sexual health and reproductive rights issues.*

ALL/PG/Michigan-Erie

**18. Stop the Violence. Stop the Silence.**

**Roxanne Epperson** (waarheals@yahoo.com) & **Smita Varia** (smita@advocatesforyouth.org)/Advocates for Youth

**Abby Kahn** (abby@healthyteennetwork.org)/Healthy Teen Network

*This workshop will feature an overview of the different forms of relationship violence and their potentially adverse effects, as well as a discussion of how professionals can advocate for survivors and how survivors can heal.*

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**19. Promoting Adolescent Reproductive Justice Through Peer Education for Healthcare Providers & Youth**

**Paulina L. DeMairo & TORCH** (pdemairo@prochoiceny.org)/NARAL Pro Choice NY

*This workshop will describe a youth program that has three projects which promote adolescent reproductive justice and the strategies to establish a similar program in your setting.*

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**20. ACTING UP for Ourselves: HIV & Women of Color and Direct Action AIDS Activism**

**Judith Dillard** (msjdillard@yahoo.com) & **Waheedah Shabazz-EI** (iamshabazz@yahoo.com)/CHAMP

*Women living with HIV promoting HIV activism.*

ALL/PG/O’Hare Salon B

**21. My Mama Always Said: What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You: Environmental Justice & RJ**

**Yomi Noibi/ECO-Action**

**Cara Page** (cara@cwpe.org) & **EtoBssie Wako** (etobssiew@gmail.com)/Committee on Women, Population and the Environment

*This workshop seeks to bridge the gap between reproductive and environmental justice through knowledge and action in our struggle for the right for quality and safe healthcare and environments.*

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**22. Moving Forward: Media Strategies for Reproductive Justice for Women of Color**

**Kathy Bonk** (kbonk@ccmc.org) & **Laura Rogers/Communications Consortium Media Center**

**Rocío Córdoba** (rocio@clrj.org)/California Latinas for Reproductive Justice

*This will be an interactive workshop addressing the ways that important life decisions involving sexual and reproductive health and rights get talked about in America, and how the frame of discussion affects public perception and policy initiatives.*

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**23. Sex is for Fun, technology is for babies!: Reproductive Technologies & Women of Color**

**Jamie Brooks/Center for Genetics & Society**

**Jessica Arons /Center for American Progress**

**Priscilla Huang** (phuang@napawf.org)/National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum

**Facilitator: Kiran Ahuja** (kahuja@napawf.org)/National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum

*This workshop will provide participants with the opportunity to learn about new reproductive and genetic technologies; discuss the political, social and ethical implications for women of color; and explore possibilities for engaging with these issues using a reproductive justice model.*

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**24. What the Numbers Mean: Sexual and Reproductive Health Outcomes for Women of Color**

**Rachel Jones** (rjones@gutmacher.org), **Janna A. Zinzi** (jzinzi@gutmacher.org), **Ann Moore, Lori Frohwirth & Suzette Audam/Gutmacher Institute**

*This presentation will pull together basic information about disparities in reproductive health by race/ethnicity and income to provide a frame work for examining social and economic inequalities, while including interviews with 38 women obtaining abortions to examine how issues of motherhood influenced their decision to terminate their pregnancies.*

ALL/G/Grand Ballroom

**25. Undivided Rights: Women of Color Organize for Reproductive Justice**

**Marlene Fried** (mgfSS@hampshire.edu)/Civil Liberties & Public Policy Program, Hampshire College

**Loretta Ross** (loretta@sistersong.net)/SisterSong

**Elena Gutiérrez** (elgut@uic.edu)/University of Illinois Chicago

**Facilitator: Janet Phoenix/National Research Center for Women & Families**

*The authors will present their book on the history of women of color reproductive health organizations and discuss the past, present and future of women of color organizing for reproductive justice.*

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**CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 3**  
**Friday, June 1 – 11:15 am – 12:30 pm**

**26. Beyond Civic Engagement: How to Organize the Movement 101**

**LaVida Davis & Sabrina Hampton**

(theashagroup@comcast.net)/**The Asha Group**

*The workshop will define organizing and share concrete tools that can be used to engage our communities and build campaigns.*

ALL/PG/Cook

**27. Sexual Health and Latina Youth Development**

**Stephanie Gentry-Fernández** (gentryfernandez@hify.org),

**Sheena Castrejón, Maliya Coye & Vicky Valentine**

(valentine@hify.org)/**Health Initiatives for Youth**

*The workshop will lead participants in identifying how young Latinas are affected by overlapping oppressions such as adultism, racism, classism, sexism, xenophobia, and homophobia, among others as well as present aspects of Latin American and Latina/o cultures that promote resilience and sexual health.*

ALL/PG/Heathrow

**28. Our Bodies, Ourselves: Understanding Current Barriers to Multicultural Healthcare Resources**

**Sonia Slutzki** (soniatzki@hotmail.com)/**Boston Women's Health Book Collective**

*The workshop will present the *Our Bodies, Ourselves* text in a historical context and will examine the stark differences in the provision of healthcare information between the new version of *OBOS* and its other editions.*

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**29. The Over-Sexualization of Women of Color**

**Crystallee Rene Crain** (crystallee.crain@gmail.com)/**Northern Michigan University**

*The Over-sexualization of Women of Color: Being biracial in a black and white society, where beauty is dictated by your skin tone and your assumed gender and gender preference is subjugated by your outer appearance.*

ALL/PG/Huron

**30. Orgasms, Vaginuism and Dyspareunia – Oh My!**

**Mandy Gittler & Courtney Bell** (cbbell1@uchicago.edu)

*This workshop aims to explore the pharmaceuticals' drive to profit off of women's sexuality, as well as focus on supporting advocates who wish to have a broader dialogue with women in their community and support women who would like to understand low – libido.*

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**31. The Power of Sex and Choice in Violent Intimate Partner Relationships**

**Ilesha Haywood** (ihaywood@tcfv.org)/**Women Healing and Empowering Women**

**Angela Sutton** (as@pcadv.org)/**Women of Color Network**

*Workshop attendees will learn to develop concrete ways to respect survivors of intimate partner violence right to choice through innovative safety planning techniques that address the power of intimacy, specifically. This workshop will also address that women experiencing intimate partner violence are directly at risk of an unintended pregnancy and have a right to accessible, comprehensive and quality reproductive healthcare.*

ALL/R/Michigan-Erie

**32. The Only "BUSH" I Trust: A Journey of Healing & Forgiveness**

**CASA ATABEX ACHE-The House of Womyn's Power**

(fuerzagoddes@aol.com)/**La Casa del Poder de la Mujer**

*Let go of the stories our bodies hold of trauma, abuse, and neglect: heal the wounds that a present and those that none can see, reclaim your right to own the power of your erotic and learn tools to use it as a tool to sustain and liberate yourself.*

Women of Color ONLY/G/Stephens II

**33. I Touch Myself Workshop**

**Celeste Spink** (the.cubing@gmail.com)/**Queer People of Color Lounge**

*The workshop will address several controversial perspectives regarding feminine and queer self-gratification as well as present a brief sex-toy segment and open a discussion about the impact of the sexual liberation of previous generations of women of color.*

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**34. Healthy Love Party**

**L. Nyrobi N. Moss** (nmoss@sisterlove.org)/**SisterLove**

*The Healthy Love Party is designed to meet people where they are in their understanding of sexual health, reproductive rights and human rights, have them self-identify and educate them, so that they can say, "yes my love is healthy."*

ALL/PG/O'Hare Salon B

**35. The Power of Stories: Experiences with Depo Provera & Birth Control**

**Cara Saleska** (csaleska@cwpe.org) & **EtoBssie Wako** (etobssiew@gmail.com)/**Committee on Women, Population and the Environment**

**Luz Rodríguez/SisterSong**

*We will explore the critical effects of DepoProvera on the bodies and lives of women, and how to use storytelling as a medium for transformative action and liberation.*

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**36. Human Sexuality 101: "This is Mine!" Ownership of One's SELF! Love! Worth! Image! Body! and Sexuality!**  
**Camile A. Abrahams** (Abrahams@harmreduction.org)/**Harm Reduction Coalition**  
**Gabriela Valle** (gabriela.clrj@gmail.com)/**California Latinas for Reproductive Justice**  
*This workshop will introduce ideas of self ownership -of self, one's body and sexuality and increase participants' knowledge of other issues regarding sexuality.*  
ALL/PG/Shannon

**37. We Do It Tool: Disabilities & Sex**  
**Martina Robinson** (martina\_robinson@hotmail.com)  
*The purpose of this workshop is to address some common myths and realities about the sexual lives of people with various disabilities, which do exist.*  
ALL/PG/Superior

**38. Liberating Girls from Disney Sexual Magic: Jasmine, Mulan and Pocahontas**  
**Christina Ann Poopatana** (christina.sp@gmail.com)/**CUNY Hunter College**  
*The workshop will critically analyze the stereotypes of Disney characters.*  
ALL/G/O'Hare Salon C

**39. Let's Talk About Abortion: Assessing our Values on Abortion Care**  
**Melissa Werner** (mwerner@prochoice.org)/**National Abortion Federation**  
*At the conclusion of this interactive educational session, participants will be able to describe their values related toward abortion and the women who have abortions.*  
ALL/G/Ontario

#### CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 4 Friday, June 1 – 2:45 pm – 4:00 pm

**40. Rights, Respect & Responsibility: A Blueprint for Reproductive Justice for Young Women of Color**  
**Marcela Howell** (marcela@advocatesforyouth.org)/**Advocates for Youth**  
**Aimee R. Thorne Thomsen** (aimeet@protectchoice.org)/**Pro-Choice Education Project**  
*This workshop will examine the impact on young women of color of contradictory and confused popular culture messages of "sex sells" juxtaposed against public policy messages of "just say no" to sex until marriage.*  
ALL/PG/O'Hare Salon A

**41. Let's Talk About Sexual Freedom!**  
**Ricci J. Levy** (rlevy@woodhullfoundation.org), **Yosefio V. Lewis** (ylewis@woodhullfoundation.org) & **Anne Luna** (aluna@woodhullfoundation.org)/**Woodhull Freedom Foundation**  
*Sex as part of the national dialogue? Absolutely! Challenge social and political extremists on issues of sexuality.*  
ALL/G/O'Hare Salon B

**42. Liberation: Abortion, Menstrual Stories and Self-Examination as Tools for Self-Determination**  
**Katrina Cantrell** (kcantrell@telis.org), **Kim Robinson & Leann Fisher** (eileen@womenshealthspecialists.org)/**Women's Health Specialists of California**  
*Women helping women to seize power through self help: decolonizing our bodies.*  
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**43. Reproductive Justice in '08: Creating a Political Platform for Empowerment**  
**La'Tasha Mayes** (newvoicespgh@gmail.com)/**New Voices Pittsburgh: Women of Color for Reproductive Justice**  
**Jessica González Rojas & Aishia Glasford** (aishia@latinainstitute.org)/**National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health**  
*This workshop will be directed toward setting our agenda as women of color for the 2008 elections.*  
ALL/G/O'Hare Salon C

**44. The Power of Erotic Childbirth**  
**Lisa Lusero** (llusero10@law.du.edu)/**Luz Reproductive Justice Think Tank**  
*Learn how tapping into your erotic wisdom during childbirth (and life in general!) can change the world.*  
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**45. Before We Talk About Sex, Let's See What Else There is to Talk About**  
**Alice Skenandore & Beverly Scow** (wwgp@new.rr.com)/**Wise Women Gathering Place**  
*This workshop will help the participants to learn a method of defining their personal goals and values and how to match those with the goals and values of the person/s they are forming relationships with.*  
ALL/PG/Huron

**46. Women of Color in State Reproductive Health Coalitions: accomplishments and challenges faced in Illinois**  
**Courtney Bell** (cbbell1@uchicago.edu)/**The Bottomless Closet**  
**Aparna Sen/Apna Ghar**  
**Gaylon Alcaraz/Chicago Abortion Fund**  
**Facilitator: Lynne Johnson** (ljohnson@cfw.org)/**Chicago Foundation for Women**  
*This moderated panel discussion intends to provide an overview of the history of the foundation's Our Voices, Our Choices initiative; review the initiative's programming, accomplishments; and challenges; and discuss plans for the future from the perspective of foundation staff and coalition members.*  
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#### 47. Intersex Realities and Queer Politics

Emi Koyama (emi@eminism.org)/Intersex Initiative  
Carmen Vázquez (cvazquez@prideagenda.org)/Empire  
State Pride Agenda

*This workshop explores ways in which Intersex medical treatment is similar to other ways in which variations in human bodies and sexualities are regulated through medicine, how it would impact cross-issue alliances. It will also examine a Queer politics obsessed with a focus on civil rights rather than human rights and how that focus undermines and limits both gender and sexual rights work.*

ALL/G/Stephens II

#### 48. Latinas Unite For Reproductive Justice

Juana Rosa Caverro, Miriam Madrid, Jacinta “Jacy” Montoya (jacy@colorlatina.org) & Guadalupe Vargas/Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR)

*An interactive workshop that will involve participants in a series of activities intended to identify and discuss Latino cultural values, the obstacles to Latina reproductive justice, and innovative ways in which Latina reproductive justice activists integrate Latino cultural values into their work*

ALL/PG/Michigan-Erie

#### 49. Building Common Ground: The Links Between Reproductive Health and Violence Against Women

Neicsa Page Jackson (VictimsVoice@yahoo.com)/LIFETIME  
Jeanine C. Hays (jeanine@endabuse.org)/Family Violence  
Prevention Fund

*This presentation will engage participants on the links between violence against women and reproductive health, raising awareness around issues including marital and spousal rape, birth control sabotage and reproductive control, and will include focus group findings on this critical link.*

ALL/R/Orly

#### 50. Building Healthy Sex Esteem for Youth

Dr. Denese Shervington, Dr. Lisa Richardson (lrich@iwesnola.org), Rheneisha Robertson, Adriane Frazier & Gabrielle Freels/Institute for Women & Ethnic Studies

*Using a Wisdom Circle format this workshop will explore the role of culture in promoting norms, attitudes and beliefs about sex, sexuality and sexual pleasure.*

ALL/PG/Heathrow

#### 51. How do you say Queer in Spanish? Conversations on the bilingual life of LGBTQ Youth/¿Cómo se dice “queer” en español?: Conversaciones sobre la vida bilingüe de jóvenes latinos LGBTQ”

Tania Unzueta (Tania@radioarte.org)/Homofrecuencia-90.5  
FM WRTE Radio Arte Chicago

*A workshop conducted in Spanish to discuss the issues that arise for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) youth living in bilingual and bicultural environments.*

*Un taller presentado en español para platicar sobre los asuntos que surgen para los jóvenes lesbianas, bisexuales, transgénero@s, queer y preguntando (LGBTQ) viviendo en un medioambiente bilingüe y bicultural.*

ALL/PG/Ontario

#### 52. Surviving Ourselves: Unpacking Reproductive Justice, Genetic Technologies & Eugenics

Emily Galpern (egalpern@genetics-and-society.org)/Center  
for Genetics & Society

Mia Mingus (mmingus@georgiansforchoice.org)/Georgians  
for Choice

Cara Page (cara@cwpe.org)/Committee on Women  
Population and the Environment

Tamika Odum (tamika.odum@uc.edu)

*This workshop will explore: where do communities of color, reproductive justice, l/b/g/t/i/ts/q and disability rights movements connect to genetic technologies and will make critical links to the social, cultural and political implications for our movements and lives, by reflecting on the impact of being marketed and defined by our DNA.*

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#### 53. Mapping Our Rights

Leila Hessini (HessiniL@ipas.org) & Lonna Hayes (haysl@ipas.org)/Ipas

*The presentation would introduce, demonstrate, and discuss Mapping Our Rights (www.mappingourrights.org), an interactive, web-based advocacy tool in which you can learn which state best protects your rights.*

ALL/G/Grand Ballroom

### CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 5

Friday, June 1 – 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

#### 54. How the Right Uses Social Policy to Harm Women of Color, Locally & Globally

Pam Chamberlain (p.chamberlain@publiceye.org)/Political  
Research Associates

Kimberly Alvarenga (kalvarenga@coloredgirls.org)/  
Women of Color Resource Center

*This session examines some of the tactics and campaigns utilized by the Right which ultimately harm women and families of color, globally and locally, particularly at the United Nations.*

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**55. Locked In/Locked Out: Women & Incarceration**

**Tina Reynolds** (treynolds@osborneny.org)/**Osborne**

**Association**

**Diana Ortíz & Denise Dunkley/Women on the Rise Telling Herstory**

*The members of WORTH are a diverse group of activists, advocates and academics who have experienced and will share the dehumanizing and oppressive policies and practices within prisons around reproductive rights, sexuality, sex and intimacy during incarceration.*

ALL/PG/Cook

**56. From the Birth-room to the Bedroom: Decolonizing Women from the Imprint of Violence**

**Kathy Sánchez, Corrine Sánchez & Michelle Peixinho**

(michelle@tewawomenunited.org)/**Tewa Birthing Project**

**Nonkululeko Tyehemba** (midwifebac@gmail.com)/**Harlem Birth Action Coalition**

*What is the connection between violence in the birth-room and the violence that women face in other areas of our lives?*

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**57. “Safer Drug Use”: Harm Reduction Strategies**

**Amber Kutka** (cindy@youarepriceless.org)/**Young Women's Empowerment Project**

*This workshop will provide valuable information about different ways to reduce your harm while using legal and illegal drugs.*

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**58. Fighting for Equality in Reproductive Health Care**

**Deborah Reid** (reid@healthlaw.org)/**National Health Law Program**

**Toni Bond Leonard** (tbond@aaweonline.org)/**African American Women Evolving**

**Sara Miller & Liza Fuentes** (spoggi@nnaf.org)/**National Network of Abortion Funds**

*On this panel, activists from the National Network of Abortion Funds and the National Health Law Program will share with participants how their fights to repeal the Hyde Amendment and to save Medicaid affect the reproductive health of low-income women of color.*

ALL/G/Orly

**59. The Demise of Sex Ed in Our Schools**

**Lisa Barton** (LBarton@ProChoiceAmerica.org), **Belinda Bulger & Amber Wobschall/NARAL Pro-Choice America**

*This session will outline: 1) the rise of abstinence-only programs in schools; 2) the adverse effect they have had on young people, particularly young women of color who are at high risk for unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS; and 3) the proactive strategies (legislative and non-legislative) that we can employ to regain ground in the sex education debate so that young people can literally “talk about sex” and lead healthier lives.*

ALL/G/Michigan-Erie

**60. ¿Qué es el Sexo? What is Sex?**

**Patty Herrera** (patty.herrera@ppsbsvslo.org)/**Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties, Inc.**

*¿Qué es el Sexo? (What Is Sex?) is a complicated question to address in Latino communities. This workshop will explore key characteristics and traditions of Latinos, particularly Catholic and Mexican Americans and enhance participants' deliver of sexuality education in Latino communities.*

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**61. Catholics & Sex: A Discussion of Pro-choice Catholicism**  
**Marissa Valeri** (mvaleri@catholicsforchoice.org)/**Catholics for a Free Choice**

*This workshop will explore Catholic support for legal abortion, and give advocates and activists the tools necessary to speak up and speak out as pro-choice Catholics.*

ALL/G/Huron

**62. From the Inside Out: Reproductive Coercion in Communities of Color, In the Heart and In the Law.**

**Jessica Herrera** (latinaoutreach@feministcenter.org)/**Atlanta Feminist Women's Health Center**

*The objective of this workshop is to unearth the profound relationship between individual reproductive rights/reproductive agency and the intersectionality of race, socio-economic status, immigrant status and pigmentation that exist both internally within communities of color and externally in federal and national governmental structures.*

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**63. Using Human Rights to Access Reproductive Justice**  
**Robin Levi** (Robin.Levi@comcast.net), **Vanessa Huang & Lynsay Skiba/Justice Now**

*This workshop will set forth the basic human rights framework and will discuss and highlight ways that it can be used to bring us closer to reproductive justice.*

ALL/PG/Superior

**64. Young Women's Access to Abortion**  
**Rose Afriyie, Melody Drnach & Latifa Lyles**

(chapfield@now.org)/**National Organization for Women**

*Come and build with us as we give an overview of the current parental notification agenda and debunk the myths of teenage pregnancy being a problem and sexual pleasure being only for the 18 and over.*

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**65. ¡Levántate! Latinas Stand Up for Sex Ed**  
**Rocio Córdoba** (rocio@clrj.org), **Gabriela Valle** (gabriela.clrj@gmail.com) & **Nancy Sanchez** (nancy\_clrj@yahoo.com)/**California Latinas for Reproductive Justice**

*This interactive workshop highlights effective strategies to empower Latinas to mobilize for comprehensive sexuality education in their communities.*

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**66. Could the government's no-sex-until-marriage policy be the next Tuskegee project?**

**Sonya Clay** (Sonya@advocatesforyouth.org)/**Advocates for Youth**

*Over \$1.5 billion in public funding has been spent on abstinence-only programs targeted to youth of color. These programs either leave out or distort valuable HIV prevention information at a time when people of color are increasingly at risk. Why is the government ignoring science? And, what can we do about it?*

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**67. Saving Our Stories: Oral History as an Organizing Tool**

**Kelly Anderson** (KellyPAnd@aol.com), **Joyce Follet** (jfollet@email.smith.edu), **Terri Rockefeller/Voices of Feminism Project, Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College**

*The workshop focuses on documenting activism, particularly through the technique of oral history, including components on a) goals and motivations for recording your oral history; b) developing a protocol and a questionnaire, and; c) doing a mock interview and critique.*

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**CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 6**  
**Saturday, June 2 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**68. Building Liberated Zones with Young Women**

**Chantyel De la Cruz & Marian Martínez** (cdelacruz@dwdc.org)/**Da Urban Butterflies, Dominican Women's Development Center**

*Participants will exchange experiences regarding the realities young women are currently facing in our communities and will explore ways in which we, as young women can become active in destroying oppressive realities.*

ALL/G/Cook

**69. Exploring Sexual Healing as Women of Color**

**Vicky Valentine** (valentine@hify.org), **Maliyah Coye** (Coye@hify.org), **Sheena Castrejón & Stephanie Gentry-Fernández** (gentryfernandez@hify.org)/**Health Initiative for Youth**

*Through writing exercises, reflection and discussion we will provide participants a safe forum for comfortably expressing their opinions, experiences and hopes around a tender topic: the sexuality and sexual healing of women of color.*

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**70. There's no "I" in Power**

**Kierra Johnson** (kjohnson@choiceusa.org) & **Azi Golshan/Choice USA**

*Because giving away and abusing our power only aids in the further oppression of our communities, we, as women of color leaders, must identify, own and be transparent about our need for personal, institutional and collective power in our fight for sexual health and reproductive justice. Let's reframe and reclaim our power together!*

ALL/PG/O'Hare Salon A

**71. Harm Reduction for Girls and Young Women in the Sex Trade**

**Shira Hassan** (shirahassan@earthlink.net)/**Young Women's Empowerment Project**

*This workshop will provide tools and knowledge for young women in the sex trade to be able to protect themselves and will provide a space where girls receive non-judgmental support.*

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**72. Creating Safe Spaces for Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Queer Young Women of Color in our Communities**

**Urooj Arshad** (urooj@advocatesforyouth.org) & **Angel Brown** (angel@advocatesforyouth.org)/**Advocates for Youth**

*This workshop will discuss the specific issues of reproductive and sexual health justice for young women of color as well as how our communities can address these disparities and provide support to these young women.*

ALL/G/O'Hare Salon B

**73. Panocha Pláticas: Healthy Sex and Sexuality in Community**

**Irene Lara** (ilara@mail.sdsu.edu), **Sophia Arredondo, Jessica Far & Eneri Rodríguez**

*This workshop will transgress the shame, silence, misinformation, and representational distortion about Latina sexuality and our racialized "sexual flesh."*

ALL/R/Shannon

**74. Girls in the Hood**

**Dominique McKinney** (cindy@youarepriceless.org)/**Young Women's Empowerment Project**

*This workshop will explore the issue of girls who date gang members and what it means to be in relationship with them.*

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**75. From Girl to Woman: Puberty, Teens and Monthly Cycles: Teaching Tool MyMoonCards**

**Marina Alzugaray** (marina@mymooncards.com) & **Lauren Roberts**

*This course reviews the menstrual cycle from the first menstruation through the teen years.*

WOMEN ONLY/G/Narita A & B

**76. Overcoming Barriers to Immigrants' Access to Reproductive Health Care**

**Amanda Perez** (amanda.perez@ppnyc.org) & **Marissa Billowitz** (marissa.billowitz@ppnyc.org)/**Planned Parenthood of New York City**

**Aishia Glasford** (Aishia@latinainstitute.org)/**National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health**

**Priscilla Huang** (phuang@napawf.org)/**National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum**

*This workshop will provide a forum in which participants can discuss barriers faced by immigrant women in accessing reproductive health care and address the obstacles faced by participants) in challenging these barriers.*

ALL/G/Superior

**77. Reproductive Justice: A New Groove in the Movement**  
**Melody Nelson** (askpevv@gmail.com)/**Pleasure Education Resource of the Vegas Valley**

**Lázara Paz**

*This workshop will initiate frank and respectful discussions about sexuality and its involvement in reproductive justice in an interactive atmosphere.*

ALL/PG/Stephens I

**78. Young Mothers Speakout!: Stories from Young Mothers Organizing in the South Bronx**

**Andrea Ramos, Autumn Griffin, Ayanna Colón & Tiffany Otero** (lesliers@sistasontherise.org)/**Sistas on the Rise**

*This workshop will give an overview of issues teen mothers face and provide a fresh perspective on birthing and parenting at a young age.*

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**79. Healthy Relationships**

**Safire Young Women** (sandy@reproductivejustice.org)/**Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice**

*Participants in this workshop will practice non-judgment and build awareness and create a definition for what's healthy in a relationship.*

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**80. The Ins & outs of Masturbation in Girlhood**

**Elicia Gonzales** (e.she.talk@gmail.com)

*This session will explore the normalization of sexual development in girlhood from religious, medical, and social perspectives.*

ALL/PG/Ontario

**81. Advancing Reproductive Justice for Latinas in New York**  
**Angela Hooton** (ahooton@prochoiceny.org)/**Institute for Reproductive Health**

**Maricela Ureño/Hispanic Federation**

*This workshop will provide an overview of reproductive health issues facing Latinas in New York and the Latino Reproductive Rights Project, which is a multi-faceted project aimed at expanding knowledge and access to services through promotora training sessions, public education materials, a website and a media campaign.*

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**82. Bridging the Gap and Filling the Need: Incorporating HIV and STD Education into Reproductive Justice**

**Michelle Horton & LaDawn Best**

(ladawn\_reachla@earthlink.net)/**REACH LA**

*This workshop aims to aid youth in understanding the gaps between Pregnancy Prevention and other contributing factors such as HIV and STDs.*

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**CONCURRENT WORKSHOP SESSION 7**

**Saturday, June 2 – 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

**83. Sista Cypher – Teens'n'Sex – It Ain't Nothing New!**

**Andrea Ramos, Autumn Griffin, Ayanna Colón & Tiffany Otero** (lesliers@sistasontherise.org)/**Sistas on the Rise**

*This open, youth led session will explore the age-old question when should youth engage in sex.*

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**84. The Pleasure Principle**

**Chanel Haliburton** (csh2106@columbia.edu) & **Charlene Addy McGee** (mcgee\_charlene@hotmail.com)

*Through an honest and open dialogue, experience sharing, art expression, and interactive activities participants will have a safe space in which to generate ideas about ways in which young women can explore, express, and experience sexual pleasure.*

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**85. Proyecto Latina: Discovering All of Us**

**Lourdes Torres** (ltorres@depaul.edu), **Alicia Vega & Nicole Perez/Amigas Latinas**

*We will discuss the findings and implications of a community profile survey of Latina lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning women living in the Chicagoland area.*

ALL/G/Ontario

**86. Girls Do What They Have to Do to Survive**

**Isa Villafior & Dominique McKinney**

(cindy@youarepriceless.org)/**Young Women's Empowerment Project**

*This will be a safe space for girls to talk about the issue of girls of color and their involvement in the sex trade and street economies.*

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**87. Reproductive Justice in Israel & Palestine**  
**Noura Erakat** (legal@endtheoccupation.org)/**US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation**  
*We will discuss the applicability of a reproductive justice framework to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.*  
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**88. Can't Touch This**  
**Safire Young Women** (sandy@reproductivejustice.org)/**Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice**  
*We will define the range of what is harassment, by using story-telling, physical activities and brainstorm on how we can support each other.*  
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**89. ¿Qué Diría Mi Mamá?/What Would My Mom Say?: Reconciling Culture & Feminism**  
**Tatiana Díaz**  
*It will provide an insight into one Latina immigrant's struggle to bridge her new found feminism with her culture, family, friends and country.*  
ALL/PG/Heathrow

**90. Raise Your Voice! Young Women Building the Movement for Reproductive Justice**  
**Celica Whitley, Tiffany Jules, Lani Blechman & Nicole Clark** (aimeet@protectchoice.org)/**Young Women's Leadership Council of the Pro-Choice Education Project**  
*This interactive session will provide participants with tools and information to engage young women on reproductive justice issues.*  
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**91. The Art & Spirit of Sexual Healing**  
**Qaadira Allen** (sankofacircleart@yahoo.com)/**Sankofa Circle**  
*This experiential presentation explores transformative art as an innovative, holistic healing tool for women who have experienced childhood sexual abuse, based on the Sankofa Circle model, which provides life skills training to support women in healing and recovering those aspects of their spirit which may have been diminished through trauma.*  
ALL/PG/Shannon

**92. How to Say the "A" Word**  
**Monica Lois** (monica@4exhale.org)/**Exhale**  
*In this workshop we will facilitate an honest discussion about the complexity of abortion in a respectful supportive space through experiential exercises and information sharing.*  
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**93. Hip Hop & Feminism**  
**Nitche Ward** (the\_original\_woman\_poet@yahoo.com), **Joy Thompson, Naomi Bullock & Monica Daye**/Hip Hop Feminist Nation  
*This session will include a discussion of the current state of Hip Hop, including an interactive panel with young feminists and time for participants to create their own forms of Hip Hop and Spoken Word/Poetry.*  
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**94. Organizing Sex Ed in Your High School**  
**Joy Lawson** (jlawson@choiceusa.org)/**Choice USA**  
*This workshop talks about taking your passion, frustration, and knowledge concerning reproductive justice issues and organizing in your high school. The workshop will cover uncovering the people who have the power to change laws, rules, and curriculum and how to build a campaign with your peers.*  
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**95. Reproductive Justice Behind Bars: Abortion Rights for Incarcerated Women**  
**Charu A. Chandrasekhar** (cchandrasekhar@aclu.org)/**ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project**  
*This presentation will discuss legal and advocacy challenges to prison restrictions on abortion care.*  
ALL/PG/Narita A & B

**96. Wish You Were Queer Youth Workshop**  
**Amber Kutka** (cindy@youarepriceless.org)/**Young Women's Empowerment Project**  
*The session will address the alienation and stress queer youth go through everyday with straight but also queer people.*  
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