

Intimate Partner Violence: An Intersectional Perspective

Speaker Information

Jazzmun Crayton

Jazzmun Nichcalia Crayton's career combines show business and advocacy for the Transgender community for over 30 years. She has appeared in numerous television and movie roles, with her most recent role portraying Bobbie Jean Baker, a prominent Transgender Activist and religious leader in the television series "When We Rise."

Jazzmun serves the programs that serve the community, particularly Transgender Women of Color who are often marginalized, ostracized, and criminalized. She also leads "SPIRIT", which is a monthly holistic space for Trans and Gender Non-Conforming individuals.

As an extension of her capacity as an HIV Counselor and educator, she serves as the Coordinator of the Midnight Stroll, which brings awareness and needed self-care supplies for street based sex workers in order to enable and empower them to move from street based sex work into comprehensive community resources such as HIV testing and treatment, housing services, substance use counseling, legal and victim advocacy, and medical services.

She also a Board Member of the City of Los Angeles Transgender Advisory Council, which advises elected officials and civic leaders on critical issues facing the Transgender community such as economic development, public awareness, safety, and healthcare accessibility. In this role, she is able to affect policy changes and legislation that advances the empowerment of the Transgender community and allows them to live fulfilling and enriched lives by influencing Trans-inclusive housing and employment policies.

Not only does she serve the Transgender community via her professional capacity; she also serves the community through her creative side. As co-producer of the play "Lovely Bouquet of Flowers" and the accompanying documentary "In Full Bloom", she gives voice to members of the community from all walks of life, and challenges viewers to move past their pre-conceived stereotypes and see the commonalities that we all share as human beings. Jazzmun explores situations that are easily relatable to the Transgender community that deal with family, inner conflicts, coming out, surgery, hormones, and the complexities of sexual identity and orientation.

Jazzmun is a staunch supporter of the St. John's Transgender Health Program, and has served as the keynote speaker at the annual St. John's Transgender Day of Remembrance event, where St. John's honors and memorializes members of the Transgender community that have been lost due to the systemic violence and stigma that the Transgender community endures.

Transgender community through her role as HIV Testing Counselor at the Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team, where she facilitates

Norma Cumpian

Norma Cumpian joined the Anti-Recidivism Coalition in March 2016 after nearly five years working in the nonprofit/justice reform sector. In her current role as Life Coach, Norma has firsthand experience of the many challenges of reentry, making her a compassionate and effective guide for young people learning to navigate society following release from prison.

In addition to her role as service provider, Norma is a fierce advocate for incarcerated women and girls. She has traveled to the State Capitol, spoken on panels, and presented in numerous classrooms, in hopes of affecting change for incarcerated women, mothers and girls and a fairer criminal justice system for all.

Brenda Ingram

Dr. Ingram is a licensed clinical social worker and an educator who has over 25 years working in the mental health and education fields. Her dissertation focused on the impact of community violence on the academic careers of African American elementary school students. She is the Director of Clinical Services for Peace Over Violence. Dr. Ingram has been a lecturer with CSULB and UCLA Social Work Departments and a full faculty member at Pacific Oaks College, Marriage and Family Therapy where she developed their specialization for African American Mental Health. She is on the Advisory Board of the African Communities Public Health Coalition (ACPHC) and a member of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Trauma Informed Task Force of Greater LA. She is a member of the National Association Social Work (NASW) and Association of Black Social Workers (ABSW). She provides consultations, workshops and training on sexual and domestic violence, child abuse/trauma, trauma informed care, cultural competence, foster youth, mentoring, and program development to various human service agencies, schools, and mental health professionals.

Devika Shankar

Devika Shankar is a transnational feminist and passionate advocate dedicated to social justice and fighting all forms of oppression. She has worked in the field of Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence (DV/IPV) for over 10 years, is certified in the state of California in both Domestic Violence Counseling for Survivors and in Batters' Intervention, and has provided advocacy, counseling, and support services to adult and youth survivors of IPV and many other forms of trauma and violence.

Devika is currently the Program Coordinator of the Family Violence Intervention Services/STOP Violence Program at the Los Angeles LGBT Center. She provides training, education, and technical assistance to IPV shelter programs, LGBTQ organizations, and various other service provider agencies on many topics, including IPV in LGBTQ communities, cultural humility, and trauma informed approaches.

Devika also serves as Co-Chair of the Trauma Informed Task Force of Greater Los Angeles, and is a core member of the Los Angeles chapter of Af3irm, a transnational feminist, anti-imperialist, activist organization.