




BALTIMORE LEGACY CHAPTER  
ASSOCIATION OF BLACK SOCIAL WORKERS

2ND ANNUAL AFRICAN-CENTERED  
SOCIAL WORK SYMPOSIUM

# REIMAGINING LIBERATION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, 2022  
8:30AM-4:00PM



This year, we set our sights on **LIBERATION!** We imagine and **RE-IMAGINE** what that looks like for us in all areas of our practice – education, direct practice, and community!

## **SYMPOSIUM ACCESS INFORMATION**

To access the virtual symposium, please use the following ZOOM information:

**Meeting ID: 883 5944 8213**

**Passcode: 966132**

Please do not share the meeting ID or password with others. Anyone entering the zoom link who is not registered will be removed.

The Zoom will be open for entry at **8:30 AM**. The program will begin at **9:00 AM**. Registrants requesting CEUs must be in the room no later than **9:30 AM**.

# Sponsors

**Baltimore Legacy ABSW**, as an affiliate chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers, are a collective body of people of African ancestry, committed to unifying, empowering, and enhancing the quality of life for the Black community of the greater Baltimore area, through advocacy, service, professional development, and fellowship.

we are committed to enhancing the quality of life and empowering people of African ancestry through advocacy, human services delivery, and research. As such, our professional development events uniquely focus on the empowerment of clients & communities of African descent. If you work with African-American clients and communities, our public CEU opportunities will enhance your practice.

**CLLCTIVLY**, is a place-based social change organization centering Black genius, narrative power, social networks, and resource mobilization. Their mission is to end the fragmentation and duplication of programs, to learn from and about each other, and to be a resource for the Greater Baltimore community that seeks to find, fund and partner with Black social change organizations.

## About the National Association of Black Social Workers

The National Association of Black Social Workers, Inc., comprised of people of African ancestry, is committed to enhancing the quality of life and empowering people of African ancestry through advocacy, human services delivery, and research.

During the late 1960s, the Civil Rights, Black Consciousness, and the Black Social Work movements converged in the struggle for Black liberation. Black social workers organized across the country in major cities to address racism, poverty, the need for self-determination and empowerment of the Black family and community. NABSW was created on May 8, 1968 in San Francisco, CA, by a group for Black Social Workers who were convened for the National Conference on Social Welfare, the largest professional social work organization at the time. This group of Black Social Workers disengaged from that meeting to provide leadership and a "more consistent basis for unified action". Actions were targeted at local, state, national, and international levels.

NABSW's vision is guided by the Principles of the Nguzo Saba, which are Unity, Self-determination, Collective Work & Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith, and the Seven Cardinal Virtues of Ma'at, which are Right, Truth, Justice, Order, Reciprocity, Balance, and Harmony.



# Speakers

## **Opening Commentary - Dr. Joanne Martin**



Dr. Joanne Martin is the Co-founder and President of The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum, Inc., which is America's first wax museum of African American history. For the first time in the United States, more than 150 life-size and life-like Black wax figures are assembled together in a permanent museum collection spanning more than 5,000 years of African American history. She and her husband, Dr. Elmer Martin, have co-authored seminal publications involving the Black family, Black women, and racial and cultural diversity. They include The Black Extended Family, The Helping Tradition in the Black Family and Community, Social Work and the Black Experience, and Spirituality and the Black Helping Tradition.

## **Keynote Speaker - Dr. Cleo Manago**



Cleo Manago is a behavioral health and cultural analyst, writer, educator, popular speaker, and Black/African social justice and defense-focused human rights activist. He is Chief Advisor for Black Men's Xchange National (BMX) and the Black Women's Xchange (BWX), and curator of the AmASSI Center for Black Wellness and Culture. and Interim Chief Executive Officer for the Pride Center of Maryland. He is also the developer of the critically noted Critical Thinking and Cultural Affirmation (or CTCA) methodology, a "racism/ oppression trauma, trance-breaking" behavioral intervention, his work is featured in numerous journals, including The Black Scholar - Journal of Black Studies and Research, The Journal of Black Psychology, and the American Journal of Public Health.

## **Closing Word - Melissa Smith Haley, MSW, LMSW**



Melissa Smith Haley serves as the 14th National President. She joined NABSW over 20 years ago as a student at Xavier University in New Orleans where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication. She is a proud second-generation graduate of Clark Atlanta University School of Social Work where she and her father received their Master's Degrees of Social Work. Melissa is the Vice President of Program Operations for a nonprofit in New



Orleans, Louisiana. She has successfully managed several state and federal contracts totaling over 7 million dollars annually and a staff of over 70 employees.

## Facilitators

### **Amanda Morgan, LCSW-C**

Amanda Morgan, LCSW-C is an MSW Field Director, licensed clinical social worker & clinical supervisor with a duty to grow competent liberation-focused social workers. She is also a 3rd Year Ph.D. student at Howard University School of Social Work. Her research centers the narratives of Black mothers involved in the child welfare system and liberatory social work education. She is a proud 2019 graduate of the Academy of African-Centered Social Work Practice of the National Association of Black Social Workers. She was President of the Baltimore Legacy ABSW chapter from 2017 to the present. A native of Baltimore and an active alumna of the oldest, all-girls, public high school in the country, Amanda loves herbal tea and swanky office supplies, and adores being an auntie.



### **Dr. Geri ("Mama Geri") Lynn Peak, Two Gems Consulting**

Dr. Geri Lynn Peak brings a liberatory lens to transformative community -building efforts, applying spiritual principles to evaluation, research, technical assistance, facilitation and coaching through Two Gems Consulting Services. She is a Virtues Project master Facilitator and a member of the ACE Evaluation Network a member of the Equity Matters collaborative and the Old Money New Systems Collective, serves as an advisor to the Wealth Reclamation Academy of Practitioners and supports CLLCTIVLY's Black Giving Circle and programs.



### **NaShey Ingram, LCSW-C, RPT-S, Playful Minds Therapy**

NaShey Ingram is a Registered Play Therapist and Play Supervisor who specializes in expressive therapy for children and youth of color. With over 15 years of child welfare experience, Ms. Ingram is committed to the healing of children through the lifespan. A Baltimore native, Ms. Ingram began her career in child welfare at an early age. As a teen,



she advocated for children in the Park Heights area who experienced abuse and neglect. This launched Ms. Ingram's passion into finding ways to help children of color begin to heal from past trauma. She finds it extremely important to have healing spaces that are not hindered by judgment, language, or stigma.

**David C. Miller, M.Ed., Dare To Be King**

Baltimore native David C. Miller, M. Ed., finds himself at the intersection of peril and progress when gauging the economic and social deprivation that impacts communities of color. Miller uses his academic training and innate street skills to lead intergenerational conversations with men and boys focused on fatherhood, parenting, mental health, and managing anger. Miller is a Ph.D. Candidate in the School of Social Work at Morgan State University, focusing on Black fatherhood with a concentration on fathers raising daughters. Miller is the co-author of *Trauma and education among young Black males: Exploring African-centered rites of passage programming as a protective factor in Trauma and Mental Health Social Work with Urban Populations African-Centered Clinical Interventions*.



**Dennis "Ausar" Winkler, Ph.D., LCPC, NCC, TNAT**  
**Holistic Wellness Center**

Dennis, who is also known as Ausar, is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and A Nationally Certified Counselor. His ideal client are those who are seeking to know themselves better. He enjoys working with individuals, couples, and families who are or have been anxious, stressed, depressed, and/or having had experienced trauma. His theoretical framework incorporates NTU psychotherapy as a basis and integrates, attachment based, cognitive behavioral, mindfulness, and spiritually based approaches. he specializes in working with the African American population, especially around issue of racial based trauma and stress. He approaches mental health and wellness holistically. He utilizes talk, drumming, meditation, music, cinema, and different forms of literature, as mechanisms to engage clients in the healing process.



# AGENDA

8:30 am - Virtual Room Opens

9:00 am - **Welcome.** Bobby “Marvin” Holmes, Leadership Council, Baltimore Legacy ABSW

**Calling in the Ancestors – Honoring Dr. Aminifu Harvey.** Amanda Morgan, Leadership Council, Baltimore Legacy ABSW

**Spiritual Awakening.** Jessica Fautleroy, Leadership Council, Baltimore Legacy ABSW

9:30 am - Opening Commentary on African-Centered Social Work & Liberation  
**Dr. Joanne Martin**, Founder, The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum

9:40 am - Keynote Speaker Introduction and Address. **Dr. Cleo Manago**  
**“Breaking the Black Omnipresent Anti-Black Trauma Trance”**

## **10:15 am - Break**

*(Participants will be placed into virtual breakout rooms for the concurrent workshop selected at registration.)*

10:30 am - **Morning Concurrent Workshops:**

### **WORKSHOP 1: Using the NABSW Code of Ethics to Liberate Your Practice**

Amanda Morgan, LCSW-C, & Melissa Haley, MSW, LMSW

*Participants will learn why an NABSW Code of Ethics is necessary for liberation, review the code and reflect on their personal and professional ethical responsibility to the Black community, and align the NABSW Code of Ethics with their own liberatory practice.*

***This workshop provides 1.5 CEUs towards the BSWE Maryland Ethics requirement.***



## **WORKSHOP 2: The Power of Learning: Leveraging Research for Liberation & Advancement**

Dr. Geri Lynn Peak, Two Gems Consulting

*Participants will explore the value of research as a liberatory transformative tool, looking at collective learning and reading reality as a mechanism for constant transformation of the self and systems, power of collective decision-making and ways to avoid predatory research ideas and practices.*

## **WORKSHOP 3: African-Centered Play Therapy.**

NaShey Ingram, LCSW-C , RPT-S, Playful Minds Therapy

*Participants will be able to (1) define play therapy, (2) identify directive and non- directive play therapy and techniques, (3) understand limitations of play therapy with children and families of African Descent, (4) define African Centered play therapy, and (5) learn African Centered play therapy interventions to work with children and families of African Descent.*

## **12:00 pm - Lunch Break**

12:45 pm - **Afternoon Concurrent Workshops:**

## **WORKSHOP 4: The Ethics of Mediocrity: Am I Really Showing Up for My People?**

Amanda Morgan, LCSW-C, MSW Practicum Director, Chamberlain University and Doctoral Student, Howard University School of Social Work

*As champions for social justice for Black people, ignoring the impact of our own psychological oppression impedes our progress in this role. This hinders us from creating empowering client relationships, and increases the risk of inadvertently diminishing our own standards of ethical treatment. Participants will develop a personal practice mission statement that re-energizes them and re-connects them to a call-to-activism as a Black social worker.*

***This workshop provides 1.5 CEUs towards the BSWE Maryland Ethics requirement.***

## **WORKSHOP 5: Implementing School/Community Based Rites of Passage Interventions for Black Male Youth.**

David Miller, M.Ed., Founder, Dare To Be King Project, and Doctoral Candidate, Morgan State University School of Social Work.

*Implementing School/Community Based Rites of Passage (ROP) Interventions of Back Male Youth provides leaders with a blueprint to address adolescent males' social and emotional development. This framework emphasizes the importance of understanding the richness of African and African*

American culture within the context of living in America. ROP teaches vital life skills that promote positive self-concept, healthy manhood/masculinity, managing anger, and critical thinking skills that enhance the social and emotional development of Black male youth. The ROP process seeks to challenge socially constructed, ambiguous messaging that Black male youth receive about maleness and manhood from the moment they are born and throughout their life span.

## **WORKSHOP 6: Bio-psycho-social Bondage: Restructuring and Balancing for Black Liberation**

Dennis (Ausar) Winkler, Ph.D., LCPC, NCC,

Participants will integrate science and spirituality, the left and right brain, and the mind and heart using an Africentric/Black-centered approach to healing. They will learn what quantitative research has shown us about the impact of Race-Based Trauma, Black identity, and Spirituality and its implication for healing the Black community. Participants will also learn about interventions specific to healing generational, universal and idiosyncratic trauma in the Black Community.

### **2:15 pm - Break**

2:30 pm - **Panel Discussion**

### **"From Idea to Impact: Collective Work and Responsibility in Grassroots Practice"**



**Moderator:**

**Dr. Kevin Daniels**, Associate Professor, Morgan State University School of Social Work



**Dayvon Love**

Director of Public Policy, Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle.



**Dr. Nia Johnson**

Assistant Professor, West Chester University, College of Education and Social Work



**Dr. Rhonda Wells-Wilbon, LCSW-C**

Associate Professor, Morgan State University, School of Social Work



**Jamye Wooten**

Founder, CLLCTIVLY

4:00 pm - **Closing Word.** Melissa Smith Haley, National President, National Association of Black Social Workers

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

Baltimore Legacy ABSW, as an affiliate of the National Association of Black Social Workers, is authorized by the Board of Social Work Examiners in Maryland to sponsor social work continuing education programs and maintains full responsibility for this program. This training qualifies for **6 Category I** continuing education units (CEUs) for social workers and professional counselors, including **3 Category I CEUs in Ethics**. In order to receive full credit for CEUs, you must be fully present for the entirety of the symposium.

In order to receive CEUs, you must:

1. Login to zoom on time (**no later than 9:30am**).



2. Make sure **First & Last Name** are displayed exactly as your "Participant Name" in Zoom. Please use the same name under which you are registered.
3. A **virtual sign-in sheet** link will be provided (in the Zoom chat) at the start of both the Morning (10:30 am) and Afternoon (12:45 pm) workshop. Please complete both to ensure your attendance is captured.
4. Attend symposium in full & participate.
5. An **evaluation link** will be provided (in the Zoom chat only) at the end of the symposium. You must complete the online evaluation by **5:00pm FRIDAY 10/14**. Evaluations will close at 5:15 pm.

Evaluations must be completed no later than **Friday, October 15, 2022, 5:00 PM**.

**If all of the above criteria are met**, your certificate & any associated documents will be emailed to you by Monday, Oct 17th, 2022.

If you have any questions regarding CEUs, email **[baltimoreabsw@gmail.com](mailto:baltimoreabsw@gmail.com)**.

### **Special Thanks to:**

- Dr. Rhonda Wells-Wilbon
- Dr. Kevin Daniels
- All speakers, workshop facilitators, and panelists
- The Leadership Council of Baltimore Legacy ABSW
- Melissa Haley
- Metropolitan Washington DC ABSW
- CLLCTIVLY
- And last but not least – all participants who trusted us with your African-centered and liberatory learning!

**THANK YOU!!!**