

NAESM NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE ON HEALTH DISPARITIES AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Program Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025

8:00am - 8:55am | Breakfast

CRIBB Breakfast

Location: Seminar | Foyer

9:00am - 12:25pm | Morning Session

CRIBB Fellowship

Moderator(s): Dempris Gasque
CRIBB Program Manager, Naesm, Inc.

Location: Boardroom | 2nd Floor

12:30pm - 1:59pm | Lunch

CRIBB Lunch

Location: Seminar | Foyer

2:00pm - 5:30pm | Afternoon Session

CRIBB Fellowship

Moderator(s): Dempris Gasque
CRIBB Program Manager, Naesm, Inc.

Location: Boardroom | 2nd Floor

THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025

8:00am - 8:55am | Breakfast

CRIBB Breakfast

Location: Seminar | Foyer

9:00am - 12:00pm | Morning Session

CRIBB Fellowship

Moderator(s): Dempris Gasque
CRIBB Program Manager, Naesm, Inc.

Location: Boardroom | 2nd Floor

12:00pm - 2:00pm | Lunch

CRIBB Lunch

Location: Grand Ballroom B, C, D, E

2:00pm - 5:30pm | Afternoon Session

CRIBB Fellowship

Moderator(s): Dempris Gasque
CRIBB Program Manager, Naesm, Inc.

Location: Boardroom | 2nd Floor

8:00am - 4:00pm | Speaker Ready Room

Huview Productions | Audio-Visual for Presenters | **Location:** Salon III (lobby)

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

INSTITUTE I | **Location:** Seminar Room | 2nd Floor

I Am My Sister's Keeper: AMAAD Institute's Authentic Approaches to Trans* Support

Presenter(s): Gerald Garth, MBA, Executive Director, AMAAD Institute

Diamond Xavier Paulk, TGI Programs Coordinator, AMAAD Institute

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

INSTITUTE II | **Location:** Room 210 | 2nd Floor

Examining How Trauma, Religious Trauma, Stigma, and Shame Impact Spirituality, Health, and HIV Prevention

Presenter(s): Rev. Dr. Tommie Watkins, Jr., LMSW

General Manager, The Watkins Group, LLC

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

INSTITUTE III | **Location:** Room 215 | 2nd Floor

Power, Purpose, Philanthropy: A Fundraising Blueprint for Black Public Health Workers

Presenter(s): Dr. R. Wayne Woodson, Ph.D., Acting Executive Director & CEO
NAESM, Inc.

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

INSTITUTE IV | **Location:** Room 214 | 2nd Floor

Funding the Symptoms, Missing the Cause: A Wake-Up Call for Donors

Presenter(s): Dominique Morgan, Artist, Activist, Philanthropic Changemaker,
The Halo Academy

12:00pm - 2:00pm | LUNCH

Grand Ballroom | Grand Ballroom B, C, D, E

2:00pm - 5:30pm | Official Exhibit Opening

Grand Ballroom | A & F

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

WORKSHOP I | **Location:** Room 210 | 2nd Floor

Getting to The ART of things.

Presenter(s): Quami Crawford, Owner, Trans Machine Production

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

WORKSHOP II | **Location:** Room 211 | 2nd Floor

Project PROFERRED: How Sister Love is aiding in the fight for Transgender and Gender Diverse Equity

Presenter(s): Nevaeh Anderson, Project PREFERRED Lead, Sister Love, Inc.

Reyna Patterson, Research Specialist, Sister Love, Inc.

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	<p>WORKSHOP III Location: Room 215 2nd Floor</p> <p>Transgender Empathy Training</p> <p>Presenter(s): Mallery Jenna Robinson, BA Trainer, Transgender Excellence Academy</p>
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	<p>WORKSHOP IV Location: Room 214 2nd Floor</p> <p>Empowering Faith Leaders to Combat HIV Stigma and Support Prevention Efforts</p> <p>Presenter(s): Antwone Williams-Rowans, Linkage Manager, NAESM, Inc.</p>
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	<p>WORKSHOP V Location: Room 212 2nd Floor</p> <p>Strutting for Our Healing: The Transformative Power of Ballroom for Black Queer Folx</p> <p>Presenter(s): Gillette Harris, Program Coordinator, Us Helping Us People into Living</p>
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	<p>WORKSHOP VI Location: Room 217 2nd Floor</p> <p>Training Videos for Rise, and Evidence-Based Adherence Intervention for Black Clients</p> <p>Presenter(s): Laura Bogart, PhD Senior Behavioral Scientist/Professor RAND/Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science Damone R. Thomas, Executive Director HEALING with HOPE Corporation Cheryl L. Bedford, Founder, Women of Color Unite Dr. Kathleen Goggin, Researcher Professor Department of Psychology, San Diego State University Ian Klinger, Study Coordinator, APLA Health</p>
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	<p>WORKSHOP VII Location: Room 219 2nd Floor</p> <p>We're Going Viral: Launching This is Your Moment (TiYM) Network Multimedia for Health, Culture, & Change</p> <p>Presenter(s): Antonio Newman Jr., MBA, Assistant Executive Director This is Your Moment Network Alphonso Mills, Executive Director, This is Your Moment Network</p>
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	<p>WORKSHOP VIII Location: Seminar Room 2nd Floor</p> <p>Self-Efficacy and Resilience in Advocacy</p> <p>Presenter(s): Hakim Asadi, LMSW, Mental Health, Substance Use Counselor NAESM, Inc. James Williams-Woods, III, MSW, Quality Management Manager NAESM, Inc.</p>
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	<p>Sponsored by: Department of African and African Studies at WashU</p> <p>Location: Gateway Ballroom Lobby Level</p> <p>A conversation about sexual health initiatives.</p> <p>Moderator(s): Dr. Marlon M. Bailey, Ph.D., MFA, NAESM Board Chair, NAESM, Inc., Professor and Associate Chair, Department of African and American Studies, Professor, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Affiliate Faculty, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity (CRE2), Washington University, St. Louis</p> <p>Panelist(s): Marissa Miller, Founder, TransSolutions Sean Ebony Coleman, Founder & CEO, Destination Tomorrow Morris Singletary, Executive Director, The PoZitive2PoSitive Initiative</p>

8:00pm - 10:00pm | OPENING RECEPTION
Pool Area | Lobby Level

FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025

8:30am - 8:59am | SESSION I | Grand Ballroom B, C, D, E
Ms. Sophia | Hostess

Welcome Remarks | John Patton, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, NAESM, Inc.

SESSION I | 9:00am - 10:30am

9:00 am - 10:30 am

BREAKFAST | PLENARY I | Location: Grand Ballroom B, C, D, E

Mobilizing a Media Militia

Moderator(s): Dr. R. Wayne Woodson, Ph.D.

Acting Executive Director & CEO, NAESM, Inc.

Panelists:

Alphonso Mills, Executive Director, TiYM Network

K. Keith, Editor in Chief & CEO, Gaye Magazine

David Brandyn, Program Coordinator, Los Angeles LGBT Center South

SESSION II | 10:45am - 12:15pm

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP IX | Location: Room 214 | 2nd Floor

AMAAD Institute: Navigating Housing for Black LGBTQ+ Angelenos

Presenter(s): Gerald Garth, MBA, Executive Director, AMAAD Institute

Chanel Lumiere, Housing Program Manager, AMAAD Institute

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP X | Location: Room 211 | 2nd Floor

Your Trophy is Not Your Pillow

Presenter(s): Christian D. Green, M.A., Professor, Sanctuary of Hope

Dr. Donta Morrison, Ph.D., Executive Director, Red Rainbow

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP XI | Location: Room 212 | 2nd Floor

A Portal to Connection and Community: The Development of NPOWER365 – An App to Promote Flourishing among Black Same Gender Loving Men

Presenter(s):

Justin Smith, MS, MPH, Director, Campaign to End AIDS, Positive Impact Health Center

Devin English, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Rutgers School of Public Health

Emmanuel Chavez, Research Coordinator, Rutgers School of Public Health

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP XII | Location: Room 215 | 2nd Floor

Navigating Homelessness in the Black LGBTQ+ Experience

Presenter(s): Timothy D. Jefferson, HS-BCP, Director of Housing Services, JASMYN

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP XIII | Location: Room 217 | 2nd Floor

Make Space & Take Space: Creating/Mobilizing Affinity Spaces to Address Health disparities amongst marginalized groups.

Presenter(s): **Francisco Caro**, Programs Manager, Equitas Health

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP XIV | Location: Room 210 | 2nd Floor

Mobilizing Action: Strategies for Building Effective Advocacy Movements

Presenter(s): **J. Christopher Johnson, BA**
Executive Director, Mobilizing Millennials Organization

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP XV | Location: Room 219 | 2nd Floor

HIV + BGM Discernment on long term treatment options

Presenter(s):
Robert L. Miller Jr., PhD., M.Phil., LMSW, Professor, University of Albany

SESSION III | 12:30pm - 2:00pm

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

LUNCH | PLENARY I | Location: Grand Ballroom B, C, D, E

Powered by Gilead Sciences

Rising to the Challenge: Black Leadership and Advocacy in Shaping Equitable Systems for HIV Treatment and Prevention

Moderator(s): **Gerald Garth, MBA**, Executive Director, AMAAD Institute

Panelists: **Gabriel Maldonado, MBA**, Founder and CEO, TruEvolution
Derrick Butler, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer
To Help Everyone (T.H.E.) Health and Wellness Centers
Leon Maultsby, DBH, Faculty Instructor and Associate Director
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

SESSION IV | 2:15pm - 3:45pm

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

WORKSHOP XVI | Location: Room 210 | 2nd Floor

Crossing The Burning Sands of Innovation by Reimaging Outreach

Presenter(s): **William Wheaton, BS**, Assistant Director of Prevention Services
Positive Impact Health Centers
Nakysa Hoskins, Prevention Program Manager
Positive Impact Health Centers

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

WORKSHOP XVII | Location: Room 211 | 2nd Floor

Understanding Healthcare Access and Experiences in Skid Row, Los Angeles

Presenter(s): **Sara Habibipour**, Health Matters Clinic
Erica Robinson, Health Matters Clinic

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

WORKSHOP XVIII | Location: Room 214 | 2nd Floor

How HIV Criminalization Creates, Triggers, and Perpetuates Black Male Trauma

Presenter(s): **Dr. Nathaniel Currie, DSW, MSW, LCSW**, Psychotherapist
NAESM, Inc.
Robert Suttle, Principal Consultant, Robert Suttle Consulting

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

WORKSHOP XIX | Location: Room 217 | 2nd Floor

Bridging the Gap: The Role of Black Female Clinicians in Addressing Mental Health, HIV, and Reentry Disparities in Indiana

Presenter(s): **Christine Easley, MSW, LSW**, Mental Health Clinician, Step Up Inc
Michael Martin Drain, MS, BA, President & CEO, Step Up Inc.

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

WORKSHOP XX | Location: Room 212 | 2nd Floor

Influencers for Health: Engaging Content Creators, Sex Workers, and Social Media Advocates to Normalize PrEP and HIV Care

Presenter(s):

Dr. R. Wayne Woodson, Ph.D., Acting Executive Director & CEO, NAESM, Inc.

SESSION V | POSTER PRESENTATIONS | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

POSTER I | Location: Grand A & F | Lobby Level

Using Lived Experience to Mobilize Viral Hepatitis and Harm Reduction Community Advocacy

Presenter(s): Phillip Rideoutt, Manager, NASTAD

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

POSTER II | Location: Grand A & F | Lobby Level

Feel well, Live well, Expand Options (FLEX) Card Program: Health impacts of a modified guaranteed income program for people with HIV (PWH).

Presenter(s):

Keyanna Taylor, MPH, MS, Epidemiologist

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Division of HIV and STD Programs

Lauren Simao, MS, EHE Program Manager, Los Angeles County Division of HIV and STD Programs

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

POSTER III | Location: Grand A & F | Lobby Level

Recent Incarceration and HIV viral load and care engagement in a national virtual cohort

Presenter(s):

Eden Moore, Graduate Student Researcher, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

**SOCIAL HAPPY HOUR w/ DJ Good Peoples
Grand Ballroom A & F | 5:00pm - 6:00pm.**

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

All the Broken Pieces Documentary | Location: Gateway Ballroom | Lobby Level

The Story of a Black Trans Woman Living with HIV & Her Journey to Freedom Known for her groundbreaking work in HIV prevention, Marissa M. Miller is a trailblazing transgender woman, a renowned advocate for transgender rights, and a respected leader in public health & social justice. "All the Broken Pieces" doesn't just tell Marissa's story, it offers viewers an inspiring story that demonstrates a pursuit of stable housing, access to medication, and is a universal call for equity.

Presenter(s): Marissa M. Miller, Founder, TransSolutions

8:30 pm - 10:00 pm

PHAG TAWLK LIVE LA Premier | Location: Gateway Ballroom | Lobby Level

Open to Public – ticketed event

Host(s): T.S. Madison, Craig Stewart

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

SESSION VI | 9:00am - 10:30am

9:00 am - 10:30 am

BREAKFAST | PLENARY III | Location: Grand Ballroom B, C, D, E

Rewriting Masculinity: Trans Men, Safety, and the Power of Showing Up

Moderator(s): Dr. R. Wayne Woodson, Ph.D.

Acting Executive Director & CEO, NAESM, Inc.

Monroe Alise, Engagement Manager, NAESM, Inc.

Panelists: **Amari McGee**, Founder, To Better Understand, Inc.

2AM Ricky, Recording Artist, Songwriter, Activist

SESSION VII | 10:45am - 12:15pm

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP XXI | Location: Room 210 | 2nd Floor

Art as Therapy: How Movement Heals and Can Be Used to Advocate

Presenter(s): **Garrett Mason**, HS-BCP, Dancer & Creative Director, Legend Elite

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP XXII | Location: Room 211 | 2nd Floor

Syndemic Approaches to HIV Prevention & Care: Integrating Psychosocial Support, Substance Use, and Mental Health for Black MSM in San Francisco

Presenter(s): **Brian Ragas**, Director, Black Health, San Francisco AIDS Foundation

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP XXIII | Location: Room 214 | 2nd Floor

The Impact of Intimate Partner Violence on HIV Care Access

Presenter(s):

Dr. Donta Morrison, Ph.D., Community Strategist, Donta Morrison, LLC

Martinez Sellers, MFT, CEO, Marsell Wellness Center

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP XXIV | Location: Room 215 | 2nd Floor

Pushing Health Departments to Address the Public Health Threat of HIV Criminalization

Presenter(s):

Kytara Epps, Public Health and Advocacy Strategist, Center for HIV Law and Policy

Chauncey McGlathery, J.D., Public Policy Director, American Academy of HIV Medicine

Andre C. Wade, MPA, State Director, Silver State Equality Institute

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP XXV | Location: Room 217 | 2nd Floor

My Life, My Story: The Truth and Transparency of Who I Am

Presenter(s): **C. Jerome Woods, M.A.**, Founding Director, Black LGBT Project

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

WORKSHOP XXVI | Location: Room 212 | 2nd Floor

The Legendary Haus of Chosen Family

Presenter(s): **Travii Walker**, Prevention Manager, NAESM, Inc.

SESSION VIII | 12:30pm - 2:00pm

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

LUNCH PLENARY IV | Location: Grand Ballroom B, C, D, E

Healing the House: Ending the Silos that Divide and Harm Us

Moderator(s):

Dr. R. Wayne Woodson, Ph.D., Acting Executive Director & CEO, NAESM, Inc.

Panelist(s):

Dr. Marlon M. Bailey, Ph.D., MFA, NAESM Board Chair, NAESM, Inc.

Professor and Associate Chair, Department of African and American Studies, Professor, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Affiliate Faculty, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity (CRE2), Washington University, St. Louis

Diamond Xavier Paulk, TGI Program Coordinator, The AMAAD Institute, West coast Mother Miyake Mugler

Travii Walker, Prevention Manager, NAESM, Inc., Cast Member: Legendary on HBO Max – Season 3, Muva Pink of Old Navy

Antwone Williams-Rowans, Linkage Manager, NAESM, Inc., Legendary Founding Overall Overseer, the House of Mike Amiri

SESSION IX | 2:15pm - 3:45pm

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

WORKSHOP XXVII | Location: Room 210 | 2nd Floor

The Role of Spirituality in Healing

Presenter(s): Stephen Williamston, Jr., Founder, Global P3, LLC

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

WORKSHOP XXVIII | Location: Room 211 | 2nd Floor

Vision Church of Los Angeles: At the Intersections of Care

Presenter(s): Gerald Garth, MBA, Interim Associate Pastor, Vision Church LA

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

WORKSHOP XXIX | Location: Room 212 | 2nd Floor

Centering the Margins: Advancing Cancer Screening and Prevention for Black Same Gender Loving People Living with HIV

Presenter(s): John Anthony Fuller, BS, Ph.D. Student, Neil Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

WORKSHOP XXX | Location: Room 215 | 2nd Floor

Stay in Your Own Lane: Unlocking Purpose, Power, and Prosperity Through Focus

Presenter(s): Stewart Marshall Gulley, Director, Helping In Your Own Back Yard

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

WORKSHOP XXXI | Location: Room 214 | 2nd Floor

Black Queer Talk (BQT): Building Safe, Empowering, and Sex-Positive Spaces for Black Queer Men

Presenter(s): Ryan Dunston, Program Coordinator, APLA Health

2:15 pm - 3:45 pm

WORKSHOP XXXII | Location: Room 219 | 2nd Floor

Reducing HIV through Community Engagement and Broadly Neutralizing Antibodies (bnAbs)

Presenter(s): Kyle Gordon, MHA, Project Manager, HIV Vaccines Trials Network

Dr. Daniel Driffin, DrPH, MPH, Project Manager, HIV Vaccines Trials Network

Louis Shackelford, MPH, Director of External Relations, HIV Vaccines Trials Network

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

WORKSHOP XXXIII | Location: Room 214 | 2nd Floor

CRIBB PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

SESSION X | 4:00pm - 6:00pm

SOCIAL HAPPY HOUR w/ DJ Good Peoples
Grand Ballroom A & F | 5:00pm - 6:00pm..

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025

SESSION XI | 9:30am - 4:00pm

9:30 am - 10:00 am

ARTIST PERFORMANCE BY CALLIE DAY | Location: The Brasserie
Take Me To Church

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

BRUNCH | PLENARY V | Location: The Brasserie
Welcoming and Honoring a New Generation of Leaders
Presenter(s): Dempris Gasque, CRIBB Program Manager, NAESM, Inc.

PRIDE Pool Party *Show Your Pride*
The Pool Area | 12:00pm - 4:00pm