

**Embracing the Intersectionality of Oppressions Lens:
Bringing the margins to the center (October 28, 2015)**

WEBINAR PRESENTERS

ZOË FLOWERS

Zoë's career began in Atlanta, Georgia where she served as the Public Awareness/Training and Membership Coordinator for the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. After years of service, she accepted the role of Prevention Education Coordinator at the California Partnership To End Domestic Violence before moving on to serve as Director of Training and Technical Assistance at The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Director of Prevention at the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She has appeared on National Public Radio, works nationally and has spoken internationally on the issue of domestic violence. Additionally, she is a holistic healer that provides self-care retreats to advocates and is a teaching artist, poet and playwright. Her poetry can be found in anthologies such as; *Stand Our Ground*; *Poems for Trayvon Martin and Marissa Alexander*, *Dear Sister*, *Letters From Survivors of Sexual Assault*, several online journals and is the author of *Dirty Laundry: Women of Color Speak up about Dating & Domestic Violence*. Along with creativity and her dedication to wellness, Zoë brings 13 years of advocacy, project management, primary prevention and anti-oppression expertise, training development and facilitation to her role as Program Manager. Zoë manages WOCN's programs, social media presence, trainings, and provides support for WOCN constituents and community partners. Zoe is located in the Northeastern Region.



KALIMAH JOHNSON, LMSW, ACSW, LCSW

Kalimah is an Adjunct Professor of Social Work at Marygrove College and Founder/Executive Director of SASHA Center in Detroit, Michigan, she is also a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Consultant to the National Basketball Association, NBPA-Rookie Transition Program, Top 100 Camp, Michigan Elite 25 Camp and the NFL-Detroit Lions. Ms. Johnson received her Bachelor of Social Work degree in 1996 and a Master of Social Work in 1997, both from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. Her concentration was in advocacy, mental health and school social work. She is licensed in Michigan and Illinois as a clinical social worker. Her practice experience has focused on providing a comprehensive range of services to survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. She conducts workshops on topics of relationship safety, incest survival and community awareness relating to violence against women. Professor Johnson chairs the Sexual



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Assault Awareness Month event, "Take Back the Night-Detroit," sponsored by Marygrove College and the Women's Center. SASHA Center is an African-American not-for-profit agency providing culturally specific primary prevention workshops and support groups to African American survivors of sexual assault. She is a member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and the Michigan Coalition Ending Domestic and Sexual Violence. She is a performance poet and has published numerous articles in various mediums on the world-wide-web and authored a book titled, "Locs for Life: The Root to Wellbeing for African American Women."

LINA JUARBE BOTELLA

Lina is a social and human rights activist with over 20 years working to end violence against all women and girls. In her role as Senior Director of Programs she is responsible for the development and implementation WOCN. Inc.'s programs as well as the oversight of all support staff and consultants. She describes herself as a community organizer and builder. She has expertise in developing new programs, maintaining core services and creating organizational multicultural alliances. Lina has a diverse and rich background in victim/survivor advocacy, health care, leadership development, succession planning and executive transitions. As a mentor for women of color she provided leadership and assistance to Advocates of Color. Under her leadership, Advocates of Color established the Wisconsin Women of Color Leadership Network to create opportunities for co-mentoring, support, training and leadership development. Lina received the Living Legend Award for community organizing and her work against racism. She also received the Voices of Courage Award for her advocacy and leadership with clergy sexual assault survivors. Most recently she received the Unsung Heroes award for her commitment, service and leadership in the Latino community in Wisconsin. She is the proud mother of 8 beautiful children. Lina was born and raised in Puerto Rico, and is located in the Midwest Region.



REV. DR. ALEESE MOORE-ORBIH, BA, MA, D. MIN.

Aleese has over 15 years of leadership experience in family violence advocacy, 20-years of experience in Pastoral leadership and Women's Spiritual Direction. Aleese's specialization has been in equipping communities and advocates with the tools and knowledge they need to address the religious and cultural issues related to violence against women and child and youth exposure to domestic and sexual



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violence. Aleese has been published in many faith-based publications and is the Editor of, *You Are Not Alone*, *Book of Prayers & Meditations for Women*, Editor, 2007 AVA Publication of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). As the WOCN System Training Program Director, Aleese oversees the consultation, coaching, training and program development to increase the capacity and effectiveness of federally funded state and local programs working with marginalized communities. She directs the development and implementation of systems training provided to STOP Administrators, FVPSA Administrators, and other systems. In addition to systems programming, Aleese participates on the Program Team and provides input and participates in other WOCN, Inc. programs, including the Economic Policy and Leadership Program and the National Call to Action Program. As one of the Program Directors, she also participates in the overall capacity building of WOCN by identifying and building new program strategies, identifying partnership, contractual and grant opportunities, and assisting with grant writing. Dr. Aleese is located in the Southern Region.

GABBY SANTOS

Gabby Santos is the Director of LGBT Health Services for In Our Own Voices. She has worked with victims of trauma since 1994 in roles ranging from inmate support group facilitator, to policy work on behalf of LGBT POC. Racial justice work, transgender activism and criminal justice reform are at the heart of her passion. Gabby is committed to promoting the sexual health of LGBT POC and their communities in order to end health disparities. She provides leadership to various projects, including Unity Through Diversity, a National LGBT POC Health Summit, and the Annual Black & Latino Gay Pride of the Capital District of NY. She is also a member of the Arte Sana board of directors and ALAS, the national Latina alliance against sexual violence.

