



“GET ME BODIED”: Unpacking, Exploring, and Confronting Body Image and Black Women’s Health REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The mission of the Black Women’s Health Task Force at Tulane University is to raise health awareness and increase knowledge of health-related issues and concerns that disproportionately impact black women and girls. The Black Women’s Health Conference provides a biennial forum for sharing, matching, and coordinating empirical evidence with praxis and experience to better understand and enrich health outcomes for black women and girls.

The theme of the 5th Biennial Black Women’s Health Conference at Tulane University is “Get Me Bodied’: Unpacking, Exploring, and Confronting Body Image and Black Women’s Health.” We seek proposals that conceptualize, interrogate, deconstruct, and report on issues related to the body and black women’s health, in conventional and emerging public health, social, political, legal, and historical contexts. We invite panel, poster, individual paper, and creative submissions on a wide range of topics that may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Body Claiming and Body Shaming
- Brazilian Butt-Lifts and Other Forms of Plastic Surgery
- Obesity and Health Risks
- Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia, and Other Eating Disorders
- Dieting and Mental Health
- Processed, Fresh, and Other Food Choices
- Exercise, Eating, and Endorphins
- Physical, Mental, and Emotional Fitness
- Media Representations of Black Women’s Bodies
- Colorism and Mental Health
- Transitioning and Gender-Nonconforming Notions of Identity and Image

We encourage submissions in a variety of forms, including traditional academic conference papers and posters, as well as proposals for panels, workshops, and roundtables, from academics, independent scholars, practitioners, artists, activists, and community workers and organizers.

Submission Deadline is Friday, December 1, 2023.

Please submit proposals to bwhconference@wave.tulane.edu.

Conference Date: Saturday, February 24, 2024

