



2022 BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH CONFERENCE AND TRAINING INSTITUTE™

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ABOUT BMHC22

BUILDING FOR LIBERATION: CENTERING BLACK MAMAS, BLACK FAMILIES & BLACK SYSTEMS OF CARE



Founded and led by the **Black Mamas Matter Alliance, Inc. (BMMA)**, the Black Maternal Health Conference and Training Institute™ is the premiere assembly for Black women, clinicians, professionals, advocates, and other stakeholders working to improve maternal health using the birth justice, reproductive justice, and human rights frameworks. This year's hybrid conference (*virtual and in-person*) offered a national space for learning, rich discussions, and mobilization to transform Black Maternal Health, Rights, and Justice.

The official theme, “Building for Liberation: Centering Black Mamas, Black Families and Black Systems of Care”, reflected BMMA’s work in centering Black women’s scholarship, maternity care work, and advocacy across the full spectrum of sexual, maternal, and reproductive health care, services, programs, and initiatives.

BMHC22 IMPACT



Overall, BMHC22 attracted well **over 1,100 conference attendees**, in-person and virtual combined, successfully executing **more than 60 breakout sessions** over the course of the two-days across such topics as Black Mamas and doulas fighting to close the maternal care gap, Black midwifery training programs and models, centering the lived experiences of Black Mamas and birthing people to drive community accountability, and many more.

Additionally, we were thrilled to be able to offer **continuing education credits** provided by Breastfeed LA and PAC-LAC and give out **10 in-person and virtual scholarships**. Hear from conference attendees representing perinatal community based organizations and student Midwives on their experience at BMHC22.

2022 KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Professor Loretta Ross

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Intersectionality
is our process.
Human rights is
our goal.

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BMHC22 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

LORETTA J. ROSS

*Activist, Public Intellectual, and Associate
Professor of the Study of Women & Gender,
Smith College*



Loretta J. Ross is a professor and an award-winning, nationally-recognized expert on racism and racial justice, women's rights, and human rights. Recently Professor Ross was named a 2022 MacArthur Fellow, a highly prestigious fellowship that honors those who demonstrate extraordinary creativity, activism, and originality.

Presenting on Day 1 of BMHC22, Professor Ross shared her own maternal health and birth justice advocacy work, and discussed topics such as intersectionality, primary categories of human rights, and the need to dismantle structural oppression through authentic reproductive justice work.

2022 GUEST SPEAKER:

Ericka Hart



Ericka Hart (she/they) is a Black queer femme activist, writer, highly acclaimed speaker and award-winning sexuality educator with a Master's of Education in Human Sexuality from Widener University.

Ericka's presentation on Day 2 of BMHC22, titled "Decolonizing Birth," highlighted her personal reproductive health journey, and focused on the importance of intersectionality and inclusion in our reproductive and birth justice work. They also explored historical and present-day examples of white supremacist and obstetric violence against Black women and birthing people.

BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH AWARDS DINNER

Hosted on the evening of Day 1 of the BMHC22, BMMA presented the inaugural “**Black Maternal Health Conference Awards**” to honor four Black women advocates, scholars, and public health practitioners who helped lay the foundation for infant/maternal health equity and birth justice work, with the establishment of the UmmSalaamah “Sondra” Abdullah-Zaimah *Birth Worker Award* and the Jackson, Rowley, Hogan *Excellence in Black Maternal Health Scholarship Award*.

The BMHC22 Award Recipients were Midwife Jamarah Amani and Dr. Karen A. Scott who were recognized for their innovative work, their leadership in the Black Maternal Health movement, and their significant impact in ensuring positive health outcomes of all Black mamas and birthing people.

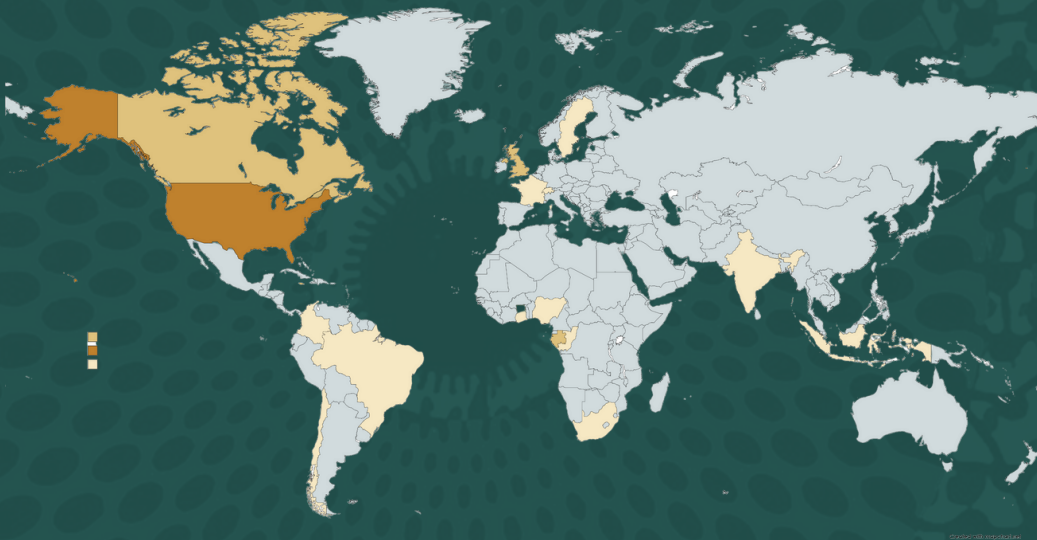


BMHC22 BY THE NUMBERS

KEY HIGHLIGHTS & INSIGHTS

The *hybrid* 2022 Black Maternal Health Conference & Training Institute, with the official hashtag #BMHC22, achieved successful traffic and engagement throughout the conference, nationally and globally. Below is a brief geographical snapshot of our reach this year:

GLOBAL REACH



Top Countries

U.S.A.

CANADA

UNITED KINGDOM

GABON

BRAZIL & JAMAICA

DIGITAL ANALYTICS: HIGHLIGHTS

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A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Black Mamas Matter Alliance (BMMA) is overwhelmed with joy and gratitude to have experienced such a successful and impactful gathering for our 2022 Black Maternal Health Conference and Training Institute™! With participants, sponsors, and supporters like you, we WILL build towards liberation that centers Black Mamas, Black families and Black systems of care.

In particular, we wish to uplift each and every attendee, speaker, partner, sponsor, vendor and exhibitor for their contribution and commitment to making this year's conference so phenomenal. Thank you again for supporting and investing in our vision to educate, celebrate and provide safe spaces for Black women clinicians, professionals and advocates in maternal and health equity.

We look forward to continuing to build with you all and to keeping in touch throughout the next year as we embark on planning for our 2024 conference!

With Sincere Gratitude,

ANGELA DOYINSOLA AINA, MPH
CO-FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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