



**WILLIAM JAMES  
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**Center for  
Multicultural & Global  
Mental Health**



**“Poto Mitan”:  
Change Agents that Promote Well-Being  
in the Haitian Community**

**Bi-Annual Conference on Haitian Mental Health  
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**William James College  
1 Wells Avenue  
Newton, Massachusetts**

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**PROGRAM**

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- 8:30 a.m.**                    **REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**
- 9:00 – 9:15 a.m.**        **WELCOMING REMARKS**  
*Gemima St. Louis, Ph.D., Co-Director, Center for Multicultural & Global  
Mental Health, William James College*  
*Marie Pierre-Victor, LICSW, President, Haitian Mental Health Network*
- 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.**      **KEYNOTE ADDRESS – Value: A Sustainable Community Model  
That Promotes the Well-Being of Its Citizens**  
*Abner Septembre, M.A., Sociologist & Founding Member, Association des  
Paysans de Vallue (APV), Haiti*
- 10:30 – 10:40 a.m.**      **MORNING BREAK**
- 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.**    **The Haiti Service Learning Program: Addressing Global Mental  
Health Needs While Building Multicultural Competencies**  
*Darryl Sweeper Jr., MA; Adetutu Ajibose, MA; & Nathalie Alexis, MA*
- 11:30 – 12:00 p.m.**    **Art Bearing Witness to Haitian Resiliency**  
*Charlot Lucien, Founder & Director, Haitian Artists Assembly of  
Massachusetts (HAAM)*
- 12:00 – 1:25 p.m.**      **NETWORKING LUNCH & ART EXHIBITION OPENING CEREMONY**

- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.**      **INVITED ADDRESS: “All Health is Mental Health”:** Towards Improving Service Delivery and Achieving Global Equity in Mental Health  
*Wingdie “Didi” Bertrand, MA, DEA, DESS, Medical Anthropologist and Community Health Specialist*
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.**      **PANEL #1 – Bicultural and Bilingual School Allies and Family Engagement: Inspiring Trust, Hope and Peace of Mind**  
*Yolette Ibokette, M.Ed., M.A., C.A.G.S.; Rose N. Dorgilus, BA, MA; & Kenelle Presume, RN*
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.**      **PANEL #2 – Community-Based Agencies as “Poto Mitan”:** Serving Haitian Youth, Families and Elders; and Promoting Social Justice & Advocacy  
*Lionel Lucien, Youth & Family Enrichment Services*  
*Joel Piton, MD, M.Ed., Sant Belvi Haitian Adult Day Health Care*  
*Keke Fleurissant, Haitian-Americans United, Inc.*
- 4:30 –**                      **AWARDS CEREMONY**
- 4:45 p.m.**                **EVALUATION & ADJOURNMENT**

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