

End Domestic Abuse WI: To host special event featuring acclaimed author Sagashus Levingston in conjunction with statewide conference

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Green Bay, Wisconsin – On Thursday, in conjunction with End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin’s (End Abuse) Statewide Conference, *Collective Liberation: Movement Building for the Years Ahead*, members of the public will be invited to attend a special event sponsored by the Wisconsin Humanities Council entitled *Public Domestic: an experience of the book “Infamous Mothers” with Sagashus Levingston*.

Ms. Levingston is a PhD candidate and instructor in the Department of English at the University of Wisconsin-Madison whose writing explores how real-life narratives describing Black motherhood can counter pervasive stereotypes, such as the “welfare queen” “the prostitute” or “the drug addict” and could help produce a more just, humane and creative society.

Starting at 3:30 p.m., pages from *Infamous Mothers* will be on display giving participants the ability to walk through parts of the book. At 4:30 p.m., Ms. Levingston will read from the book and lead a discussion about what the stories of

marginalized mothers have to teach us about our society and about ourselves.

“We are absolutely thrilled that Sagashus Levingston will be presenting and highlighting her work in conjunction with our statewide conference,” said Patti Seger, Executive Director of End Abuse. “Her writing is an inspiring example of the justice-focused creativity and passion that we at End Abuse try to apply to our work every day, and we hope that many members of the public will take advantage of this exciting opportunity to learn and reflect with one of the leading minds in the movement to end gendered and racial oppression.”

The event is sponsored by the Wisconsin Humanities Council and is open to the public. For additional information about the event, please visit the End Abuse event page at: <http://bit.ly/2jteXhm>.

“We would like to thank the Wisconsin Humanities Council for making this event possible and we look forward to a wonderful and insightful evening with Ms. Levingston,” said Seger.

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End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin: The Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence is the leading voice for victims of domestic abuse in Wisconsin. At End Domestic Abuse Wisconsin, we educate shelter and program volunteers and advocates, law enforcement, legislators, and community members to provide safety and support to survivors. We strive to shift Wisconsin from the attitudes and beliefs that cause domestic violence to values of mutual respect and equality, and we partner with communities in the effort to prevent and end domestic abuse.

We encourage reporters to include the National Domestic Violence Hotline number [1-800-799-SAFE(7233)] in their stories for victims who need help. A list of local Wisconsin domestic violence victim service providers can be found at <http://www.endabusewi.org>.

The Wisconsin Humanities Council is a leading statewide resource for librarians, teachers, museum educators and civic leaders, who drive entertaining and informative programs using history, culture and discussion to strengthen community life for everyone. The Wisconsin Humanities Council also awards more than \$175,000 a year over seven rounds of grants to local organizations piloting humanities programming. For more information on Wisconsin Humanities Council,



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