4TH ANNUAL WOMEN’S CONFERENCE PERSIST AND RESIST MARCH 1, 2018
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

8:45AM–9:15AM
Check-In and Registration

9:15AM–9:30AM
Introduction and Welcome Remarks:
Margaret Barrow, Associate Professor and Deputy Chair, English Department, BMCC
Antonio Perez, President, BMCC
Deborah Parker, Director, Women’s Resource Center, BMCC
Victoria Allende, President, Sisterhood Society Club, BMCC Student

Panel I: Leading the Way
Wendy Garcia, Chief Diversity Officer, New York City Comptroller Office
Lisette Nieves, Board Chair, Guttman College Foundation Board and Founding Partner, Lingo Ventures
Karen P. Simmons, Esq., Executive Director, Children’s Law Center
Moderator: Andrea Shapiro Davis, Associate Vice Chancellor, CUNY

11:00AM–12:15PM
Panel II: Making a Difference
Delia A. Awusi, Director, BOC Women’s Business Center, Business Outreach Center Network Inc.
Tizana Goodluck, Tizana’s Body Renewal, Business Owner
Dr. Bernadette Cole Slaughter, Professor Emerita and Former Dean, SUNY Cobleskill
Helen Aboah, Senior Vice President of Merchandising, Product Development Design Operations, and Production, Alexander Wang Inc.
Moderator: Patricia Mathews-Salazar, Professor and Director, Center for Ethnic Studies, BMCC

Luncheon Keynotes/Greetings & Remarks:
Amy Sodaro, Associate Professor, Social Sciences, Human Services and Criminal Justice Department and Co-Chair, Women’s HerStory Month, BMCC
Karrin Wilks, Provost and Senior Vice President, BMCC
Keynote Speaker: Christine Quinn, President & Chief Executive Officer, Women in Need and Former Speaker of the New York City Council (2006–2013)
Brianne Waychoff, Associate Professor, Gender & Women’s Studies Coordinator, Speech, Communications and Theatre Arts Department and Co-Chair, Women’s HerStory Month, BMCC
Marva Craig, Vice President, Student Affairs, BMCC
Keynote Speaker: Melissa Mark-Viverito, Senior Advisor, Latino Victory Fund and Former Speaker of the New York City Council (2014–2017)
Conference Chair: Margaret Barrow, Associate Professor and Deputy Chair, English Department, BMCC

Panel III: Creating Change—Disrupting the Status Quo
Kayla Wang, Advocate, WOMANKIND, Formerly New York Asian Women’s Center
Shirley Leyro, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Human Services and Criminal Justice, BMCC
Soniya Munshi, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Human Services and Criminal Justice, BMCC
Zabrina Collazo, Program Associate, Ms. Foundation for Women
Moderator: Jungah Kim, Assistant Professor, English Department, BMCC

An Open Mic & A Solo Play
Marguerite M. Rivas, Associate Professor, English Department and Facilitator, Dauntless Daughters
Kim Chinh, Writer and Performer, Reclaiming Vietnam

Panel IV: Civic Engagement
DeNora Getachew, New York City Executive Director, Generation Citizen
Glynda Carr, Co-founder, Higher Heights for America
Thamara Jean, Hunter College 2018 Rhodes Scholar
Moderator: Margaret Barrow, Associate Professor and Deputy Chair, English Department, BMCC

Meet the Artist: Heidy Avila, Photographer and BMCC Alumna
“It’s the Little Things …” Art Exhibition on display March 1 thru 25

Panel V: Empowering Artists
Tanya Torres, Visual Artist and Writer
Corazon Tierra, Dance Artist and Writer
Maria Mar, Writer-Artist-Shaman
Moderator: Victoria Apostol-Marius, Program Coordinator, Women’s Resource Center, BMCC

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Conference Co-Chair: Deborah Parker, Director, Women’s Resource Center
Conference Coordinators: Victoria Apostol-Marius, Jungah Kim, Patricia Mathews-Salazar, Amy Sodaro and Brianne Waychoff
Conference Staff: Victoria Conover, Varsha Jagjit, Janice Ortiz-Gonzalez, Karina Ramirez and Amanda Rios
Artwork by Heidy Avila

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