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BRILLIANT MINDS COLLECTIVE INC.™ ANNOUNCES STRAIGHT TALK: DATING & LIVING WHILE BLACK, TRANSGENDER & LGBTQ+ FEATURING AN OPEN DIALOGUE BETWEEN CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED AUTHOR/ACTIVIST DARNELL L. MOORE AND AUTHOR KIM GREEN

Straight Talk, an open dialogue about hidden identities, violence, and other dangers faced by the Black Transgender and LGBTQ+ Community, takes place on Wednesday March 23rd at 6pm EDT

New York, NY – Brilliant Minds Collective Inc.™ (BMC) is proud to announce **Straight Talk: Dating & Living While Black, Transgender & LGBTQ+**, a no holds barred, solution-focused conversation about hidden identities, violence, and other dangers faced by the Black Transgender and LGBTQ+ Community. The free webinar features an open dialogue between critically acclaimed author/activist Darnell L. Moore and author Kim Green on Wednesday March 23rd at 6pm EDT. Registration is now open at <https://bit.ly/BMCstraighttalk>.

The goal of **Straight Talk: Dating & Living While Black, Transgender & LGBTQ+** for Brilliant Minds Collective Inc.™ and both New York Times bestselling authors is to have an open and honest public discussion about these important topics with members of the Black community. Utilizing their books as a starting place for the conversation, Darnell L. Moore's *No Ashes in the Fire* is a searingly raw and honest memoir surrounding coming in to his own after growing up Black, poor and gay; while Kim Green's *Vicissitudes* is a fictional story of a single mother who unwittingly falls in love with a transgender male.

"I am always thrilled to uplift literature focused on Black queer and trans lives. And I am even more adamant about supporting and celebrating the works of Black queer women writers, who as we know, often create art in the world without proper recognition," said Darnell L. Moore about Kim Green's *Vicissitudes* and collaborating with her on BMC's upcoming **Straight Talk** webinar.

Straight Talk: Dating & Living While Black, Transgender & LGBTQ+ will challenge viewers to reassess their own biases. Moore and Green will explore themes from both of their works including: hetero/LGBTQ+ romance and hidden identity, LGBTQ+ rejection within the Black community, higher rates of violence against Black LGBTQ+ people, solutions toward eliminating the fear, and learning to celebrate our differences.

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Free Registration on Eventbrite:

<https://bit.ly/BMCstraighttalk>

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About Brilliant Minds Collective Inc.™:

Brilliant Minds Collective, Inc.™ is a 501(c)(3) non-profit Think Tank focused on research and content creation, global community engagement, and economic development. Funding is generated from membership dues, corporate sponsors, donations, events, grants, and endowments for the purpose of creating opportunities to advance our mission.

BMC is a membership-based organization that leverages innovation and engagement to stimulate and sustain generational wealth for Black People and Descendants of the African Diaspora. BMC is a Think Tank like no other. It takes the concept and levels it up by removing the thought leadership solely from the academic space.

In addition to producing our own programs and events, we develop partnerships with corporations, colleges and universities, as well as other organizations to offer internships, ambassador programs, and other initiatives to support and fulfill our mission.

An Educated Mind is a Brilliant Mind

About Darnell L. Moore:

Darnell L. Moore is the author of the 2019 Lambda Literary Award-winning memoir, *No Ashes in the Fire: Coming of Age Black & Free in America*, which was listed as a 2018 NYT Notable Book and a Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers' pick. Moore is also a writer-in-residence at the Center on African American Religion, Sexual Politics and Social Justice at Columbia University, and a 2019 Senior Fellow at the Annenberg Innovation Lab at the University of Southern California. His writings have appeared in the New York Times Book Review; Playboy; VICE; The Guardian; The Nation; EBONY and other outlets. He is the Vice President of Inclusion Strategy at Netflix. And he is currently at work on his second book, which is tentatively titled, *Unbecoming: Visions Beyond the Limits of Manhood*.

About Kim Green:

Kim Green's career started at Sony Music where she served as Senior Copy Director for Urban music, where she single-handedly created the marketing voice for Def Jam Records. As a music journalist her work has appeared in *Essence*, *The Source Magazine* and London-based publications *The Wire* and *iD*. Kim Green is the author of two novels, *hallucination* and *Vicissitudes: Love Transforms*. She also ghostwrote the New York Times bestselling autobiography, *Life is Not a Fairytale*, the Fantasia Barrino story. In addition to being a novelist, Green owns two writing-related businesses, *Words, LLC* and *Blank Page Consulting* where she coaches writers and their lives. Kim is now working on a sequel to *Vicissitudes* and a memoir about her father.