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Conference: Committee for the Visibility of Other Black Women, 1981

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For admission to the Conference please fill out both sides of this ADVANCED REGISTRATION FORM, and mail with Registration fee to

CVOBW CONFERENCE
c/o Johnson
72-15 41st. Avenue
Jackson Heights, N.Y.

Apt. D43 11337

Through the Conference, CVOBW hopes to provide the women of the Black lesbian community an opportunity to meet and share in a cultural and learning experience. In addition it will establish a basis for future communication and support networks within our community.

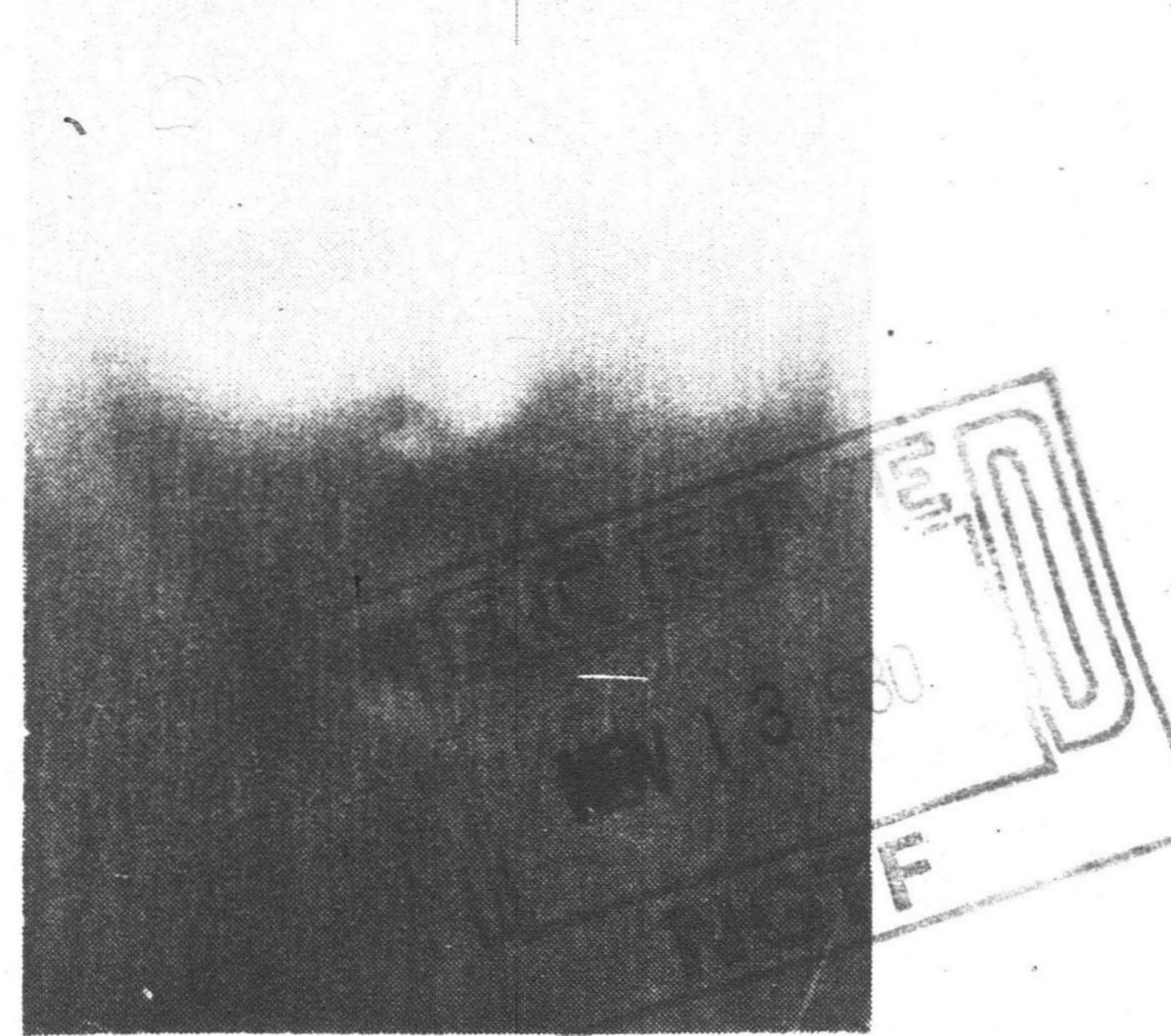
For further information:

- G. Johnson (212) 565-8365
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BECOMING VISIBLE
SURVIVAL FOR BLACK LESBIANS

New York Conference; Committee for the Visibility of Other Black Women



A
WEEKEND CONFERENCE
FOR
WOMEN ONLY

January 16, 17, 18, 1981

I.S. 136 Manhattan
6 Edgecomb Avenue
at 135th Street, NYC



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Committee for the
Visibility of the
Other Black Woman

Although the concept of Gay Rights advanced significantly for White men and women, and to some degree Black men during the decade of the Seventies, the Black lesbian remained invisible.

More often than not, one hears the comment, "There are no Black lesbians." The invisibility of this group permeates the Gay community in general, and exists only on the periphery of the Black community. As a result, Black lesbians are often the subject of racism and sexism from within the Gay community itself, and ideological and circumscribed oppression from the Black community.

Historically, the most disenfranchised segment of American society has been those people who are Black, female and lesbian, or the object of triple oppression. For many Black lesbians, this reinforced the necessity to remain in the **closet**. This denied three communities often needed skills, expertise and support to further the struggle for civil rights, women's rights and personal affectional rights.

The Committee for the Visibility of the Other Black Woman (CVOBW) is trying to effect a change. The initial focus is to promote visibility of Black lesbians. The overall goal is to come together as a group and determine our needs and common goals. To mobilize for change; to return strength and autonomy to what is often a fragmented community. To challenge the racist/sexist institutions over which Black women have no control. And, to create a dialogue with our heterosexual sisters.

BASIC SURVIVAL KIT WORKSHOPS

LIVING

Economics Learning to negotiate and understand the United States system.

Working Non-traditional, changing careers; Re-entry into labor market; Resume and interview techniques.

Money Management Budgets; Establishing credit; Debt management; Life insurance investments.

Housing Traditional; Alternatives; Co-ops and communes.

Family Gay youth; Coming out; Children of gays; Parents of gays.

Health Herbal remedies; Female problems; Obesity; Menopause; Aging; Drug/Alcohol abuse.

Legal Women in prison; Child custody; Living together contracts; Gay rights—U.S. and international laws.

The Arts Writing; Painting; Dancing; Photography; Music; Media; etc.

LOVING

Relationships; Role-playing; Co-habitation contracts; Cross cultural and interracial relationships.

PANELS/PRESENTATIONS

Black lesbian film festival; Lesbian themes in African society; African matriarchy and feminism.

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Topics subject to change.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

If you wish to participate in this event, fill out both sides of this Advance Registration Form and mail with registration fee of \$10.00 to:

CVOBW
c/o Johnson
72-15 41st Avenue, Apt. D43
Jackson Heights, N.Y. 11377

Registration at Conference site will be \$15.00. There will be women from all over the East Coast, so pre-register early and guarantee your space.

- I am interested in performing, presenting papers, leading workshops. (Mail one-page description of your presentation with this form.)
- I wish to exhibit art work, photography, etc. (Mail one-page description and picture of work to be exhibited.)
- Enclosed is my \$10.00 Advance Registration fee for entrance to all workshops, performances, etc.
- I am from out of town and will need housing for Conference weekend.
- I have room in my house and can accommodate _____ people for the Conference weekend.
- I wish to support the efforts of the CVOBW and enclose a donation of \$_____.
- I am a parent and will need care for _____ children, ages _____. (Child care must be pre-registered.)

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