

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017

BREAKOUT SESSION TWO: 11:30 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.

**VALIDATION FOR BLACK, DISABLED MALE SEXUALITY IN
FICTION FILM | PINNACLE**

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS:

AJ Murray, Actor

Cheryl Green, Media Artist, StoryMindors, LLC

SYNOPSIS: The workshop will critique mainstream and independent media's lack of intersectional representations of sexuality (race, disability, class, gender, sexual orientation). We incorporate video clips to prompt conversation on popular examples of disabled sexuality, develop group mind-maps to heighten awareness of intersectionality, work in large and small groups to script statements that can become brief, focused video responses to damaging and discriminatory media representations, and use PowerPoint to bolster critical media literacy. Participants will explore ways that media erasure of various intersecting identities reinforces a societal pattern of desexualizing, infantilizing, and exceptionalizing disabled people. We conclude with a group brainstorm on what we want to see change in mainstream media, who is creating independent media from the margins and how to find and support them, and ideas that affirm sexuality in disability community as healthy, beautiful, and worth representing in fair and accurate ways.