DEEPLY ROOTED in Atlanta, Georgia with a national reach, ZAMI NOBLA-National Organization of Black Lesbians on Aging is a membership-based organization committed to building a base of power for Black lesbians over the age of 40 living anywhere in the country. We center Service, Advocacy and Community Action Research.

Our work is community work, it is collective work, it is communal work, it is feminist work, it is social justice work that fights actively against racialized ageism, racism, sexism, classism, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, and xenophobia. It is sustained work and a responsibility that we carry to forge a better world for further generations.

As Black lesbians marginalized by age, race, gender, disability, class, and sexual orientation, we sit at the fence line of oppressions that increase invisibility and negatively impact health outcomes. Black lesbians advocating for ourselves facilitate the design of appropriate programs and interventions that respond to our lived realities, meet our expressed needs, and significantly impact health inequities. It is also an act of rebellion and self-determination.

As the only organization in the country expressly building power for Black lesbian elders by us, with us, and for us, all of our projects and programs are consistent with the aim to organize our base, build community, and advance women’s and LGBTQ rights and to increase and sustain power. We have state chapters located in California, North Carolina and Oregon.

We AIM to affirm, empower, and support each other in creating new paradigms for conscious and powerful aging. We offer support groups, housing and food justice, educational and wellness activities, social networking, scholarships, a community music program, skills-based training, lobbying, public policy development, and needs-based community programming.

ZAMI NOBLA’s Programs and Productions

**Slow Your Roll Yoga**, ZAMI NOBLA in collaboration with AARP and Center of the Heart offers Free *Slow Your Roll Yoga* classes for ALL women age 40 and older. Classes are every Thursday from 7:00-8:15 pm EST via Zoom and taught by Dr. Miriam Phields. To sign up, please visit our website at www.zaminobla.org
The National Black Lesbian Elder Emergency Fund advances economic rights by quickly getting funds to elders who need them for food, utility, rent, transportation and caregiving assistance. This assistance goes a long way in maintaining dignity and empowerment.

The ZAMI NOBLA Podcast is a sound source for black lesbian herstory. It creates an archive of the lives and experiences of Black lesbian elders who have been rendered invisible by a society that overvalues youth and centers Whiteness and patriarchy. There is not, to our knowledge, another Black lesbian organization in the country producing a podcast. It is significant that the ZAMI NOBLA Podcast is hosted and edited by our creative director who is over 50 years of age and is legally blind. This representation is important on many levels, chief among them is disability visibility and black lesbian power. https://zaminobla.libsyn.com/
The Biggers House-Community Gardens
Since 2017 with the community's financial assistance, and physical labor, we have been renovating the "Biggers House" in Northwest Atlanta with the goal of providing permanent, accessible, affordable housing to two black lesbian elders 55 + living on fixed incomes. On the land, we are also planting and harvesting five community gardens for our members, LGBTQ community, and the Westlake neighborhood.

MALTHA-Metro Atlanta Lesbian & Trans Housing Alliance
Founded in 2020, Metro Atlanta Lesbian and Trans Housing Alliance based in Atlanta, Georgia is a multi-racial, multi-generational, sexual and gender minority alliance working to build housing equity. Lesbian and Trans-led, we are committed to advocating for the unique needs of our communities, which overlap greatly. We coalesce to galvanize into action, maximize our resources and exercise our power knowing that LGBTQ persons are disproportionately represented among those experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness.

In 2021 Uke Griot, the music studio of Angela Denise Davis, in partnership with ZAMI NOBLA with funding from the Center on African American Religion, Sexual Politics and Social Justice (CARSS) Columbia University is embarking upon a seminal community music project that will infuse African American Spirituals within the Uke Griot curriculum and provide arrangements of this genre for ukulele ensembles.

Community-Action Participatory Research
Since 2014 in partnership with Dr. Tonia Poteat, Assistant Professor in the Dept of Social Medicine at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, ZAMI NOBLA has conducted formative qualitative research among black lesbians ages 40 years and older in metropolitan Atlanta and across the country focusing on aging, breast cancer and COVID-19 (in process).

2020 EVENTS

When COVID-19 came to our world we came to you by creating loads of online content that was shared far and wide. We produced concerts, a comedy show, informational webinars, music instruction, yoga classes, a film screening, and other digital content for our community.
ZAMI NOBLA provides informal online emotional support and community-building via Facebook groups, Zoom, and other social media platforms.

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UPCOMING EVENT:
Women Sweet on Women

Black Lesbian Virtual Film Festival centering the Life and Legacy of Audre Lorde
coming 2/18-21/21

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