

Christelyn Denise Karazin

Biography

Christelyn Denise Karazin is the co-author of the book *Swirling: How to Date, Mate, and Relate Mixing Race, Culture, and Creed*. She is the founder and organizer of No Wedding No Womb! NWNW is an online initiative to address and find solutions for the 72 percent out-of-wedlock birthrate in the African American community. Her campaign to rally 100+ bloggers to speak out in tandem went viral (www.noweddingnowomb.com), and the #NWNW Twitter hashtag is one of the highest trending topics of African American interest. NWNW has been covered on NPR, *Essence* magazine, the *San Francisco Examiner*, *The Root*, *Clutch* magazine, *The Grio*, the Michael Eric Dyson Show, the Associate Press, and a variety of other radio, online and print publications.

Karazin is a love and relationships columnist for Madame Noire (www.madamenoire.com). Several of her pieces have been syndicated to various other news sites, such as The Root and TheLoop21. She also runs a very popular blog, Beyond Black & White (www.beyondblackwhite.com) created for women who are interested and/or involved in interracial and intercultural relationships.

Karazin is a health, lifestyle, business and education writer for such high-profile publications as Woman's Day, Better Homes & Gardens, Ebony/Jet.com, Pregnancy Magazine, Reuters News Service and many more.

Prior to magazine writing, she was a public relations professional who specialized in consumer and legal public relations, and represented such clients as Jenny McCarthy and Dr. Jay Gordon in their co-project regarding vaccinations, resulting in a prime placement on Larry King Live Show. Karazin has over ten years experience placing clients in television, radio, online and print publications, and has an uncanny talent for finding timely news angles to give her clients maximum exposure.

She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications, cum laude, from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Karazin is an active member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors, and lives in Temecula, California. She is, most importantly, a mother of four children and has been married to her husband, Michael, for eight happy, hectic years.

