

# Critical Conversations on Reproductive Health/Care: Past, Present, and Future

\*El asterisco significa que habrá interpretación simultánea al español \*Astrisk denotes simultaneous translation of panel to Spanish

## Wednesday February 3

1:30 pm- 3:00 p.m.

Panel One: Histories and Historical Legacies of Racism on Maternal and Infant Lives in Brazil and the U.S.

Chair: Jennifer Stager

Emily J. Clark, "Perilous Intimacies: Enslaved Women, White Midwives, and Childbirth in Colonial New England."

Cassia Roth, "Disembodied Reproduction: Enslaved Wet Nurses, Stratified Reproduction, and Commercial Advertisements in Nineteenth-Century Rio de Janeiro."

Nic John Ramos, "Managing Working Motherhood: The Reproductive Politics of Black and Brown Labor in 1970s Los Angeles."

Ayodele Foster-McCray, "Racializing Midwifery: A Discussion of Blackness, Gender, and "Alternative" Birth Care in Atlanta, Georgia."

Monica J. Casper: "'BABYLOST: An Infant Mortality Alphabet Book."

3:00-3:30 p.m.

\*Opening Remarks

Jeremy Greene, Tanjala Purnell, Sasha Turner, Carolyn Sufrin, Jessica Marie Johnson, Elizabeth O'Brien, Darien Colson-Fearon

3:30- 5:00 p.m.

\*Reverse Keynote Discussion of *Reproductive Injustice: Racism, Pregnancy, and Premature Birth* (New York: NYU Press, 2019) by [Dána-Ain Davis](#), Professor of Urban Studies & Anthropology, Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

[Cara Page](#), Cultural/Memory Worker, Curator & Organizer

[Karen Scott](#), Associate Professor and OBGYN Hospitalist in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of California, San Francisco.

[Deirdre Cooper Owens](#), Charles and Linda Wilson Professor in the History of Medicine at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Darien Colson-Fearon, MD Candidate at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

## Thursday February 4

12:30-1:45 p.m.

Abortion Care During COVID-19: Front-Line Perspectives and the Limits of "Choice"

Talks and Q&A with Diane Horvath, MD, and Carolyn Sufrin, PhD, MD

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Panel Two: Historical Perspectives on Birth Control and Abortion in Bolivia, Brazil, China, and the U.S.

Chair: Casey Lurtz

Rhian Lewis, "Essential procedures: Abortion support during COVID-19 in Texas."

Natalie Kimball, "Reproductive Decision Making in Post-Colonial Bolivia."

4:00- 5:30 p.m. Sarah Mellors, "The Road to the One Child Policy: Grassroots Birth Control and Abortion Practices in China, 1966-1979."  
Brooke Lansing, "With the Strictest Confidence: Abortion and Contraception in Nineteenth-Century New York City."  
**Panel Three: Gender, Racial Capitalism, and Family-Making in Barbados, South Africa, Mexico, India, and Canada**  
Chair: Vincenza Mazzeo  
Halle-Mackenzie Ashby, "Conscripts of the State: Urban Women in Post-Emancipation Bridgetown Barbados 1864–1890."  
Tessa Moll, "Making Laws, Managing Potentials: A Modern History of ART Family-Crafting in South Africa."  
April Hovav, "Creating a Global Surrogacy Hub: The Case of Tabasco, Mexico."  
Dharashree Das, "Privation, Precaution, and Deliberation: Narratives of Older Women in Delhi, India."

6:00—8:15 p.m. **Documentary Film Screening: *Belly of the Beast***  
Panel Discussion and Q&A with:  
Film Director Erika Cohn  
Film Producer Angela Tucker  
Film Participant Kelli Dillon  
Film Participant Cynthia Chandler  
[Carolyn Sufrin](#), Assistant Professor of Gynecology and Obstetrics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

### Friday February 5

1:00–2:30 p.m. **\*Panel Four: Race, Public Health, and Clinical Practice in South Africa, Central America, and South America**  
Chair: Halle-Mackenzie Ashby  
Luisa Madrigal, "Reproduciendo el desarrollo en Guatemala."  
Rilva Lopes de Sousa Muñoz, "Historia del parto en establecimientos de salud del estado de Paraíba, Brasil."  
Michelle San Pedro, "State Control Over Reproduction: The Implications of Phasing Out Traditional Midwives in Nicaragua."  
Vincenza Mazzeo, "The Politics of Pap Smears: The Right to Life and Women's Anti-Apartheid Organizing in South Africa, 1984-1994."  
Mariana Ramos Pitta Lima, "Reproductive technologies in practice and post abortion treatment in a Brazilian public maternity hospital."

3:00–4:30 p.m. **Panel Five: Historical Perspectives on Maternity and Reproductive Governance: From the Eugenic Era to the Neoliberal Era**  
Chair: Vincenza Mazzeo  
Urvi Desai, "Birth Control and the Motherhood Market in Bombay (1930-60s)."  
Sanjam Ahluwalia, "Mapping Histories of Reproductive Health and Governance across India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh: 1947- 2000."  
Aprajita Sarcar, "Women as Sites: The Dichotomies of Family Planning on the 'Female' Body."  
Caitlin Fendley, "A 'Complex Personal Problem': Media, Nursing, and Female Sterilization in the 1960s."  
Emma Capulli, "ART and surrogacy: analysis of reproductive autonomy in the complex relationship between clinical labor and new parenting."

5:00—6:30 p.m.

Reverse Keynote Discussion of *Reproduction on the Reservation: Pregnancy, Childbirth, and Colonialism in the Long Twentieth Century* (Chapel Hill: UNC Press, 2019) by [Brianna Theobald](#), Assistant Professor of History at the University of Rochester

[endawis Spears](#), Director of Programming & Outreach, Akomawt Educational Initiative

[Lina-Maria Murillo](#), Assistant Professor of Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies and History, University of Iowa

[Jacki Thompson Rand](#), Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Iowa

[Sasha Turner](#), Associate Professor of History and the History of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University

## Saturday February 6

11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Panel Six: Race, Pain, and Care: Issues in Public Health and Clinical Practice in the U.S.

Chair: Jacob Moses

Nicholas Rubashkin, "Evidence-Based Discrimination: the MFMU VBAC success calculator and the implementation of a new racial algorithm in American obstetrics."

Lotte Elton, "Knowledge, Community, and Care: Biocitizenship in Gestational Diabetes."

Dionne Bensonsmith and Sophie Paek, "A Different Kind of Labor: Black women, Resilience, and Reproductive Justice in Uterine Fibroid Treatment and Care."

Nicole Rodi, "Painfully Missing the Mark on Endometriosis: A Historical View of the Disorder, its Misdiagnosis, and Improving."

Rachel Louise Moran, "'A New-Woman Post-Feminist Idea': Consumer Activism and Postpartum Depression in the 1980s."

1:00—2:30 p.m.

Artist Talk and Q&A with [Rebecca Mwase](#), performance artist and cultural organizer

3:00—4:30 p.m.

\*Reverse Keynote Discussion of *Revolutionary Mothering: Love on the Frontlines* (Oakland, CA: PM Press, 2016) edited by [Alexis Pauline Gumbs](#), [Mai'a Williams](#), and [China Martens](#)

[Victoria Law](#), journalist, author, and mother

Kellee Coleman, Mamas of Color Rising

Tanay Lynn Harris, co-founder of the Bloom Collective Baltimore

[Cecilia Caballero](#), Poet, educator, and scholar

[Jessica Marie Johnson](#), Assistant Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University

With *Revolutionary Mothering* editors, [Mai'a Williams](#) and [China Martens](#)

## Sunday February 7

11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

\*Panel Seven: Pregnancy and Midwifery in Early Modern and Nineteenth-Century Medicine

Chair: [Mary Fissell](#), Professor of the History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University

Scottie Hale Buehler, "Producing Midwives in Eighteenth-century France."

Paola Uparela, "Regímenes gineco-escópicos de la Modernidad: erotismo y putrefacción en La Parturienta" (Gyneco-Scopic Regimes of Modernity: Erotism and Putrefaction in the Representation of Pregnant Woman).

Paige Donaghy, "Toward a theory of non-re-production: examples from the early modern 'false conception' and contemporary 'molar pregnancy.'"

Saurav Kumar Rai, "Begetting a Male Child: Women Reproductive Health in Late Colonial Ayurvedic Discourse."

1:00—2:30 p.m.

\*Reverse Keynote Discussion of *Taking Children: A History of American Terror* (Oakland, CA: UC Press, 2020) by [Laura Briggs](#),

Professor of Women, Gender, Sexuality Studies at The University of Massachusetts Amherst

[Lorgia García Peña](#), Associate Professor of History and Literature at Harvard University

[Lina Rosa Berrío Palomo](#), Profesora-investigadora de Antropología Social

en CIESAS Pacífico Sur

[Nina Lakhani](#), Journalist for *The Guardian* and author

[Rachel Nolan](#), Journalist and Assistant Professor of International Relations at the University of Boston

[Elizabeth O'Brien](#), Assistant Professor of the History of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University

3:00—4:30 p.m.

Panel Eight: Global Perspectives on Race, Class, Reproductive Governance, and Obstetric Violence

Chair: Christy Thornton

Young su Park, "Implanon: Temporalities and Ethics of Family Planning for Ethiopian Female Migrant Workers."

Samantha Serrano, and Denise Mattin, "Childbirth and Postpartum Care of Bolivian Immigrant Women in São Paulo, Brazil-Sweatshops, Obstetric Violence and Cariño."

Sara Matthiesen, "Toward a History of State Neglect: Women of Color and Reproduction in the U.S."

Morgen Chalmiers, "'Too Many Babies?' Reproductive Governance and the Refugee Subject."

## Poster

Poster

[Emergent Hysterectomy Secondary to Subserosa Pedunculated Uterine Leiomyoma Avulsion: How Barriers to Healthcare Impact Patient Outcomes](#)

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