



IFC Events on Reproductive Justice, Spring 2023

This spring, the Intercollegiate Feminist Center for Teaching, Research and Engagement presents five events on the theme of Reproductive Justice. We hope you'll join us for the following:

- **Conversations on Reproductive Justice**

Economies of Motherhood: Reproductive Justice in a Globalizing World

Co-sponsored with the Pulitzer Center

Friday, March 24, 12:30-3:15 p.m., Humanities Auditorium, Scripps College.

Two panels of Pulitzer Center journalists, Claremont Colleges scholars, and community advocates and practitioners will engage in conversations about their work on reproductive justice in the U.S. and globally. Participant bios:

Dina Gachman, Pulitzer Center grantee, is co-author of [Retracing the Steps of My Abortion](#), the story of a 19-year-old Texan's efforts to access an abortion, including her encounter with a misleading pregnancy center and the challenges she faced in affording the procedure. Gachman is an Austin, Texas-based writer and frequent contributor to *The New York Times*, *Texas Monthly*, *Teen Vogue*, and *Vox*. Her book of essays, *Brokenomics*, was published in 2015, and her book *So Sorry For Your Loss: Learning To Live With Grief—Even If It Kills You* will be published in April 2023.

Atsuko Yamamoto, MD, MPH is Assistant Professor in the Department of Child Health at the University of Arizona, College of Medicine-Phoenix and works at a county hospital in the pediatric ER and at a family planning clinic as an abortion provider. She also holds an MPH with a concentration in Maternal Child Health from UC Berkeley. Her research interests include medication abortion provision by emergency medicine physicians and adolescent sexual health in the ER. She advocates for and teaches about antiracism in medical education, the intersection of medicine and the carceral system, and reproductive justice, and advocates for the wellbeing of children and adolescents through systemic change. She is profiled in "The Choice I Make" in the [Winter issue of Pomona College Magazine](#).

Lisa Cody is [Associate Professor of History at Claremont McKenna College](#). Her work focuses on the history of the human body, including abortion, reproduction, sexuality, gender, and violence across the Atlantic and Northern European worlds. Her first monograph was the award-winning *Birthing the Nation: Sex, Science, and the Conception of Eighteenth-Century Britons*, and her current book projects are *Between the Sheets: Sex, Intimacy, and Conflict in Eighteenth-Century Marriage* and *How Abortion Became an American Obsession*.

Rachel VanSickle Ward is [Professor of Political Studies at Pitzer College](#). Her research interests include public policy and gender and politics, and she has published work on the politics of statutory language, gender and political ambition, voting access, and administrative law. Her co-authored book, *The Politics of the Pill: Gender, Framing and Policymaking in the Battle over Birth Control*, was published in 2019. Her 2014 book, *The Devil is in the Details: Understanding the Causes of Policy Specificity and Ambiguity* was awarded the Herbert A. Simon Book Award in 2018. Her writing has

appeared in *Talking Points Memo*, *The Washington Post (The Monkey Cage)*, *U.S News and World Report*, *MS. Magazine* and *TIME Magazine*.

Lupe M. Rodríguez is a scientist with an activist heart dedicated to seeing all people live in full salud, dignidad y justicia. She is currently Executive Director of the [National Latina Institute for Reproductive Justice \(Latina Institute\)](#). Changing course from a science career over 15 years ago to focus on reproductive rights and justice, she worked in Mexico and Peru before moving to California to serve as E.D. of California's largest abortion fund, Access Reproductive Justice, then becoming V.P. of Public Affairs at Planned Parenthood Mar Monte and its action fund. Her work centers those most impacted by injustice through providing direct service, practical support, and education, organizing and doing policy advocacy, supporting political and electoral campaigns, and now leading a national organization.

Janae Sargent is a Sexual Violence Prevention Practitioner and Educator with [ValorUS](#), a national organization committed to advancing equity and ending sexual violence. She hosts and produces [PreventConnect](#), a national podcast and online community dedicated to advancing health equity in the anti-sexual violence and public health fields. She works to integrate anti-oppression and reproductive justice into the movement to end gender and power-based violence. Before coming to ValorUS, she was Prevention Education Manager for [Lumina Alliance](#), working to increase organizational capacity to serve and uplift LGBTQ+, youth and BIPOC voices through training, advocacy and organizational policy. She has also worked as a print and broadcast journalist.

Naipanoi Lepapa, Pulitzer Center grantee, is an award-winning freelance investigative journalist based in Nairobi, Kenya. She is co-author of [The Baby Broker Project](#), an investigative piece about the surrogacy industry in Kenya, leading to being named Kenya's Journalist of the Year by the Media Council of Kenya at the 2022 Annual Journalism Excellence Awards (AJEA). She is passionate about underreported issues in human rights, gender, health technology, the environment, and climate change. She specializes in open-source intelligence and cross-border investigations. She will discuss her work in a video presentation made for this event.

Esther Hernández-Medina (moderator) is [Assistant Professor of Latin American Studies and Gender & Women's Studies](#) at Pomona College. A feminist scholar-activist and policy expert, she researches how historically marginalized groups influence public policy, including citizen participation in urban policies in São Paulo and Mexico City, the history and recent achievements of the Dominican feminist movement, and the participatory budgeting model in the Dominican Republic and São Paulo. She co-founded the [Tertulia Feminista Magaly Pineda](#), which provides a safe space for all women to learn about historical and contemporary issues from a feminist perspective. She has consulted for the Dominican Republic's National Migration Institute, Association of Municipal Districts, Women's Ministry, and National Procurement Office. She is also a member of the international theatre group Ay Ombe Theater.

- **“Reproductive Justice and the Prison Industrial Complex”**

**Lynn Paltrow, J.D., Executive Director, [Pregnancy Justice](#),
Co-sponsored with the 5C Prison Abolition Collective**

Sunday, March 26, 3:00 p.m., The Women's Union at Pomona College (Walker Lounge, Second Floor, 333 N. College Way).

Note: The speaker will be appearing by livestream.

Lynn Paltrow is the founder of National Advocates for Pregnant Women (2001), now Pregnancy Justice. She has worked on numerous cases challenging restrictions on the right to choose abortion as well as cases opposing the prosecution and punishment of pregnant women seeking to continue their pregnancies to term. She has served as a senior staff attorney at the ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project, as Director of Special Litigation at the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy, and as Vice President for Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood of New York City. Ms. Paltrow is the recipient of the Justice Gerald Le Dain Award for Achievement in the Field of Law and the National Women's Health Network's Barbara Seaman Award for Activism in Women's Health. She is a graduate of Cornell University and New York University School of Law. In her lecture, Paltrow will discuss the work of Pregnancy Justice and the criminalization of pregnancy in the context of the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. (Paltrow is also featured in the documentary, *Personhood: Policing Pregnant Women in America*, which will be screened on April 14, noon, in the Hampton Room, Scripps College. See below for details.)

- **Hands-on Workshop on Midwifery with Scottie Hale Buehler**
Co-sponsored with Gender & Sexuality Studies Program, Claremont McKenna College

Wednesday, March 29, 5:00 p.m., Kravis Lower Court 62, Claremont McKenna College.

Dinner with students following workshop.

Scottie Hale Buehler is a midwife turned historian of medicine and gender. In addition to a C.P.M. (Certified Public Midwife) degree, she holds a doctorate in the History of Science, Medicine and Technology from UCLA and is currently Visiting Assistant Professor at Sam Houston State University. In her research, she seeks to excavate the lived and quotidian experiences of female medical practitioners and processes of occupational boundary drawing. She was a 2018-19 Research Fellow at the Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine, performing research for her dissertation on midwifery in 18th century France.

- **“The Midwifery Model of Care: Debates and Tensions in Modern Midwifery”**

Scottie Hale Buehler

Co-sponsored with Gender & Sexuality Studies Program, Claremont McKenna College

Thursday, March 30, noon, The Athenaeum, Claremont McKenna College.

Information about lunch reservations t.b.a.; seating is limited. See speaker bio above.

- **Film screening, *Personhood: Policing Pregnant Women in America***

Friday, April 14, noon, Hampton Room, Scripps College. (Bring your lunch!)

Through the story of Tammy Loehrtscher, a rural Wisconsin woman who was jailed after telling her doctor about her occasional pre-conception drug use, this documentary tracks the rise of the “fetal personhood” movement and reveals a growing system of laws in America that target and criminalize pregnant people, especially lower income women and women of color. At the intersection of the erosion of women’s rights, the war on drugs, and mass incarceration, the film reveals the dangerous ripple effects of anti-choice policies on women who have no intention of ending their pregnancies. Website: <https://personhoode.doc.com>.

All events are free and open to the public. FMI: ifc@scrippscolllege.com.