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Welcome to CLPP’s 29th Annual Conference!

CLPP is a national reproductive rights and justice organization dedicated to educating, mentoring, and inspiring new generations of advocates, leaders, and supporters. Combining activism, organizing, leadership training, and reproductive rights movement building, CLPP promotes an inclusive agenda that advances reproductive rights and health, and social and economic justice.

Our conference is a space for learning, collaboration, growth, and supporting one another as we work to create change. We invite you to be part of a culture of respect that acknowledges and honors the differences we bring in terms of our identities and our politics, without marginalizing or tokenizing each other. We can all do this by speaking from our own experiences and being respectful of differences. Our differences can be points of strength and the many diverse identities and perspectives we hold make for a stronger and more vibrant reproductive justice movement.

All of us—conference organizers, speakers, and participants—bring our varied identities to the conference. CLPP tries to provide the accountable and accessible spaces necessary for everyone to be able to participate in conference events. We ask that all participants help us create these accountable spaces by upholding both CLPP’s guidelines and Hampshire College’s community norms. For CLPP, creating accountable spaces where we can learn and collaborate includes the following:

- Striving to engage in open and constructive dialogue with each other
- Using “I” statements and speaking from your own experience
- Expressing curiosity about and being open to a viewpoint that is different than yours
- Asking genuine questions for understanding

If you are concerned about a violation of community norms or you feel uncomfortable with another participants’ actions, please notify CLPP staff (who are wearing staff t-shirts and name badges) with your concerns. Comments can also be shared with us via conference evaluation forms. We are invested in making sure that participants feel respected and welcome in our space at all times, and we welcome your feedback on your conference experience.

If members of the conference community feel that participants are not upholding these community norms, those participants may be asked to leave the conference.

Thank you for joining us this weekend and helping us build this movement together!

Love,
CLPP staff and student organizers
WELLNESS ROOM
The Wellness Room is a place for conference goers to relax in a quiet space and take a break from the conference. The room will have snacks and activities including DIY crafts, backrubs (schedule TBA), and a yoga session. The Wellness Room is located in the Merrill Living Room and is open Saturday from noon to 7pm and Sunday from 9:00 am to 10:45 am.

CHILDCARE
Childcare is a free service provided by the CLPP student group for people attending the conference, located in the Dakin Living Room, during plenary sessions, the Speak Out and workshops throughout the weekend. We have fun, creative workshops and activities that center around the theme of social justice so children can also participate in the conference! Childcare waivers and permission forms must be completed and signed for each child by their parent/guardian. You can pick up forms at the registration table or childcare site. Please be sure to pick up your child before meals.

EXHIBIT TABLE
Exhibit tables are open in the RCC during meals and break times Friday through Saturday afternoon. Stop by and check them out!

Conference Information

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, April 10
2:00-4:00 p.m. Check-in and registration
  Franklin Patterson Hall (FPH)
4:00-6:00 p.m. Friday afternoon workshops
  Locations listed inside program
6:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner*, check-in and registration
  Robert Crown Center (RCC)
7:30 p.m. Breaking Silences: An Abortion Speak Out, RCC
9:30 p.m. Post-Speak Out discussion groups, RCC
  Open Mic, Red Barn

Saturday, April 11
8:15-9:00 a.m. Breakfast*, check-in and registration, RCC
9:00-11:30 a.m. Opening plenary, RCC
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch*, RCC
1:15-2:45 p.m. Saturday session 1 workshops
3:15-4:45 p.m. Saturday session 2 workshops
5:15-6:45 p.m. Saturday session 3 workshops
7:00-9:00 p.m. Dinner*, RCC
8:00 p.m. Sister Outsider performance, MLH

Sunday, April 12
**8:30-9:00 a.m. Breakfast*, Dining Commons
9:00-10:30 a.m. Sunday morning workshops
10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Closing plenary, RCC

* For a calmer environment than the general meal area, quiet seating is available in the Bridge (off the upper RCC), and on Sunday in the center Dining Commons Room.
**Note: You will need your conference lanyard to get into the Dining Commons for breakfast on Sunday. You will not be able to enter the Dining Commons without it.

Workshop Key
All conference attendees are welcome to attend any of the sessions, regardless of experience level or knowledge, but to give folks more clarity we’ve asked speakers to indicate which of these levels describes their session best:

∞ This session is engaging to anyone, regardless of prior experience. Folks who are new to reproductive justice AND those with more experience will get something out of this session.
Δ This is a 101-level session, geared at those who are new to reproductive justice issues. No prior knowledge is necessary.
◊ This is a more advanced session, geared at those who have some experience in reproductive justice. Some background knowledge is helpful.

Building Key (also see map on pages 8 and 37)
RCC=Robert Crown Center
FPH=Franklin Patterson Hall
ASH=Adele Simmons Hall

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SOCIAL MEDIA USE & POLICIES
Part of what makes our conference so powerful is our ability to share the events, ideas and photos from the weekend with others across the globe. We encourage everyone to talk about their conference experiences online!

The best ways to share are the following:

Live-blogging: writing about an event as it is happening, and posting your thoughts online shortly after.

Live-tweeting: tweeting about an event as it happens, and posting your thoughts online shortly after.

CLPP’s Twitter handle: CLPPtweets
Hashtag to use: #CLPP2015

Facebook posts: tag CLPP when posting about the conference: find and like us at facebook.com/CLPPpage.

Instagram: Follow and tag us @CLPPConference
Hashtag to use: #CLPP2015

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Please be mindful of the following policies when making a post:

THE ABORTION SPEAK OUT
No blogging, tweeting, video-recording, or photography is allowed at Breaking Silences: An Abortion Speak Out on Friday evening. The Speak Out is intended to be an outlet for folks to talk openly and candidly about their abortion experiences in confidence, so we ask that there be no blogging about anyone’s stories, names or events during or after the conference.

PLENARIES, WORKSHOPS AND SPEAKERS
Please do not photograph or video-record any speakers or participants without permission. Everyone should be aware conference photographers will be taking pictures throughout the weekend, and the plenaries will be livestreamed. Photographers will have identifying name tags. If you do not want your photo used in CLPP promotional materials, please check in at the Registration Table.

If speakers request that their names not be used, please do not post them on social media.

If you aren’t sure if a session is appropriate to blog about, check in with the workshop speakers.

Please refrain from using flash photography, as it can trigger seizures or other symptoms. If flash photography is a barrier for you, please check in at the Registration Table so that photographers can be notified.

Thank you so much for your cooperation in creating a fun, safe and informative social media experience for you and everyone else at this year’s conference!
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ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Reference page 32 of the program for a guide to locating bathrooms, accessible entrances, and elevators.

Conference spaces are wheelchair accessible throughout with the exception of the upper level of the Robert Crown Center (RCC). There are wheelchair accessible bathrooms throughout Hampshire College campus, as well as elevators. Some doors are non-automatic; you can pick up a remote to open them at the registration table.

If you need assistance navigating conference spaces, please ask at the registration table. It takes 5-10 minutes to move between conference buildings in a wheelchair.

Bathrooms at Hampshire College are designated All Gender.

We have designated scent-safer seating in the RCC for the Abortion Speak Out and the plenaries, and will maintain clear pathways for folks who use wheelchairs and other access devices in our conference spaces.

Please be scent/fragrance-free to the extent that you are able to, so that beloved community members with chemical sensitivities can attend the conference. We know that scented products, including essential oils, perfumes, and hair products, can be an important part of one’s identity, and we will not be policing anyone’s use of them. However, we ask all participants who will be in shared conference spaces over the weekend to recognize how using certain products can create access barriers for others wishing to use the same spaces.

If you smoke (or hang around people while they smoke) please do so at least 25 feet from buildings and away from walking paths so that people can access entryways and common areas without walking through cigarette smoke. Hampshire College prohibits smoking within 25 feet of buildings. Being 50 feet away is ideal.

The Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA), our local public transportation system, has several area buses that are free to the public. Conference organizers wearing staff T-shirts are happy to help you read maps and schedules.

Meals provided begin with dinner on Friday night and end with breakfast on Sunday. Vegetarian and vegan options are available for everyone. Gluten-free options are available by request from Bon Appetit food service staff. During meals, please refer to the food service staff for specific questions about meals or ask any of the conference organizers to assist you.

For a calmer environment than the general meal area, quiet seating is available in the Bridge in the upper level of the Robert Crown Center, which can be accessed via the staircase near the RCC entrance or via elevators in the Library building. Please help us keep the Bridge quiet for all participants who are interested in using this space. On Sunday morning, breakfast will be served in the Hampshire College Dining Commons, with quiet seating available in the center room of the Dining Commons.

Because flashing lights can trigger seizures or other symptoms, we ask that you avoid wearing or carrying decorative flashing lights and check with people around you before taking flash photography.

Please help us to diminish access barriers at the conference and continue to work and build with us so that the conference is more accessible to more people each year. If you have feedback, questions, or suggestions, or want to volunteer or help organize around access, please let us know in your evaluation forms.

Our Safety Team can be reached at 413-404-6449 to provide peer support and resources. In case of a medical or other emergency, call 911 or 413-559-5555 to reach Campus Police and EMTs.
SUPPORTING PARENTS AND CHILDREN

As the next generation of activists, children are an important part of our conference. We are working to integrate childcare and conference programming so that children are acknowledged and not treated as invisible while on campus. Help us in this process by recognizing that kids may need to be around familiar adults outside of childcare, that babies may be present, and that acknowledging and supporting children supports their parents as well. Give children some attention and help to make them feel included in conference activities!

SAFETY

Many of our communities have a history of surviving violence. Many of us—organizers, speakers, and participants—are survivors of violence based on our various identities. Please carry this awareness with you over the conference weekend.

In order to identify you as part of the conference community, we ask that participants wear conference lanyards while in conference spaces over the weekend. Please be open to organizers asking for visible lanyards!

Protocol: ask for consent to continue conversations that were begun earlier, allow the space for people to leave a situation that is triggering, and be conscious of how our questions or comments might be marginalizing or tokenizing.

Note: some conversations and some folks’ presence at the conference may be “off the record.” Please be extra mindful of this when posting to social media or when taking photos or videos. If in doubt, ask for consent.

We want all participants to know that Hampshire College Campus Police officers will be around campus during the conference weekend. These officers are available to de-escalate situations if opponents of our social justice causes become disruptive over the weekend. We recognize that our communities have different histories with law enforcement and have worked with the officers to raise awareness around these issues.

SUPPORT

There is a volunteer Safety Team available in-person during plenary and workshop times for confidential peer support and advocacy.

To reach a member of the Safety Team during conference weekend, please call 413-404-6449. The team can also be identified by patches worn on the backs of their CLPP staff shirts and black waist packs. Feel free to approach one of the Team members for support services at any point.

Our event Safety Team is modeled on one developed by Communities United Against Violence (CUAV), a queer/trans anti-violence organization in the San Francisco Bay Area. Safety Teams are groups of folks who attempt to problem solve, mediate, and offer support to attendees during an event. By having designated support volunteers at the conference, we hope to build on a transformative justice and healing justice framework.

Our Safety Team is made up of community members, some of whom have formal crisis intervention training and others who are working with only informal experience-based training.

In case of emergency, Campus Police can be reached by dialing 413-559-5555, or you can dial 911.

If you’d like additional support, you can call:

- **Safe Passage**’s 24-hour domestic violence/sexual assault hotline: 413-586-5066 or 888-345-5282 (toll-free / TTY)
- The **Center for Women and Community**’s 24-hour rape crisis hotline (open to all genders): 413-545-0800
- The **Hampshire County Toll-Free Rape Crisis Hotline**: 888-337-0800 or 413-577-0940 (TTY) or MA Relay 711
- Womanshelter/Compañeras’ 24-hour domestic violence/sexual assault hotline: 877-536-1628
- ServiceNet Crisis Services Hotline regarding mental health: 413-586-5555 or 800-322-0424 (toll-free)
- **YWCA of Western Massachusetts’ 24-hour domestic violence/sexual assault hotline**: 413-733-7100 (TTY) or 800-796-8711 (toll-free / TTY)
- **YWCA of Western Massachusetts’ Spanish-language sexual assault hotline (Llamanos)**: 800-223-5001
- **Campus Police/EMTs for emergencies**: 413-559-5555 (non-emergency: 413-559-5424)
WORKING TO ADDRESS DISABILITY JUSTICE*
*This section is adapted from materials provided by Sebastian Margaret of Access Change.

In working to address Disability Justice, it is important to understand that the lives of disabled people are neither inspirational nor pitiful by virtue of our disabilities. For many of us, disabilities are ordinary and familiar parts of who we are. It is also important to recognize that some disabilities are less visible than others. Everyone has a right to use the accommodations they need without being criticized or questioned.

Language and communication

Protocol: Words like “cripple,” “defect,” “spastic,” “lame,” “retard,” “psychotic,” “paranoid,” and “crazy” have been used to bully and oppress people with disabilities for many decades. Please be aware of how you use these words. You may hear people with disabilities reappropriating words by calling each other “crip” or “gimp”; however, when used by non-disabled people, this language can be highly derogatory.

Speak at a moderate volume and pace to be understood by as many people as possible. Practicing active listening—by asking and responding to questions and giving both verbal and non-verbal cues—communicates that we are engaged in the conversation.

Please address the person you are speaking with directly, not an interpreter.

Many of us here have disabilities that affect the ways that we learn, understand, and/or communicate. You can show respect for people by practicing patience with those who learn and/or communicate at a different pace or in a different way than you do. You can challenge assumptions of disability based upon atypical speech patterns, body language, or eye contact. If you are having difficulty communicating with someone, try a different form of communication, like writing or demonstration.

Ask and wait for an answer before you try to help someone.

Service, assistance and guide dogs are working hard! You are supporting the independence and autonomy they provide by not distracting them. It is inappropriate to pet, offer food to, or interact with the animal. It is also inappropriate to comment on the dog’s presence, e.g., “and who do we have here?”

Please listen to the needs and stories of disabled people when they are volunteered; yet please respect people’s privacy and boundaries by not asking unnecessarily intrusive questions. Many disabled people deal with daily curiosity about their bodies and find it exhausting. Educate yourself through books, web sites, and at the Disability Justice workshops this weekend. Then, please join the many hardworking allies who are working to respond appropriately to ableist situations.

Creating Space

There are seats set aside for people with varying disabilities and other needs (both visible and invisible) throughout plenary spaces and workshop rooms. These areas will be labeled as Priority Seating. There will also be designated scent-safer seating. Please be prepared to move chairs to make room for people using wheelchairs, wherever they may wish to sit at plenary sessions and workshops.

Protocol: To make it easier for everyone to move around the conference freely, please keep the aisles clear. Be aware of the people around you when navigating tight, crowded public spaces, and leave plenty of room for people to pass safely. Also be aware of boundaries and of your own and others’ personal space. Many of the campus doors are automated; please hold non-automatic doors open for people. (Some automatic doors are activated by a button located near the door and others are activated by a remote; the Guide to Bathrooms, Doorways, and Elevators lists where these are located.)
WORKING TO ADDRESS GENDER JUSTICE*
*This section is adapted from Translate Gender’s “Resisting Gender Oppression: Tips on Being an Activist/Ally”.
resource. www.translatelanguage.org

Language and Communication

While we envision and work to create a world where gender is not a cause for discrimination or violence, we also recognize the importance of providing safer spaces for people who are marginalized because of their gender (such as women, transgender people and gender non-conforming people).

Protocol: In general, our hope is that we can avoid and challenge gender assumptions and stereotyping. Please let people self-identify their gender and the gender pronouns they use to describe themselves (e.g., he/him/his, she/her/hers, they/them/ theirs, ze/hir/hirs), or use gender-neutral language until pronouns are established. This sometimes means asking people, “What pronouns do you use?” It is often helpful to mirror back language that people use to identify themselves. Please honor people’s pronouns and gender identities, whatever they may be. Conference name badges include space to self-identify your pronouns.

We each have different comfort levels around our bodies. Don’t press for answers just because someone revealed details about themselves earlier; it can be exhausting to be seen as a full-time educator simply because of our gender. Many resources are available online and in print, as well as at this conference!

Remember: ask for consent.

GLOSSARY

Marginalization: the treatment of a person, group, or idea as peripheral, insignificant, or secondary in importance.

Tokenism: the limited inclusion of individuals in a group based solely on their minority status, often in a stereotypical way and/or for the sake of “diversity.”

Trigger: a set of words or images that can evoke intensely strong emotional and/or physical reactions. A situation can also be triggering. Being triggered is not the same as “being offended”; a trigger can bring a person back to a traumatic event. Triggers are deeply personal and vary from person to person.

Reappropriation: the often empowering process by which members of a group reclaim words that have historically been used against them. It is important to remember that language can be highly contentious; “queer,” for instance, is a word that has been reappropriated, but that still stings for some LGBT individuals, against whom the word was (or is) used as a weapon.

Ableism: Discrimination based upon a person’s disability or perceived disability.
WELCOME!

FRIDAY EVENTS

Rapid HIV Testing
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. outside the Robert Crown Center
Tapestry Health will be providing rapid HIV testing at the CLPP Conference in their mobile health van. The test is a simple oral swab and results are available in 20 minutes! For more information on the testing event, please call 413-586-2016 or email abritt@tapestryhealth.org.

Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps (RRASC) Reception
6:45 p.m.-7:15 p.m. in the Upper RCC
Current and former RRASC interns and staff from RRASC host organizations are invited to a casual networking dinner. RRASC organizations who are hosting a RRASC intern this year: come meet your summer interns!

Breaking Silences: An Abortion Speak Out
7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. in the Robert Crown Center
A place for anyone who has personally had an abortion to share their story in a safe and supportive environment. The opportunity to speak is open to anyone in the audience who has personally experienced an abortion. Following the Speak Out, there will be both open and closed discussion groups.

Post-Speak Out Closed Discussion Group
9:30 p.m. in the South Lounge (Upper RCC)
This is a facilitated discussion for people who have had an abortion to come together to discuss the Speak Out or what it brought up for them. We ask that only people who have personally had abortions and their partner/support person attend this discussion.

Post-Speak Out Open Discussion Group
9:30 p.m. in the Bridge (Upper RCC)
This is a facilitated open discussion for anyone who wants to discuss their reaction to the Speak Out.

Open Mic
9:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m. at the Red Barn
Join CLPP’s Entertainment committee for an open mic in the Red Barn! The open mic will be a time for conference-goers to come together and share their thoughts and feelings through spoken word and music. Content can be related to the conference, but does not have to be. Come out and convene in a creative space with your fellow justice-seekers!

CAMPUS MAP
WORKSHOP AND EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

FRIDAY WORKSHOPS
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Black Women’s Voices and Stories for Social Change: How Echoing Ida Came to Be
The words of Black women change the world each and every day, but often they are silenced by the mainstream. During this panel, attendees will hear from the Black women writers of Echoing Ida, a project of Forward Together that amplifies the voices of Black women, developing generations of thought leaders and skilled communicators in the social justice movement. The panelists will share their experiences using their personal stories and writing to achieve advocacy and political change. The panel will also discuss their experiences of their collective model, how to get published, partnering with organizations to elevate their work, and the benefits of the Black writer sisterhood. Participants will learn how to identify issues within their own lives and how to frame their stories, as well as have a deeper understanding of the publishing and writing world.
Gloria Malone, Renee Bracey Sherman, Bianca Campbell, Taja Lindley
FPH East Lecture Hall  Level: 0

Consenting to Action: Sexual Assault is a Reproductive Justice Issue
This workshop will address not only sexual assault and harassment on college campuses, but also the culture of sexual violence as a whole. Together, we hope to push the conversation to include a racial justice and LGBTQA+ analysis to make sure that our framework is inclusive of all bodies. As a group, we will also identify the personal, structural, and cultural issues that perpetuate rape culture on campus in order to determine the best strategies to address them. We will then discuss what students are currently doing on campus to prevent sexual assault and provide resources to survivors on campus.
Haley Miller, Oluwakemi (Kemi) Oso
FPH 108  Level: 0

El acceso al aborto, legal, seguro y gratuito es un derecho humano! (Safe and Legal Access to Abortion is a Human Right!)
Latin America is home to five of the seven countries in the world in which abortion is banned in all instances, even when the life of the woman is at risk. Ninety percent of women of reproductive age in the region live under abortion restrictions, and unsafe abortion is estimated to be the cause of one out of every eight maternal deaths. The laws criminalizing abortion in the region have been inherited from colonial powers, the legacy of the Spanish and Portuguese empires; today, the global agenda on the religious right fuels opposition to abortion. Come to this session to hear how activists are mobilizing to reclaim women’s rights as human rights.
Cora Fernandez Anderson*, Roosbelinda Cárdenas, Ruth Zurbriggen, Rosalia Cruz Sánchez
FPH 107  Level: ∞

Environmental and Climate Justice 101
This interactive workshop will allow participants to explore the intersections between environmental, climate, gender, and racial justice. Presenters will highlight cross-movement work, and innovative efforts that advance just solutions to environmental problems in the U.S. and internationally.
Jessa Orluk, Justin Singleton
ASH 112  Level: ∞

Geographies of Race and Sexual Health: Housing Policy Impacts on People Living With HIV and LGBTQ Youth
This presentation will explore the links between reproductive justice (RJ) and environmental justice (EJ) by examining the impact of discriminatory anti-poverty housing policy on the lived experiences, health outcomes, and perpetuation of stigma against people living with HIV (PLHIV) and LGBTQ individuals in Atlanta, Georgia. Metro Atlanta has a disproportionately high number of people of color living with HIV, in addition to alarming HIV diagnosis rates among Black youth. As Atlanta incrementally implements an overall cityscape transformation geared to meet the needs of high income resident-consumers, it has been slow to innovate robust programs that meaningfully address unstable housing for low income PLHIV and LGBTQ youth of color. To unpack the relationship between these two intersecting trends in public health and housing policy, this session will lay out concrete frameworks of EJ and RJ to analyze local anti-poverty housing policy, federal housing assistance programs for PLHIV, and the impact of racialized geography and destabilized housing on the ability of PLHIV and LGBTQ individuals to realize optimal sexual health outcomes.
Joaquín Hubert, Melanie Medalle, Nerissa Irizarry
JLC 131  Level: ∞

Is There Such a Thing as Bad Abortions? When Storytelling Gets Real
This workshop will explore how storytelling has and is being used as a tool for social impact and culture shift, specifically regarding the power of story sharing when it comes to personal perceptions of abortion. But what are some of the difficulties in using storytelling as a movement building tool? In bringing to light a wide experience of abortion stories, are there tough questions to address regarding morality, objectivity, and the multitude of stigmas at play? Let’s have a real and honest conversation about what people perceive as “good abortions” and “bad abortions” and use our collective knowledge and experiences to more effectively use storytelling as a game-changing tool.
Carly Manes, Julia Reticker-Flynn, Shomya Tripathy
ASH 221  Level: ∞

Know the Right, Resist the Right, Fight for Your Rights
In the wake of Roe v. Wade and “second-wave” feminist organizing, the Christian Right struck back hard, challenging abortion access, LBGTQ and reproductive rights, and fundamental freedoms more broadly. We need a better understanding of the Right in order to build strong and effective resistance. In this workshop, participants will provide a broad overview of the major trends on the Right, and focus on specific current campaigns which highlight the ways in which their attacks incorporate racism and homophobia.
Fred Clarkson, Marlene Gerber Fried*, Loretta Ross, Cole Parke
FPH, Main Lecture Hall  Level: Δ

Reproductive Justice 101
Heard the term reproductive justice thrown around a lot? Not really sure what it means or where it comes from? As a framework that many social justice organizations and activists base their work on, it’s important for us to understand what it is we are talking about. Join us to have some of those questions answered and engage in a dialogue on
Speakers marked with an asterisk (*) are workshop moderators.
FRIDAY WORKSHOPS, cont’d
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

the history, meaning, and application of reproductive justice in our work toward achieving reproductive freedom. Hear from facilitators working on reproductive justice in a number of capacities and figure out what it means for you!

**Pooja Ghosh, Maribel Morales**
FPH 106  Level: Δ

**Sizeism, Fatphobia, and Disability Justice**
This workshop will focus on fatness as a social identity and sizeism as a system of oppression. Participants will learn the basics of fat oppression and how it operates through institutions such as the medical industrial complex, media, diet and fashion industries. Participants will examine how fat oppression intersects with other -isms, (racyism, ableism, sexism, capitalism, etc.) and give historical contexts about the rise of fat oppression as an ableist aesthetic concern before fatness was ever considered a medical issue. This workshop will also offer insight into how sizeism operates in activist communities, specifically in food justice movements, and discuss solutions to combat sizeism and make our spaces commit to fighting sizeism.

**Charone Pagett, Collette Carter**
FPH 101  Level: Δ

**Sometimes in Washington You Win: Net Neutrality VICTORY**
The fight for the future of our Internet has been quietly raging in Washington for a decade. In 2014 things got hot when a government agency proposed to let big companies like Comcast, Verizon and AT&T create fast lanes on the Internet for those that could afford them and leave the rest of us in the slow lane. In response, a large coalition of artists, new civil rights leaders, independent technologists, feminists and communities in struggle pressured Washington to protect the Internet we love and make strong rules to keep the Internet open and free. Join us to learn how feminist organizers and activists who depend on the free and open Internet to organize fought back against a corporate power grab -- and won. We’ll highlight key stories behind the victory and talk about what’s next in the fight for the media we need and deserve.

**Mary Alice Crim, Evan Greer, Margaret Flowers, Brandi Collins**
ASH 111  Level: ∞

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**Surviving the “Other War on Women”**
In the “war on women,” who are the “women” that mainstream reproductive rights organizations seek to support? Most mainstream organizations have done little to address the ways that our criminal justice and child welfare systems have failed to support low-income and women of color survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence. Nor do they bring to the forefront the daily reproductive health abuses for women and trans individuals facing incarceration. Participants will explore the criminalization and punishment of survivors of trauma and recognize our capacity to build transformative legal and community based strategies for change. Topics addressed include the attacks on low-income women’s reproductive health through welfare reform, child welfare, and the “War on Drugs;” incarceration and child welfare systems as sites for reproductive oppression; and grassroots approaches to end gender violence and reproductive oppression through policy/advocacy, leadership, service strategies and alternative forms of healing.

**Richael Faithful, Lillian Hewko, Tina Reynolds**
FPH Faculty Lounge  Level: ∞

**Trans Women and the Reproductive Justice Movement**
This session will allow participants to explore the different reproductive needs of trans women and the ways that they intersect with forced sterilization, loss of children, lack of access to appropriate medical care, lack of desirability, and state violence. Participants will also gain a better understanding about the ways that the reproductive justice movement has failed to include the needs and challenges of trans women while exploring avenues for rectification. Participants will strategize around how to listen to the voices of trans women so that our needs are heard and centered. Finally, this session will provide concrete steps that participants can take home to engage trans women in their communities to build a better movement.

**Beverly Boydston, Morgan Robyn Collado, Kyra**
FPH West Lecture Hall  Level: φ

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**Ibis Reproductive Health**
Ibis Reproductive Health is an international nonprofit organization with a mission to improve women’s reproductive autonomy, choices, and health worldwide. Our core activity is clinical and social science research, focused on issues receiving inadequate attention in other research settings and where gaps in the evidence exist. Our agenda is driven by women’s needs and priorities increasing access to safe abortion, expanding contraceptive access and choices, and integrating HIV and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services. We partner with advocates and other stakeholders who use our research to improve policies and delivery of services in countries around the world.

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OPENING PLENARY
9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., RCC

Speaking Out for Reproductive Freedom

Activists, performers, students, and leaders from across the US will use the words, song, and performance to share their experiences in this movement and their passion for building community and advancing reproductive justice for everyone. Presenters will address how reproductive freedoms, including freedom from coercion and violence, sexual freedom and rights, the right to parent, and gender justice are connected to queer rights, economic justice, racial justice, immigrant rights, and environmental justice. Let’s share our visions for cross-movement collaboration and imagine a more just and intersectional future where all of our communities can thrive!

Emcees:
Namrata Jacob
Rachael Strickler

Speakers
Anne Hendrixson
Colored Girls Hustle
Coya White Hat-Artichoker
The Disability Justice Collective
Klaira Lerma
Marianne Bullock
Marlene Gerber Fried
Melanie Medalle
Miriam Yeung
Mitchyll Mora
Monica Simpson
Mwende Katwiwa
Pooja Ghosh
Rory Woodard
Ruth Zurbriggen
Sam Villatoro
Dr. Willie Parker

SATURDAY EVENTS

Art Making Space
12:30-5:30, Prescott Tavern
CLPP’s entertainment committee will be offering arts & crafts activities for anyone interested in taking a break from workshops to relax the mind and body with some artsy fun. Join us to make stress balls, plastic bag flowers, and zines, and be part of the Repeal Hyde Art Project!

Gathering to Initiate a Western Massachusetts Full Spectrum Doula Collective
7:30 - 8:30pm, FPH 108
This general interest meeting is open to ANYONE local to w.mass who is interested in supporting individuals and families in all areas of reproductive health + wellness. We are hoping to build new programs and strengthen existing ones by supporting our neighbors, our communities, and one another-- join us!

Sister Outsider Performance
8:00p.m., FPH Main Lecture Hall
Sister Outsider is comprised of two award winning women of color, DominiqueChristina and Denice Frohman. As poets, writers, educators, and activists, they are interested in exploring their woman-ness in an unapologetic and fierce way as well as exploring the intersections of race, gender, and sexuality.

Third Wave Program Launch Reception
7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Red Barn
Third Wave Fund invites you to join their program launch event! Third Wave will be announcing for the first time their new and unique gender justice grantmaking plan to support the activism of young women of color, queer and trans youth of color and low-income youth. They will also announce new and exciting ways young people can participate in this movement building effort as donor activists. Food and beverages will be served!
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1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.

Appropriate Whiteness for Feminist Activists
During this workshop, participants will learn how to have difficult conversations about white privilege and white supremacy with the people they love, like families, club members, and co-workers. Discussion will include how to be a “credit to your race” in becoming an abolitionist against racism in the reproductive rights movement and how to actively listen and ask questions of people of color with respect, and avoid denial, racial triggers and marginalization.
Loretta Ross
FPH West Lecture Hall  Level: Δ

Birth Justice
One of the tenets of reproductive justice is the right to birth and parent children if you choose to do so. What are the intersections of reproductive justice and birth justice? This workshop will explore how control over birthing experiences has been a part of the broader fight for reproductive rights and body sovereignty. Speakers will discuss the history of medicalized birth, racism’s role in creating health disparities, the move of birth out of the hands of midwives, and efforts to expand the doula and midwifery models of care.
Bianca Campbell, Jupiter Arquero Otazo, Marianne Bullock, Ryan Pryor, Pamela Stone*
FPH East Lecture Hall  Level: ∞

Careers in the Movement
Can you follow your passion for reproductive justice and create a career for yourself in the movement? Come hear how our panelists have found opportunities to pursue exciting and creative work advancing reproductive justice in research, movement building, birth work, reproductive health advocacy, sex education, and in mentoring and inspiring new feminist activists.
Coco Jervis, Poonam Dreyfus-Pai, Yana Tallon-Hicks
JLC 131  Level: ∞

Closing the Coverage Gap: What’s at Stake in Medicaid Expansion for Trans* People, Immigrants, and People Living with HIV/AIDS
Although the Affordable Care Act has provided advantages for many, substantial coverage gaps remain for those most vulnerable. Many people face continued economic, social and other structural barriers to enrollment and significant numbers of low income and vulnerable people living in states across the country have yet to benefit from the ACA due to derailments in the Medicaid expansion process. Additionally, undocumented and trans* people face barriers to coverage under Medicaid. Participants and presenters will discuss the reproductive justice implications of excluding certain services and populations from coverage. This is an interactive conversation for both emerging leaders and long-time organizers and activists about how health care reform and closing the coverage gap intertwines with our intersectional work around racial justice, economic justice, LGBTQ health, and reproductive justice.
Nerissa Irizarry, Cecilia Sáenz Becerra, Kyle Marie Stock, Julián Padilla
FPH 103  Level: 0

Disability Justice 101
The collision of disability, economic and racial justice are inseparable in the lived experiences of poverty, the struggles of First Nation peoples for sovereignty, work-related injuries, homelessness, sterilization, immigration, police brutality and more. Come join members of the national Disability Justice Collective (DJC) as we explore the intersections of ableism, disability, and reproductive justice, and discuss tools we can incorporate into our lives and organizing to ensure more effective collaborations with the disability community.
Kay Ulanday Barrett, Gykyria Shoy, Sebastian Margaret, Charone Pagett, Collette Carter
MDB Recital Hall  Level: Δ

Genitals Roadshow: BYOJ (Bring Your Own Junk)
This inclusive, fun, and interactive workshop will teach you appropriate techniques for examining your breast tissue and/or genitals at home. All participants will learn and practice techniques for providing a comprehensive self-breast exam and will assess either their own breast tissue or a MammaCare model. We will also review the techniques of self pelvic exams: one of the presenters, a gynecological teaching associate, will use their body to explain the pelvic exam and will demonstrate correct speculum placement and invite participants to view their cervix. All participants will walk away with a plastic speculum and tips on how to troubleshoot using it at home. We will also review penile, testicular, and hernia exams and provide take-home materials.
We ask that all participants who will view the pelvic exam explanation be at least 18 years of age, but welcome participants of all ages to the overview portion of the workshop.
Alexandra Duncan, Tiffany E. Cook
ASH 112  Level: Δ

Get Yr Rights!
LGBTQ youth of color are primary targets of discriminatory policing and criminalization efforts. But just as we are targets, LGBTQ people of color resist. In this workshop, participants will hear about Get Yr Rights, a network of LGBTQ youth-led and/or youth-serving organizations doing Know Your Rights work across the United States. Participants will also hear about the tools and strategies young LGBTQ people of color are using to resist race and gender-based profiling and policing, implicating issues of violence prevention, harm reduction, reproductive justice, and the rights of people involved in the sex trades. Presenters will also share successes, strategies, and continued areas of advocacy in dismantling race and gender-based profiling and policing across the country.
Verónica Bayetti Flores, Mitchyll Mora
FPH108  Level: ∞

In Our Own Voice: Formulating A National Black Women’s Reproductive Justice Policy Agenda
In Our Own Voice: National Black Women’s Reproductive Justice Agenda is a national organizational initiative of Back Women for Wellness, Black Women’s Health Imperative, New Voices Pittsburgh, SisterLove, Inc. and SPARK Reproductive Justice Now, in partnership with Communications Consortium Media Center. Launched in the Fall of 2014, the initiative is designed to amplify and lift up the voices of Black women at the national and regional levels in our ongoing fight to secure Reproductive Justice for all women and girls. In this session, we will present our research

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data, discuss the goals of In Our Own Voice, outline specific activities we have conducted or plan for the future, and outline ways others can become involved. Our goal is to not only share our work, but to receive input from others to help move the work forward in a strategic and intentional way.

Janette Robinson Flint, Marcela Howell, Tiffany “Omi” Pennick
FPH 107  Level: ∞

Qs about the T: Talking about Transgender Lives and Experiences
This workshop is a 101-level crash course intended to answer questions and educate about the lives and experiences of trans* identified people, integrating topics like privilege and oppression, and how they affect our discussions of the gender-variant community. We will discuss terminology, language, and how intentional phrasing truly makes a difference when we speak. The presenters will then open themselves up to answer all your burning questions about their own experiences, and what life is like as a trans* person. Everyone is welcome, but new allies are especially encouraged to attend!

Kai Devlin, Elyse Quadrozzi, Yusef Bornacelli
FPH Faculty Lounge  Level: ∆

Reproductive Justice 101
Heard the term reproductive justice thrown around a lot? Not really sure what it means or where it comes from? As a framework that many social justice organizations and activists base their work on, it’s important for us to understand what it is we are talking about. Join us to some of those questions answered and engage in a dialogue on the history, meaning, and application of reproductive justice in our work toward achieving reproductive freedom. Hear from facilitators working on reproductive justice in a number of capacities and figure out what it means for you!

Sheila Brown, Lily Kofke
FPH 106  Level: ∆

Save Our Stories: Putting RJ History Into Action
History is a powerful but underutilized tool for social change. When RJ activists don’t know their foremothers’ struggles and organizing strategies, opponents fill the vacuum with stereotypes and distortions that undermine today’s movements for reproductive health and sexual autonomy. When RJ activists do know the stories and lessons of earlier generations, they are prepared to dispel myths and fill the silences with evidence, insights and inspirations from a long tradition of resistance and empowerment. In this 3-part strategy session we will: view video clips of RJ leaders from the 1960s forward; learn about methods of preserving evidence of current organizing; and explore opportunities to put history into action by using past stories to strengthen movements today.

Joyce Follet
FPH 105  Level: ∞

Stand Up to Population Alarmism
Many of us learn from school and the media that “overpopulation” is one of the major causes, if not the major cause, of hunger, poverty, environmental degradation, migration and even political instability. “Overpopulation” thinking often leads to harmful policies and campaigns that undermine reproductive freedom and environmental justice. Learn to combat it with fresh, feminist perspectives on population, the environment and organizing. Speakers will discuss how to challenge population alarmism in reproductive justice and environmental justice organizing.

Jessa Orluk, Anne Hendrixson, Lindsay Schubiner
FPH 104  Level: ∞

The Art Within The Music
We live in a time where music is everywhere, but there are places people forget to look, resulting in popular music revolving around three things; clubbing, a woman’s body, and drug use/alcohol. In this workshop explore the unknown and learn/compare popular music to the hidden musical treasures and the musix of the past. After our discussion, join us in the writing of a song that brings the truth, magic, and art back into music.

Aolani Whitebear, Scott Senecal
FPH 101  Level: ∞

Threats to Abortion Access and Strategies of Resistance
Efforts to restrict access to safe and legal abortion persist, disproportionately affecting the most vulnerable people in our society and worldwide. Panelists will talk about current barriers to access and discuss activist strategies to resist the threats, including: grassroots, national and international campaigns to overturn restrictions on public funding of abortion; and U.S.-based human rights campaigns that position the right to abortion within the broader reproductive rights and human rights narrative and that aim to recognize abortion providers as human rights defenders.

Karla Torres, Marlene Gerber Fried*, Morgan Hopkins, Jamila Taylor
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“You can’t take this away from me” - Self Induction Abortion in the US
Abortion is stigmatized and mystified. Yet millions of women around the world have safely induced their own abortions with medicines. Knowledge about safe abortion with pills belongs in our own hands, and this workshop will provide information about precautions, how the medicines work, safest way to use them, and when a clinician must be consulted. It is our human right to have this knowledge and to share it.
Sofia Peña, Susan Yanow, MSW
FPH West Lecture Hall  Level: ∞

Beating Back the Corporate Right on Reproductive Freedom: Innovative Strategies from the Low-Wage Workers’ Rights Movement
More than one in seven women – 18 million – in the United States live in poverty. These women often have little control over their work schedules, and those who parent may face grim choices about where to send their children while they are working. National workplace policies fail to ensure that working women are able to take care of their existing children, access comprehensive and high-quality reproductive healthcare, and make reproductive choices that are truly the choices they want to make. This panel will raise up the stories of women who are mounting resistance efforts to this assault on reproductive justice and bodily autonomy, as well as envision ways to retrofit and alter our national workplace policies to support reproductive choice and freedom.
Ariel Tazkargy, Sarita Gupta, Tara Shuai Ellison*, Sydney Saunders
ASH 112  Level: ∞

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Breaking it Down: Identifying and Smashing Barriers to Youth Sexual Health Care
Young people face unique barriers when accessing sexual and reproductive health care, including abortion notification laws, access to contraception, Title IX compliance at their institutions, and access to comprehensive sexual health education that reflects their lives. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss barriers unique to young people and explore the intersections of race, socioeconomic status, ability, gender identity and sexual orientation in a young person’s capacity to access needed care. Using dynamic discussions, participants will learn strategies to gather information about youth needs and challenges and to elevate the voices of young people.
Brittany Brathwaite, Patty Fernandez Piñeros, Sadia Arshad
JLC 120  Level: ∞

Full-Spectrum Doula Practice 101: Starting a Doula Organization or Collective
Since 2007, the term “full-spectrum” and “radical” doula have been applied to organizations forming around the country which support all pregnant people and pregnancy outcomes. Members of the Full Spectrum Reproductive Support Network believe that we can learn from each other to expand this support, and that we must collaborate across geographic borders in order to build a culture that advances the tenets of reproductive justice. Our presentation will focus on building the capacity of existing and future full spectrum and radical doula groups around the

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country. Leaders of several existing groups will share personal stories of founding each project, focusing on: different models for a full-spectrum doula group, differences in providing support for first/second trimester abortions or medication abortions, queer and trans* inclusivity, centering the experiences of people of color, choosing models outside of the clinical sphere, including providing hotline support and community education, and finding allies.

Brenda Hernandez, Hannah Sokoloff-Rubin, yucca b.w., cheré (rere) suzette bergeron
FPH 108 Level: Δ

Hitting the Spot: Pleasure-Based Sex Education for All
Our formal, school-based sex education is lacking. But what about our sexual pleasure education? It’s practically non-existent. How do we learn to make ourselves and our partners feel sexual pleasure? Often by accident, often by guess-and-check, and way-too-often in ways that are terribly misinformed by Google, social mores, and sweeping generalizations about what “everyone likes”. This workshop will explore how we learn about pleasure by touching on some of our most pleasurable spots - the G-Spot, C-Spot (clitoris) and P-Spot (prostate). Where are these spots? Why do they feel good? What kind of sex toys, lubricants and techniques can we use to help us make them feel good?
Walk away feeling empowered by new knowledge about how to bring yourself and your partners intentional pleasure in a straight-forward, safe and accessible environment. Propel radical sex education forward by starting in the most familiar place - with your own bodies, between your own sheets.

Yana Tallon-Hicks
FPH 105 Level: ∞

Reproductive Justice in Indigenous Communities
In this session, panelists will share their strategies and experiences working within indigenous communities on issues of reproductive health, rights, and justice. Topics explored will include current legislative attacks on indigenous communities, native motherhood in academia, and two-spirit identity. Participants will leave with a grounding of reproductive justice tactics within indigenous communities.

Chas Jewett, Coya White Hat-Aritchoker, Ashley McCray
FPH 107 Level: ∞

Strategic Action Session: Gender Responsive Is Not Gender Justice: Exploring Movement-Building, Messaging, and Solidarity Across Prison Walls
This is a skill share workshop that will explore how to develop tools and messaging with folks currently imprisoned to battle back against Gender Responsive developments to the criminal justice system -- a vital issue for those engaged in anti-prison work. We will explore what solidarity work and ally-ship can look like across prison walls, how organizations like Justice Now and the Prison Birth Project empower people as activists, and what barriers exist to facilitating anti-prison organizing. We will also discuss how to develop leadership within communities most impacted by intersecting oppressions, and how important it is to make space for relief work to allow organizers respite from trauma and oppression.

Marisa Pizii, Misty Rojo
FPH 104 Level: 0

Untold Stories: Supporting Storytellers for Cultural Shift
Story sharing is an increasingly popular tool for organizations to utilize in policy work, organizing, and shifting culture. But how do you know if your organization is effectively employing this tactic in a way which centers and supports the well-being of the storyteller? This workshop will explore the ways in which organizations use storytelling to move messages around stigmatized reproductive experiences, both politically and culturally, and equip participants with ways in which they can support their storytellers to ensure they have a safe and empowering sharing experience. The workshop will share new research conducted by the Sea Change Program and engage attendees in facilitated activities to learn more about the impact of story sharing.

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explore the value and challenges of storytelling. Participants will learn about the ways in which storytellers themselves say they would like to be supported and how to integrate this holistic approach into their everyday communications.

Renee Bracey Sherman, Roula AbiSamra  
FPH Faculty Lounge  
Level: ◊

Using Mothers: Control and Oppression of Pregnant and Parenting Women who use Drugs - And how we can fight it!
Pregnant and parenting drug-using women face brutal stigmatization and criminalization, judgment from medical providers and social services, and targeting by the criminal injustice system. Mandatory drug testing, incarceration, and having their children abducted by the state are some of the abuses they face. This is magnified for low-income women, women of color, and those engaging in sex work. False information around physiological effects of drugs on fetal development is rampant in the medical establishment and perpetuated through national media. This workshop will examine the intersections of drug use and reproductive justice, with a brief presentation on biomedical effects of substances on maternal and fetal health, followed by discussion on how activists and providers from sometimes disparate movements can work together to include drug-using women in the fight for reproductive freedom.

Kahn Miller  
FPH 106  
Level: ◊

Strategic Action Session: Reproductive Justice in Communities of Color
Women of color-led organizations are leading the fight for reproductive justice at the local and national levels. In this strategic action session, staff from several organizations will talk about their work, highlighting current campaigns and recent successes and challenges. What does reproductive justice look like in our communities right now? How do race, ethnicity, and identity intersect with reproductive justice?

Paris Hatcher*, Karla Torres, Nourbese Flint, Miriam Yeung  
FPH, East Lecture Hall  
Level: ☂

Youth Warriors for Reproductive Justice: A Strategic Action Session for Young People
Young people have the power to make change in our communities right now! Come celebrate, learn, connect, strategize, and strive for youth empowerment as we share our visions for a stronger youth-led reproductive justice movement.

Donya Nasser, Nia Allen-Lee  
FPH 103  
Level: ☂

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5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Belonging & Removal: Fostering, Adoption, and Youth Access to Community
When the case of a Cherokee child adopted transnationally and transracially to a white couple went to the Supreme Court in 2013, many reproductive health & rights activists seemed unsure about where their loyalties should lie. While complicated, the Indian Child Welfare Act, transnational/transracial adoption, and the rights of youth in state custody are fundamentally about reproductive justice. Panelists will open a conversation about adoption justice, the Indian Child Welfare Act, the Hague Convention, community justice approaches to foster parenting, and family creation within the intricacies of race, class, and self-determination. Panelists will ground the conversation in a commitment to youth self-determination and Indigenous sovereignty and frame discussion within the context of white supremacy and colonialism, acknowledging that state removal of children is a facet of ongoing genocidal policies towards some communities of color and an historic tactic of genocide attempting to either destroy or assimilate communities into whiteness.

Coya White Hat-Aritchoker, Katie McKay Bryson, Yong Chan Miller  
FPH 104  
Level: ☂

Body and Land: Intersections between Reproductive and Climate/Environmental Justice
From the militarized frontera in South Texas to the Tavaputs Plateau in the eastern part of so-called Utah, indigenous communities and communities of color are battling reproductive oppression and environmental racism. Movements are often strengthened by learning from their successes, failures, and frameworks, which is why bridging gaps between environmental/climate and reproductive justice is crucial. This panel will focus on the intersections between these movements, how direct action is being used to protect frontline communities, and why its connection to anti-capitalist and anti-colonial struggle is vital. Participants will hear from grassroots organizers coming from some of the hardest hit regions and learn of ways to support frontline communities in their efforts.

yucca b.w., Victor Puertas, Yudith Nieto  
FPH West Lecture Hall  
Level: ◊

Fish Fry: Hot topics on Reproductive Justice in the South
Southerners deserve to own our narrative! This session will serve as a living anthology of reproductive justice work and progress in the South. Those closely connected to reproductive justice work in the South are strongly encouraged to step into the “fishbowl” style discussion and share their experiences. Facilitators will lead participants to address specific issues in organizing such as funding, policies, and media representation. The session will include time for questions from participants, and a brainstorming session on how we can continue these conversations. Our goal is to honor organizers and their work in the South while visioning long-term, cooperative relationship building.

Bianca Campbell, Oriaku Njoku  
JLC 131  
Level: ☂

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5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Imagining a Winning Reproductive Movement: a 30-year Visioning Session
How might we redefine our relationships to failure, success, and experimentation? How might we strengthen our networks to ensure that all people have the resources, rights, and respect to make decisions about their sexual and reproductive lives? What do we want for the future of our movement? Where do we want to be in 30 years? This session will provide participants the space to collaborate on a 30 year visioning process and learn about more ways to bring innovation into their movement-building work at home.

Jus Flores, Mwende Katwiwa

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Selfie!: A Generation
Selfies, selfies, selfies: what a beautiful thing! Attend this workshop and experience discussions about media representation, gender, race, and, you said it, selfies! In this workshop, we will use self portraits as a way of challenging the stereotypes they sometimes create.

Brittany Bellefleur, Jazmin Toutant

Sick and Disabled and Queer: Community Building and Disability Justice
This is a community-building space for sick and disabled folx to talk, strategize, connect, skillshare, and envision movements and families that go beyond failed accessibility and towards the centering and prioritization of sick and disabled queer/trans Black and indigenous people and people of color. This is a space for discussion, skillsharing, venting, loving, holding and sharing feelings, hurting, healing, and more! Though this session is open to all, it is not intended to be an introductory disability justice education session, and we ask that participants who do not identify within SDGBTIPOC but choose to attend be actively committed to listening and learning rather than sharing. In this space, we hope and intend for the narratives, needs, and experiences of sick and disabled people, and especially queer and trans Black and indigenous femmes and femmes of color, to be upheld and cherished as we strategize for a future that affirms the revolutionary value and inherent power in the thriving and survival of sick and disabled people and communities.

Lettie Laughter, Noreen Khimji

Soccorristas en Red: Creating Networks to Provide Safe Access to Abortion
From the late 60’s to 1973, over 11,000 illegal abortions were performed in Chicago by members of the Jane Collective. Today, from Argentina to the Rio Grande Valley and around the world, courageous activists have created networks of support to provide help and safe access to abortion in places where it is highly restricted or prohibited. These projects link the act of abortion to global activism, and share the recognition that providing access to abortion can be empowering as it breaks through stigma and affirms the value of our own lives. Come to this roundtable to hear from domestic and international activists about the challenges and joy of this work, which affirms every person’s right to control their reproductive health and life.

Sofía Peña, Susan Yanow*, MSW, Laura Kaplan, Ruth Zurbriggen

Religion, Spirituality, and Reproductive Justice
For many of us, our activist work is guided by our religious or spiritual beliefs. Join panelists from diverse faith backgrounds as we connect our spiritual lives to reproductive justice, abortion rights, and LGBTQ+ justice, and how we bring those views back to our home communities while respecting others’ beliefs. Participants will gain an understanding of why faith communities can be important partners in this work, how faith leaders are currently engaging with the movement, and see examples of successful faith/secular partnerships from progressive movements.

Bishop John Selders, Dr. Willie Parker, Sadiya Abjani, Lisa Weiner-Mahfuz

Mobilizing Against State Violence In Our Communities
State-sanctioned violence through increased incarceration, policing and police brutality, and surveillance has deliberately targeted communities of color, especially youth, people engaged in street economies, and LGBT communities. Join this panel of activists representing organizations from New York to Atlanta to New Orleans that have mobilized against criminalization and policing to explore the intersections of reproductive justice and state violence. Community-driven work discussed will include know your rights trainings for youth of color, mobilizing against the incarceration of Marissa Alexander, youth-driven actions in Ferguson, and more.

Chris Tinson*, Monica Raye Simpson, Verónica Bayetti Flores, Mwende Katwiwa

Reclaiming Reproductive Autonomy
This session will increase awareness among activists and community organizers working within the reproductive justice arena on abortion self-induction methods and autonomous individual and community reproductive care (i.e., cervical self-exam, herbalism, natural fertility methods, traditional medicine, de-medicalized/decolonized birth and birthwork). Presenters will highlight groups and individuals who are providing educational resources and facilitating knowledge/skill shares around autonomous reproductive care today, as well as groups and individuals who have done so historically in the US and around the world. Emphasis will be placed on the ways in which this work serves to not only resist legislative policies that limit access to healthcare, but also as a means of challenging the violence inherent in the medical industrial complex which often serves to traumatize already vulnerable and marginalized bodies.

Jupiter Arquero Otazo, Ana Bel, Yatzel Sabat

Level:◦ ∞

Safes Sex & Consent 101
In this interactive 101 session, we will dive into the vast world of safer sex, barrier methods (DIY included), and consent practices. With so many kinds of lube, condoms, dams, and gloves, how will we know what works best for us? How do we talk to our partners about our needs when we don’t know what they are, or were never taught how to navigate these conversations? This session will provide a safe and friendly space to find out. Safer sex supplies and handouts will be offered at the end of the session for those who wish to take some home.

Arianna Rose, Noah Foster

FPH Faculty Lounge Level: A

Teen Pregnancy, Shame, and Reproductive Control in American Culture
Teen pregnancy is commonly referred to as a “crisis” or “epidemic,” spurring a sense of fear and anxiety around pregnant and parenting
WORKSHOP AND EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Voter Suppression and Reproductive Justice: When Voting is a Privilege, Not a Right

The connection between voting rights and reproductive rights is a crucial one. When citizens vote, they have the power to decide who should be a lawmaker and who should not, the outcome of ballot initiatives, whether or not abortion-friendly judges will sit on the bench, and more. But what does it mean when a trans person is barred from voting because of the gender listed on his or her driver’s license? Or when a formerly incarcerated person reenters the community but is permanently barred from voting? Or when early voting periods are stripped as an option from a working mother trying to juggle three children and childcare? At this panel, presenters will discuss voter suppression as a reproductive justice issue and will offer strategies used to empower and register voters, mobilize at the grassroots level, reclaim our power, and effect change in Congress and in the courts.

Ashe Helm-Hernandez, Amber Garcia, Rachel Suppé®, Liam Z. Cutler
JLC 120 Level: ∞

When the state is the enemy: radical lawyering for safety and survival, and to build political power

What tensions arise for lawyers who are providing advocacy and legal services, while at the same time seeking to transform systems — and end state violence? The presenters are activists, lawyers and members of the Sylvia Rivera Law Project, the Peter Cicchino Youth Project, and the Incarcerated Parents Project. Come to hear about their experiences, why they have chosen to pursue advocacy work as lawyers, and how they are now using the law to advance systemic change.

Alisha Williams, Rage M. Kidval, Lillian Hewko
FPH 103 Level: ∞

Whose Ally? White Organizational Allies in the Reproductive Justice Movement

Participants in this interactive conversation will discuss and evaluate core characteristics of good white organizational allyship in the reproductive justice movement. Using historical and contemporary examples from the National Women’s Health Network (NWHN), we will review our organization’s commitment towards the development of anti-racist white allies and empowered people of color through our internal culture, norms, policies and procedures and our ongoing work to address continued challenges. We will also address the multiple roles played by NWHN in collaboration with external RI organizations engaging in sexual and reproductive health advocacy. Participants will be encouraged to share best-practices and strategies employed by individuals and organizations committed to internally addressing systemic inequality and oppression based in the intersecting and overlapping identities of racism, classism, sexism, heterosexism and ableism.

Coco Jervis, Cindy Pearson
FPH 106 Level: ∞
WORKSHOP AND EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS
9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Cultivating Authentic Youth Leadership
This workshop will provide real world examples of youth organizing that centers on youth voices. Organizers will share how they include youth in every step of their organizing model - as both participants in programs as well as advocates and spokespersons in the community combating legislation, attacks against women of color, and threats against their bodies and their autonomy.
Amber Garcia, Nia Allen-Lee, Sam Villatoro, Klaira Lerma, Donya Nasser
FPH 105 Level: ∞

Demystifying the Manual Vacuum Aspiration Abortion: The Papaya Workshop
A common perception of the Manual Vacuum Aspiration (MVA) for early abortion is that the procedure is scary, complicated and intense. The purpose of this Papaya workshop is to debunk this myth through education and hands-on activities for a non-clinical audience. Using papayas as uterine models, participants will be introduced to and perform their own MVA early abortion. By gaining a comprehensive understanding of the actual medical procedure, audiences will be better informed and equipped as abortion activists and advocates, and can use their newfound knowledge to help demystify abortion in their organizations and broader communities.
Laura Riker, Stephanie Blaufarb, Natasha Miller
FPH West Lecture Hall Level: ∞

Immigrant Rights and Reproductive Justice
Immigration and reproductive justice are intimately connected, and immigration status has a significant impact on the ability to exercise reproductive freedom. From pulling parents away from their children, forcing women to deliver children in shackles, denying treatment to young women, and denying people health insurance for up to 15 years — current immigration policy puts reproductive justice far out of reach. This panel will begin with the history of U.S. immigration laws restricting reproductive justice and how their impact is often rooted in hostility over women of color’s reproductive freedom. Panelists will discuss how specific communities are affected by immigration policy and review current policy efforts to address these issues.
Elena Peifer, Jennifer Chou, Xavier Torres de Janon
ASH 112 Level: ∞

Lobbying and Advocacy 101: Legal Tips for RJ Advocates
Lobbying is not only legal - it’s an essential means for reproductive justice organizations to advance your missions! Whether it’s fighting a ballot measure or passing pro-active legislation, there are many reasons that 501(c)(3) public charities choose to lobby to achieve their policy goals. This workshop will explain what lobbying is and why it is so important. This training will address issues such as: how the tax law permits lobbying for nonprofits, one easy step most charities can take to maximize the amount they’re allowed to spend on lobbying, yearly lobbying limits for charities, tips for taking advantage of the narrow definition of lobbying, and the application of these rules to ballot measure activities. Panelists will talk about how these laws play out in reproductive justice advocacy.
Keely Monroe, Abbey Marr
FPH 101 Level: ∞

Speakers marked with an asterisk (*) are workshop moderators.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS cont’d 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Music for the Movement: Making Modern Day Freedom Songs

Music is a tool. It has the power to shift and transform our communities. Do you want to create modern day freedom songs? Come experience the Colored Girls Hustle Hard Mixtape – a magical musical movement to inspire bold self-expression and celebrate how our communities hustle hard for justice and wellness. Through live performance, interactive discussion, music, and a collective devising process, we will cipher, co-create, and document sounds, songs, and remixes that honor ourselves and communities. We will tell the stories of our freedom hustles for reproductive justice.

Alisha Williams, Rage M. Kidvai
MDB Recital Hall
Level: ∞

Not Just a Trans 101!

Apart from engaging with the institutional oppression and violence faced by trans people, this workshop will look at the ways in which trans folks have been historically excluded from reproductive justice movements. Where trans people have been included, the focus has been largely on trans men, and thus this workshops aims at centering the experiences of trans women. Because poor trans women of color are disproportionately impacted by state violence in the form of criminalization, incarceration and detention, we will discuss the intersections between these systems and the struggle for reproductive justice.

Alisha Williams, Rage M. Kidvai
FPH Faculty Lounge
Level: ∞

Practical Support for Abortion in the South

As access to abortion becomes increasingly under attack, activists in the South have been stepping up to fill the gap in their own communities by providing transportation, lodging, childcare, knowledge about self-induction and other resources, as well as emotional support. This workshop will feature a variety of work of abortion funds, collectives, and other self-organized groups in the South, with a focus on the importance of living out reproductive justice values in this work.

Sofia Peña, Yatzel Sabat, Noreen Khimji, Tiffany Tai, Laurie Bertram Roberts
FPH 108
Level: ∞

Reproductive Justice Roundtable

This will be a conversation among leaders in the field, about the evolution and current state of the Reproductive Justice movement, about their own trajectories in the movement, how the RJ framework has advanced their advocacy, and the challenges facing reproductive justice activists and advocates today.

Monica Raye Simpson, Marlene Gerber Fried*, Verónica Bayetti Flores, Miriam Yeung, Rye Young
JLC 131
Level: ∞

The Revolution Starts with Me: Recipes, Remedies, Rituals, & Resources for Activist Self Care

In order to raise our voice for reproductive justice, we have to learn how to take care of ourselves. But with so many injustices facing our communities (on top of our commitments to family, friends, work/school), how can activists practice self care in a world where we’re pulled in multiple directions? How do we know when we’re on the verge of burnout? How can community organizations, schools, and our communities support us in prioritizing self care? By using interactive activities, storytelling, and skill-sharing, this workshop will help activists recognize how burnout can manifest in activism and grassroots organizing, and participants will develop a collective list of self care tools called “Recipes, Remedies, Rituals, and Resources” to incorporate self care into daily life. Participants will also receive “The Revolution Starts with Me!: Incorporating Self Care and Preventing Burnout,” a self care zine with tools, exercises, and advice from the presenters.

Adaku Utah, Nicole Clark, LMSW
Level: ∞
FPH 106

Sex Work and Reproductive Justice

From Stop and Frisk to Crimes Against Nature laws to efforts to restrict access to social or health services based on current or former sex work, folks in the sex trade face unique barriers in accessing housing, healthcare, and freedom from incarceration. Join community activists to discuss the intersections of reproductive justice and the rights of sex workers. Together we will challenge and re-frame current narratives around sex work, center the voices of those most directly impacted by criminalization, and discuss community-based solutions to the policing and marginalization of youth and adults in the sex trade.

Mitchyli Mora, Mwende Katwiwa, Kate D’Adamo
FPH East Lecture Hall
Level: ∞

Strategic Action Session: Building Resilience and Empathy Off the Coasts

By now, you’ve probably heard something about reproductive justice in red states. Maybe you’ve been to the Take Root conference, caught some rants on Twitter, or maybe you are from a red state. While the conversation is never straight forward ("What about purple states?" "How do urban/rural dynamics play into the convo?" "Is a red state/blue state binary helpful"?), there is one thing we all agree on: working in under-resourced areas is hard. Join us for an interactive discussion on building resilience off the coasts, tools for deepening our understanding of intersectionality with regional analysis, and exploring innovative paths to transformation in our work.

Sandra Criswell, Ricky Hill
FPH 103
Level: ∞
SUNDAY MORNING WORKSHOPS cont’d
9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Strategic Action Session: Living Our Movements: Creating Organizational Policies that Support Reproductive Justice

Many of us spend our work and volunteer time with organizations and groups that fight for reproductive, social, birth, economic, racial, gender, and other forms of justice. But do the policies of those organizations and groups reflect our visions for the worlds we hope to build? What would that look like and how could we get there? This strategic action session will share innovative organizational policies from the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health (ICAH), a youth development, sexuality education, organizing, and reproductive justice organization in Chicago, and ask participants to share and dream their own.

Joy Messinger
FPH 104 Level: ◊

Telling our stories! How the Prison Industrial Complex impacts families

Did you know that 2.7 million children have a parent in prison or jail? Or that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation is using drug dogs and body scanners on visiting families? Justice Now’s Let Our Families Have a Future campaign (LOFHAF) and Project AVARY’s Youth Peace Maker Project bring awareness to communities about how prisons impact families. Come to learn strategies and tools that highlight how our right and ability to form and maintain a family are destroyed by the prison system, how imprisonment has affected our lives, and how we are using personal power to create positive change. Together we will learn how the prison system is a tool of reproductive oppression, share strategies, and provide resources for participant advocacy efforts.

Allison Barahona, Misty Rojo, Stani, T.T.
FPH Main Lecture Hall Level: ∞

The COFFEE Klatch: What happens when feminists talk parenting?

So often, issues of feminism and parenting narrow in focus on population. Our hope is to create a set of conversations that broaden the discussions we have about parents and families, and to expand who sits at the table (or cross legged on the floor!) We want to talk productively about the changing face of what constitutes a family, how they’re “made,” what they need to thrive and succeed, and the various obstacles in their way. Come join us to learn what happens when parents, and those who support families and feminism, get together, and where it will go from there.

Avital Norman Nathman, Sarah Buttenwieser, Natasha Vianna, Tope Fadiran Charlton
FPH 107 Level: ∞

CLOSING PLENARY
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., RCC

Working Across Movements for Reproductive Justice

Join us as we close out a weekend of movement building, networking, and making connections with a conversation about how to bridge reproductive justice activism with other movements for change. How can we support one another and not have our work for reproductive and social justice be siloed? How can we infuse the other activist worlds we work in with reproductive justice values? What does it take to build cross-movement relationships and to trust and work with each other? Speakers with experience in immigration, anti-violence, economic justice, racial justice, indigenous rights, and abortion access work will share their experiences working across movements, and explore the opportunities and challenges that exist when we do this cross-movement work.

Speakers:
Cecilia Sáenz Becerra
Sarita Gupta
Ashley McCray
Loretta Ross

Moderator:
Verónica Bayetti Flores

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CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

Abbey Marr is a Reproductive Justice Fellow with Advocates for Youth, and recently completed her tenure with Berkeley’s Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice, assisting on the first Reproductive Rights and Justice casebook. During law school, Abbey helped design and teach Harvard’s Reproductive Rights and Justice course. She is the Secretary of Law Students for Reproductive Justice and a volunteer case manager for the DC Abortion Fund.

Adaku Utah is a community herbalist, liberation educator and organizer, and performance artist. Her greatest desire is to live out the sacredness and wholeness of love and support herself and community in garnering and using tools of love, healing and liberation to fashion just and sustainable realities. She is the founder of both SouLar Bliss (www.soularbliss.com), and BeatBox Botanicals, a sliding-scale, love-centered and community inspired, plant medicine and healing practice.

Alexandra Duncan’s life is driven by the belief that everyone should be the foremost source of knowledge and authority over their own body. She gave her kindergarten class ‘the talk,’ then moved on to studying medical anthropology and working as an EMT, yoga teacher, full-spectrum doula, and gynecological teaching associate. She now provides clinical skills training to universities and hospitals as Managing Director of Praxis Clinical.

Alisha L. Williams is a Senior Staff Attorney at the Peter Cichichio Youth Project, where she provides legal services to homeless and street-involved youth. A majority of the youth served are youth of color or immigrants, have mental health diagnoses, identify as LGBTQ and are involved in criminalized survival economies. Alisha also engages in prison organizing as a member of the Sylvia Rivera Law Project Collective.

Allison Barahona is the Program Director at Project Avary. She is dedicated to creating transformative healing practices for families impacted by the Prison Industrial Complex. This derives from her own family’s struggle with addiction and imprisonment, as well as a passion to empower individuals, families, and communities to lead safe and healthy lives.

Amber Garcia was born in Denver and raised in Boulder, Colorado. She is a CU Denver alum who studied criminal justice, ethnic studies and political science, and she is currently in the school’s Masters of Public Administration program in the School of Public Affairs. Her interests include progressive non-profits, politics, the legislature, and working with youth. Amber is passionate about women's rights, the environment, education, and civil rights!

Ana Bel/La Loba Loca, is a Queer, Machona, Brown South American Migrant, community organizer, researcher, writer, midwife student, full spectrum companion, eco-feminista and life-long student. She has participated in projects that document and educate on autonomous and community based health and healing. She has shared and learned from different abuelitas, tias, plants, communities and lands throughout the Abya Yala.

Anne Hendrixson is the Director of PopDev, a program on peace, population and the environment at Hampshire College.

Aolani Whitebear is a soon to be 15 year old youth who is a young activist, a feminist, and is active against discrimination and prejudice against the LGBT community, ageism, ableism and bullying. She is open minded, outspoken, and constantly ready to learn. Her hobbies include: writing and reading, participating in theater and other arts, and listening to music.

Arianna Rose is a watery femme and lover of all things doughnut related. She is in her last year at Hampshire College studying femme love and working as a peer sexual health and consent educator at the Wellness Center. When she isn’t at school, you can find her driving around in a little car that looks like a pumpkin or getting emotional over Spice Girls music videos.

Ariel Tazkargy is the Reproductive Justice Fellow at National Women’s Health Network. At the Network, she advocates for insurance coverage for all through Medicaid expansion, contraception coverage, coverage for women living with HIV, and coverage for immigrant women and families. A true Midwest girl, Ariel holds her J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School and B.A. in English from the University of Kansas.

Ashe Helm-Hernandez is working with Project South on Local Programming in Atlanta. Their work in Atlanta includes working with the Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights (GLAHR) on anti-immigration legislation, adult education, and the NOT1MORE Deportation GA coalition. Ashe is a member leader with SONG and serves on the planning committee for Bayard Rustin / Audre Lorde Breakfast. Ashe is an artist and lover of poetry.

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Avital Norman Nathman is a freelance writer whose work - which places a feminist lens on many topics, including motherhood, maternal health, gender, and reproductive rights - has been featured in Bitch, Cosmopolitan, The New York Times, CNN, and more. Her first book, The Good Mother Myth: Redefining Motherhood To Fit Reality, is out now. She’s currently working on a book about the “Perfect Birth Myth.”

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Brandi Collins is media justice director at ColorOfChange.org. She comes to CoC from The Center for Media Justice, an organization fighting for media rights, access and representation for marginalized communities. Previously, Brandi worked at Safer Foundation crafting state and national recommendations on workforce development and prisoner reentry. She holds a B.A. in History from Agnes Scott College, and a J.D. from University of Wisconsin Law School.

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Brittany Bellefleur is a 17 year old senior at Ware High School. This is their second year attending and speaking at CLPP and they could not be more excited! Brittany is the president of their school’s GSA, and they’re very serious about social justice issues, including but not limited to racial, economic, and gender injustice as well as queer issues. They love listening to music and making people happy.

Brittany Brathwaita is a feminist youth worker, reproductive justice activist, black girl genius from Brooklyn, NY. She is currently co-chair of Advocate’s for Youth, Young Women of Color Leadership Council and a community organizer at Girls for Gender Equity.

Carly Manes is currently a student at the University of Michigan Ford School of Public Policy, where she is completing her BA in public policy with a focus on reproductive health, rights and justice. Carly has been engaged in local and national reproductive health and rights work for the past several years. Her advocacy work is centered on amplifying the sexual health experience and needs of young people in policy spaces.

Cecilia Sáenz Becerra is a bilingual immigrant, queer, Chicana, y desmadrosa! She has grassroots, community organizing, coalition building and management experience on various issues and campaigns, including labor rights, education, economic justice and immigration justice. Raised in PHX she now lives in ATL, providing support, strategy and technical assistance to front-line advocates and grassroots organizers across the country who exist along a varied spectrum of reproductive rights and reproductive justice politics.

Charone Pagett has been involved in social justice works for over 30 years. She proudly identifies as a queer, femme, feminist, crip, atheist, kinkster communist who happily spends her time bringing about the peoples’ revolution.

Chas Jewe is a member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, a member of the Black Hills Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and an organizer. When she’s not working the crowds, she’s usually hiking with her 12 year old boxer dog named Luta.

Cheré (Rere) Suzette Bergeron: white, genderqueer, cajun transplant living in Minneapolis, MN. Raised in the Chippewa Valley & forever in love with Lake Superior. Co-founder of SPIRAL Collective (Supporting People in Reproduction, Abortion, & Loss). Day job: HIV/STI Disease Investigator at MN Health Department. Passions & hustles: community-based herbalism, reiki energy healing, yoga, full spectrum doula werc, & trans health advocacy. Loves crystals, astrology, the moon, tarot, food, their mama, themself, & you.

Chris Tinson, assistant professor of Africana Studies at Hampshire College, locates his teaching, research and writing at the crossroads of media justice, ethnic studies, and the anti-prison movement.

Cindy Pearson is the Executive Director of the National Women’s Health Network. Founded in 1975, the Network was the first feminist health group to utilize a national membership in support of D.C. based health activism. The Network is a co-founder of Raising Women’s Voices for the Health Care We Need, a national initiative working to make sure women’s concerns are addressed in health care reform.

Coco Jervis is the Program Director at the National Women’s Health Network. She leads the Network’s advocacy campaigns on sexual and reproductive health, universal access to healthcare and our commitment to challenging dangerous drugs and devices. She is a graduate of Howard University School of Law.

Born in St. Louis, MO and raised in New York City, Collette Carter is a self-identified Black Queer Fat Femme. She is former co-director of the Audre Lorde Project, a community organizing center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two-Spirit, Trans and Gender Non-Conforming people of color. Collette has years of experience in community building, leadership development, nonprofit management, theatre arts, and film.

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Dr. Jamila K. Taylor, Ph.D., MPA is a Senior Policy Advisor at Ipas, a global nongovernmental organization dedicated to ending preventable deaths and disabilities from unsafe abortion. Dr. Taylor serves on the organization’s global policy team as the lead manager on matters related to U.S. foreign policy and abortion. She is responsible for advising Ipas staff on strategies for promoting laws that ensure abortion access, among Washington, D.C.-based advocates, Congress members, and Executive Branch officials.

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Haley Miller was raised most of her life in Kansas and attended the University of Kansas where she was a Unite for Reproductive and Gender Equity chapter leader. She currently works for URGE as their Midwest Field Associate and enjoys her frequent visits to Ohio and Kansas.

Hannah Sokoloff-Rubin is a Western Mass native and a junior at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. She is a coordinator and trainer for the Wesleyan Doula Project, the only abortion doula organization based on a college campus. This semester she is continuing her full spectrum doula work as an intern at the New York City Doula Project.

As a founding member of Black Women for Wellness, Janette Robinson Flint holds the executive director position. Her work in the health field began as an advocate during her pregnancy, seeking a holistic practitioner to work with her concept of a gentle birth. Today she is part of the Reproductive Justice Coalition of Los Angeles, California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom and National Black Women’s Reproductive Justice Agenda.

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A recent graduate of Hampshire College, Jessa Mae Orluk works with PopDev on issues of environmental/climate justice, reproductive health, the greening of hate, and dismantling harmful ‘overpopulation’ ideologies.

Jessica Valoris is a visual artist, performing artist, and poetic emcee with a passion for facilitating creative youth programming and collaborating with community-based organizations. As a member of Colored Girls Hustle, a Dream Director for the Future Project and the Assistant Director of City At Peace DC, Jessica believes in the power of art to activate our imaginations and spark inspired action.

Joaquin Hubert has served as an HIV Prevention Specialist with SisterLove, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) since April 2014, focusing on outreach, prevention, testing, and linkage to care for LGBTQ youth. Joaquin grew up in Milledgeville, GA and resides in Sandy Springs, GA. He has extensive experience with navigating HIV prevention and care, as well as access to related services and support for young LGBTQ people.
Bishop John L. Selders, Jr. is an ordained minister serving the United Church of Christ; the organizing pastor of Amistad United Church of Christ, Hartford, CT; Program Coordinator of Zezzo House (an 18-unit housing project); and the Bishop and Presider of the Inter-Denominational Conference of Liberation Congregations and Ministries (ICLCM), an interfaith, ecumenical fellowship of radical inclusivity. He is a teacher, lecturer, workshop leader, an HIV/AIDS educator and activist with numerous scholarly citations for his work.

Joy Messinger is a passionate community advocate whose life and career is guided by a commitment to social and reproductive justice. She has lived and worked in North Carolina and New York. Joy joined the Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health team in August 2010 as an Organizing and Policy Intern and currently serves as Deputy Director. Joy devotes time to local and national feminist, adoptee justice, Asian American, and LGBTQ community building.

A public historian, Joyce Follet develops community education programs, oral history projects, and documentary films about women. At the Sophia Smith Collection, she directed the Voices of Feminism Project to record stories and preserve evidence of the diversity and duration of movements for reproductive justice. Joyce co-directs the Steinem Initiative at Smith College, which promotes women’s and gender history as a tool in social justice movement-building.

Julia Reticker-Flynn is Associate Director of Youth Organizing and Mobilization at Advocates for Youth. She joined Advocates in 2010 and has trained over 1,000 young people on grassroots organizing and mobilized thousands to encourage policy initiatives to protect young people’s sexual health and rights. Julia launched the 1 in 3 campaign to destigmatize and promote access to abortion services. She serves on the Board of Directors of Nursing Students for Choice.

Julián Padilla, M.S.Ed. is a gender non-conforming, queer Chican@ activist from the South and a Hampshire alum. Currently the LGBTQ Justice Organizer for the Brooklyn office of Make the Road NY, they have been involved in radical trans*/queer, racial justice and youth movements for over a decade. They dream of self-determination and community care.

Jupiter Arquero Otazo is a gender non-conforming, mixed race Latin@ from the Caribbean and Spain. They are a practicing pagan inspired by their yoruba roots. They work as a full spectrum doula, breast/chest feeding instructor, educator and childcare provider, in the Southwest, focusing on the needs for QTPOC folks in the region. They are dedicated to assisting new families who are not aided by the state.

Justin Singleton studies Climate Change and its impacts globally on the environment and natural habitats. He looks at how these changes affects humans and tries to understand how we can change how we use the earth’s resources in a steady and sustainable manner.

Kahn Miller has been active in Philadelphia’s harm reduction movement for five years as a member of Project SAFE, an all-volunteer organization for and by women in the sex trade. As Community Educator, she works with universities, non-profits, health care providers, and anyone else with a burning desire to learn more about sex worker and drug user rights through a harm reduction framework.

Kai M. Devlin is a queer-identified Smith alum with nearly 10 years of experience in LGB and transgender activism. He has presented workshops and training sessions to youth, educators, activists, academics, students, campus police, and college administrators from New York to Massachusetts, and currently serves as a college and career readiness advisor to underprivileged youth in Springfield.

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Katie McKay Bryson is a white reproductive justice activist and therapeutic foster parent from the traditional Dena’ina region of Alaska. She has organized in support of environmental justice, youth program development, abortion access, LGBTQ liberation in Alaska, eviction prevention, harm reduction efforts, and challenging population control. Above all, she’s privileged to help parent and be part of a community of extraordinary and resilient young people.

2013 Trans Justice Funding Project Panelist and 2013 Trans 100 Honoree, Kay Ulanday Barrett is a poet, performer, and educator, as a disabled pin@y-american trans queer amerikan. Featured in Princeton University, The Chicago Historical Society, and various queer collectives nationwide, K. is committed to liberation and art. His work has been featured in Poor Magazine, Make/Shift, Asian Americans For Progress, and Bitch Magazine. Visit kaybarrett.net

Keely Monroe is Counsel for the Bolder Advocacy Initiative at Alliance for Justice. She consults and trains nonprofit organizations on the rules and strategies for legal and effective advocacy, including lobbying, election activities, and ballot measure advocacy. Before AFJ, Keely was Director of Campus and Community Programs at the national office of LSRJ in Oakland, CA, where she provided guidance to over 100 LSRJ chapters across the country and supported their advocacy.
Kelsey Ryland is the LSRJ fellow at URGE. She graduated from Seattle University School of Law in May 2014. Before law school Kelsey was a domestic violence advocate and AmeriCorps member.

Klaire Lerma is currently a graduate student at the Colorado School of Public Health. She plans on continuing her work in Reproductive Justice after graduating in May. Klaire has experience in research, policy, and community organizing around Reproductive Justice.

Kyle Marie Stock facilitates social change through law, policy, and personal rebellion. She values transparency, collective decision-making, and compassion. When she isn't working to increase access to contraception, abortion, and pregnancy-related care, you can find her with her nose stuck in a book and a cup of coffee in her hand. If you see her, ask her about her love of tiny goats and outlaw country music.

Kyra is a Chinese-American trans woman working to create space for radical racial justice through technology where progress has been limited to liberal white feminism. She serves on the board of directors of the Free Culture Foundation and founded the Empowerment Collective, a skillshare, discussion, and support network for trans, disabled, and queer women of color who share a critical interest in race, gender, & technology.

L. Cole Parke is the LGBTQ and Gender Justice Researcher at Political Research Associates, a social justice think tank. Their research and activism focuses on challenging right-wing propagators of U.S. culture wars both here and abroad.

Laura Kaplan is a life-long women’s health activist. She was a member of Jane, a rural midwife, founded a rural shelter-based domestic violence program, and many other projects. She is the author of “The Story of Jane.”

Laura Riker is currently pursuing a Master’s Degree in social enterprise administration at Columbia University’s School of Social Work. This year she is working with the Reproductive Health Access Project for her second-year field placement. Laura is an after-abortion talkline counselor for Exhale, a national organization dedicated to promoting the “pro-voice” movement. She has previously interned at Planned Parenthood and a community health center.

Lauren Rankin is a writer and reproductive rights activist. Her work has appeared in outlets such as Rolling Stone, Cosmopolitan, and Salon. She is also a board member and Communications Director of A is For, a reproductive rights advocacy nonprofit. She has a Master of Arts in Women’s and Gender Studies from Rutgers University.

Laurie Bertram Roberts is a feminist activist, speaker, writer, and doula from Mississippi. She is Regional Director of Mid-South NOW, President of Mississippi NOW and board member of the Mississippi Reproductive Freedom Fund. She came to RJ work due to her being a black, low income, disabled, queer, mother of 7. “I haven’t learned RJ as much as I’ve lived RJ,” she says. She focuses on removing barriers to accessing reproductive healthcare and education.

Lettie Laughter is an indigenous femme of the Diné nation, who comes from a lineage of birthworkers and healers.

Liam Z Cutler is the current Board Affairs Fellow for PPFA in New York, NY. Prior to Planned Parenthood, Liam worked at We Vote, We Rise, an organization aimed at increasing and empowering voter turnout among the growing electorate of color in Georgia. Liam is a former Watson Fellow and graduate of Earlham College with research interests in queer geographies, trans-inclusive health care, and reproductive justice.

Lillian Hewko is co-founder of the Incarcerated Mothers Advocacy Project and the Incarcerated Parents Project at the Washington Defenders Association, where she uses the reproductive justice framework to advocate for systemic change to help families facing parental incarceration. A graduate of the University of Washington School of Law and a Gates Public Service Scholar, she identifies as a queer, mixed-Latinx from a working-class background.

Lily Kofke is a Boston native and recent graduate of UMass Amherst whose path through university took her to Canada and Chile, before landing her in Western Mass. She has studied Spanish, education, grassroots community organizing, and is currently facilitating a class with the UMass Alliance for Community Transformation. Lily believes in the power of reproductive justice to build solidarity among people and across movements, and tries to be constantly curious/learning/growing/sharing/exploring.

Lindsay Schubiner is the Senior Program Manager at the Center for New Community, where she works to counter organized nativism in the U.S. Lindsay previously served as a Congressional staffer handling immigration and health policy, and most recently managed advocacy for sexual health and rights at American Jewish World Service. Lindsay holds a Master of Science degree from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Lisa Weiner-Mahfuz is a capacity and movement builder, cultural worker and writer that has dedicated much of her organizing life to challenging oppression at the intersections of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and disability. She is Vice President of Programs and Development for the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. Her writings appear in Colonize This! Young Women of Color and Feminism (Seal Press, 2002), Fireweed Magazine’s “Mixed Race Issue” (Issue 75), and the Bilerico Project.

LL Gimeno is a trans masculine femme social worker in Atlanta, GA. LL has organized with queer and trans* communities of color like The Audre Lorde Project and FIERCE. He was part of Ping Chong + Company’s Secret Survivor, a play about adult survivors of child sexual
abuse. A current member of LGBTQ organization Southerners On New Ground, Lucia Leandro is a future full-spectrum doula, expert chilaquiles maker, fashion queen, budding bruja and movement builder.


Marcela Howell is Strategic Director of In Our Own Voice: National Black Women’s Reproductive Justice Agenda, a policy initiative to lift up the voices of Black women on key reproductive rights, health and justice issues. She is the author of Walk In My Shoes: A Black Activist’s Guide to Surviving the Women’s Movement, a collection of essays aimed at helping young Black women navigate the challenges of the women’s movement.

Margaret Flowers is a Maryland pediatrician who serves as co-director of PopularResistance.org and co-host of Clearing the FOG radio.

Maribel Morales is a queer femme Chicana with a passion for RJ and Immigrant Justice. She is a former RRASC, working for the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights for two summers. She is currently working on her Div III project; a discussion of the intersection of RJ and Immigration using a comparative analysis between Puerto Rican and Mexican contexts of sterilization abuse in the 1960’s and 70’s.

Co-Director of Programs for the Prison Birth Project, Marisa Pizzi co-facilitates and administers Mothers Among Us, a peer support group for currently and formerly incarcerated parents. Committed to RJ, Marisa works to build racial, economic, and gender justice within the Pioneer Valley of WMass.

Marlene Gerber Fried is a long-time writer, lecturer, advocate and CLPP Faculty Director. She was founding president of the National Network of Abortion Funds and served for 10 years on the board of the Women’s Global Network for Reproductive Rights. She edited “From Abortion to Reproductive Freedom: Transforming a Movement,” and co-authored “Undivided Rights: Women of Color Organize for Reproductive Justice.” She was the Interim President of Hampshire College in 2010-2011.

Mary Alice Crim directs Free Press’ field efforts, leads our campaign to stop the Comcast-Time Warner Cable merger, and participates in ongoing campaign and policy initiatives through outreach, organizing and public education activities. She also develops, plans and runs Free Press events and leads the organization’s member-engagement work. When she isn’t working she’s likely taking on one of her hobbies: softball, volleyball, playing with her dog, gardening and brewing.

Mel Medalle is the Reproductive Justice-HIV Policy Fellow at SisterLove, Inc., a sexual and reproductive health organization based in Atlanta, Georgia. Mel’s policy work and cultural activism highlight the intersections between self-determination, decolonization, and whole health.

Miriam Yeung is the Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF), the nation’s only national mutli-issue organization dedicated to building a movement for social justice and human rights for Asian American and Pacific Islander women and girls.


Misty Rojo is a survivor of both domestic and state abuse. She served 10 years in a California institution and while incarcerated she was mentored by some amazing women and taught the true meaning of self-determination and resilience. She was trained and encouraged by Justice Now of which she is a founding board member. With empowerment and love, she supports Justice Now in many forms, including media work and training the next generations of activists within Justice Now’s walls.

Mitchyill Mora, Researcher and Campaign Staff at Streetwise and Safe, is a youth advocate that works to end violence faced by homeless young people involved in survival economies, and to get young people the things they say they need. Mitchyill is currently working on a newly formed national network of LGBTQ youth serving organizations who do or want to begin doing ‘Know Your Rights’ work. To learn more go to www.getyrrights.org.

Monica Raye Simpson is Executive Director of SisterSong, the National Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective. She has organized extensively against civil and human rights violations, the prison industrial complex, and the systematic physical and emotional violence inflicted upon the minds, bodies and spirits of African Americans with an emphasis on African American women and the African American LBGT community in the South. Monica is a full circle Doula trained by the International Center for Traditional Childbearing, and she is an “Activist” who uses her gifts of singing and spoken word in her activism to bring awareness to social justice issues around the world.

Morgan Robyn Collado is a working class femme trans Latina. She works in Austin as a poet, performance artist, community organizer and family builder, focusing on the uses of poetry, performance and brunch to create better spaces for marginalized people. She has been organizing for 8 years in various areas including environmental justice, racial justice, anti-violence and trans justice.
Mwende Katwiwa is a Programs Assistant, Youth Programs and Volunteer Coordinator at Women With A Vision (WWAV) New Orleans as well as a founding member and co-chair of the New Orleans chapter of the Black Youth Project 100 (byp100.org). She is also the co-editor of Winnovating.com and a spoken word artist on Team Slam New Orleans (2014, 2015). You can find her full bio at www.freequencyspeaks.com

Namrata Jacob is one of the 2014-15 CLPP Student Group Co-Coordinators and second year student at Hampshire College studying the relationship between law and culture through a reproductive justice lens. If she were not studying human rights, she would be majoring in Acrostic Fanfiction, which is fanfiction in an acrostic poem format (a format which she made up herself). When she is not exploring the parameters of law and culture as tools for institutional change or doing CLPP things, she is busy being an RA and a founder of her college’s first feminist literary arts journal or avidly browsing the internet for the next big meme. Her favorite activity is hugging puppies.

Natasha Miller is a women's health researcher at a community health center and has volunteered as an abortion doula in the past. She will be starting medical school this fall and looks forward to being a full spectrum reproductive health care provider.

Natasha Vianna is a Latina who works to deconstruct and redefine young motherhood and is cofounder of #NoTeenShame. In collaboration with organizers across the country, she has developed strategic messaging campaigns that dissect the realities of teen pregnancy within reproductive justice. She recently took the stage to share a TEDx talk on the importance of a culture that supports teen parents and their children.

Nerissa Irizarry is the Reproductive Justice-HIV Legal Fellow at Positive Women’s Network-USA.

Nia Allen-Lee is a published writer and an award winning multi media artist. She is passionate about using the arts to spearhead the revolution. She also just moved from New Jersey to Boston and is looking for friends!

Nicole Clark is a LMSW and owner of Nicole Clark Consulting, an independent firm that works with organizations to build their capacity in designing, implementing, and evaluating programs and services that reflect higher accountability, clearer transparency, and greater impact for the communities they serve. Nicole also designs and facilitates workshops and participates in speaking engagements on a variety of topics, including sexual health, parent-child communication, feminism, reproductive justice, sexuality and spirituality, and other issues that impact women and young women of color.

Noah Foster is a second-year at Hampshire College studying literature and social theory. He is a student worker at the Hampshire College Wellness Center interested in sex ed, oppression, queerness, and mental health.

Noreen Khimji is a queer/trans South Asian disabled femme community organizer living in Texas. They are a co-founder of the Cicada Collective, a queer/trans people of color centered grassroots organization striving for reproductive justice that began in North Texas as an abortion doula network, but now does work across the state and U.S. South/Southwestern regions.

Nourbese N. Flint is a pop culture chick who is a blapister syfy nerd. She loves politics, traveling and ratchet music. Her allegiance is to the Reproductive Justice Movement. Currently she works at Black Women for Wellness, where she is the program manager of our reproductive justice centered work as well as direct policy. She also sits on the board of the Black Los Angeles Young Democrats.

Oluwakemi Oso is a reproductive justice advocate hailing from Arizona, living in DC, working in the South. She is deeply committed to a queer, Black feminist lens in her work with URGE, as well as the Black Youth Project. When she’s not fighting the cis white heteropatriarchy, you can catch Kemi with her nose in a book or tweeting about her latest TV addiction.

Oriaku Njoku works at the intersection of Black immigration, queer liberation and reproductive justice. She serves as a patient advocate for women and their families during the entire abortion process at a clinic in Atlanta. Likewise, Oriaku is a founding member of ARC-Southeast which is a reproductive justice organization helping individuals in the South in “Accessing Reproductive Care” through funding and advocacy.

Pamela Stone is a Biocultural Anthropologist who is interested in the intersections of science and culture particularly through exploring birth and maternity, and constructions of the reproductive body. Her goals are to illuminate women’s lives beyond and in concert with their maternal roles and understand how biological, cultural, and ethnographic information can be used to create new paradigms that empower women at all stages of their lives.

Patricia A. Fernandez Piñeros is a first-generation immigrant from Venezuela who is passionate about making sure that QTPOC (particularly Latin@) have access to quality reproductive health care services and information. She’s still in school, but has been working directly with high school and college students by running sexuality education workshops, in addition to working on projects about Latin@ mental health and interactions with medical systems in a diabetes health disparities lab at the University of Chicago.

Poona Ghosh is a very anxious Desi of the diaspora, committed to working toward sustainable, transformative community solutions to create safety, access, and accountability beyond borders. She is a former RRASC intern and is currently co-chair of the Outreach Committee of CLPP’s student group. She is an undergraduate student at UMass Amherst.

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Rachael Strickler is a second year Division II student at Hampshire College and one this year’s student group coordinators. In her academic and personal ventures she hopes to learn what can be done to actually achieve, or take steps towards the achievement of, positive and sustainable social change. Throughout her studies, Rachael plans to critically analyze issues of injustice and oppression using a reproductive justice lens as her guide and focusing on the carceral state. Being part of CLPP has been a life-changing experience for her in all of the best ways possible. It has been a whirlwind of incredible, almost unimaginable, opportunities to learn, explore, and act.

Rachel Suppé is the RJ Fellow at the Reproductive Health Technologies Project, where she works to ensure that all people have access to affordable and appropriate contraceptive technologies, regardless of age, income, location, sex, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity. She is a graduate of American University Washington College of Law and is especially interested in the intersection of racial, economic, and reproductive justice.

Rage M. Kidvai is the Equal Justice Works/Paul Rapoport Foundation Fellow for the Immigrant Justice Project at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project. They focus on providing asylum and deportation defense services for low-income trans, gender non-conforming, and intersex immigrants, in response to the disproportionate impact of policing and deportation of these communities.

Renee Bracey Sherman is a reproductive justice and storytelling activist who shares her own abortion experience to end the silence and stigma. She is a writer with Echoing Ida, a project of Forward Together that amplifies the voices of Black women around critical social justice issues. Renee is a graduate student at Cornell University and sits on the board of NARAL Pro-Choice America Foundation.

Richard Faithful is a folk healer, artist, and lawyer who is founder and Voice Curator at Conjure! Freedom Collective based in Washington DC. Conjure! is a healing justice vibration narrowed on trauma of slavery and racial caste to create a love politic in the US. Its majik includes conjure or black folk healing, creative expression, and transformative political resistance. www.conjurefreedom.org

Ricky Hill is an organizer and rabble-rouser with Oklahomans for Reproductive Justice. Their work focuses on health access, equity for LGBTQ folks, as well as eliminating health disparities for transgender and gender non-conforming people. They sure do love being from Oklahoma, and will tell you all about it if given half the chance.

Roosbelinda Cárdenas is a cultural anthropologist whose work focuses on social movements in Latin America and follows engaged methodology, which straddles activism and critical analysis. In addition to teaching at Hampshire College, she is also a researcher with IPPF/WHR where she collaborates in research on abortion and gender-based violence in Latin America.

Rory Woodard is finishing her third year at Hampshire College where she studies Maternal Well-Being and Health Politics through a reproductive justice lens. She has been a CLPP student group member for three years and was a 2014 RRASC intern with National Advocates for Pregnant Women. She is a student activist, a doula-in-training, and an aspiring midwife.

Roula AbiSamra, MPH, works with the Sea Change Program to manage the Untold Stories Project, which engages communities in conversations about reproductive experiences that often remain hidden or silenced. She earned her BA and MPH at Emory University, and has spent her career working in reproductive health research, education, and service provision. Her work with Sea Change supports people in sharing their stories and listening to those of others, connecting with one another and changing culture together.

Ruth Zurbriggen is a queer activist, researcher, lecturer, and gender studies specialist. She is a part of the Colectiva Feminista La Revuelta in Neuquén, Patagonia, and the Socorristas en Red de Argentina. As a member of the Socorrista network, Ruth accompanies women seeking medical abortions. Her primary areas of investigation are bodies, sexuality, pedagogies, abortion access, activism, and social movements.

Ryan Pryor is a white, queer, transmasculine Certified Professional Midwife and Family Nurse Practitioner. He currently works in a community health center in Springfield, MA.

Rye Young is Third Wave Fund’s Director. He began his career as an abortion fund hotline intern at Third Wave Foundation (the organization that became Third Wave Fund). Rye served on the staff of Third Wave for five years in various program roles, and dedicated himself to developing systems for impact measurement and grantmaking, while crafting programs that met the needs of Third Wave’s grassroots, community-based organizations.

Sadia Arshad is a full-time student at Boston University’s School of Public Health and sometimes a full-time reproductive justice advocate. She volunteers with Planned Parenthood, serves on the Young Women of Color Leadership Council of Advocates for Youth, and interns with the Repeal Hyde Art Project. You can find her squealing at fuzzy animals and travelling along the East Coast.

Sadiya Abjani is the Programming Chair for the LGBTQ Muslim Retreat, a program of the Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity (MASGD). The Retreat creates safe spaces for LGBTQ+ Muslims to connect with their faith and sexuality.
Samantha Villatoro has been working with the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights for the past year as part of their 1 in 3 Council, which is working to end the stigma of abortions through story telling and education.

Sandra Criswell is a mixed race Pinay reproductive justice organizer from Oklahoma City. She is a Regional Organizer for CoreAlign, a former Generative Fellow, and current Speaking Race to Power Fellow, examining the connections between race, food, culture, and healing. She also serves on the Backline board of directors and is a former Take Root conference organizer.

Sarah Werthan Buttenwieser is a writer, parent and co-organizer of the first COFFEE conference.

Sarita Gupta is the executive director of Jobs With Justice. She is a nationally recognized expert on the economic and political issues affecting working people across all industries, particularly low-wage workers.

Scott Senecal is a student at Ware High School and a Peer Leader for Youth Action Coalition. His hobbies include making and listening to music and visual arts such as drawing.

Sean Saifa M. Wall is a Black intersex man of trans* experience currently residing in Atlanta, GA. In addition to his intersex activism, he is a researcher, writer and collage artist. Find him at saifaemerges.com.

Sebastian Margaret is a disability justice community educator and a disabled Trans* queer immigrant. Kept deliciously exhausted parenting a pair of gorgeous kids, they are passionate about the validity and glory of imperfect body/minds. Co-founder of the Disability Justice Collective, Sebastian has been inserting disability justice into the progressive left and multi-issue politics into disability communities since the late ’80s and are thrilled to be a 2014-16 member of NCAVP’s movement building committee.

Shana Griffin is a mother, feminist, applied sociologist, activist, and artist. Her work explores critical issues at the intersection of race and gender-based violence; housing rights and affordability; sexual health and reproductive autonomy; carceral violence and criminalizing policies; climate justice and sustainable ecologies; gender and disaster; reproductive violence and population control; and art and reimagination.

Sheila Brown is a Division I student at Hampshire College and a member of the CLPP student group. Since founding a gender equality group in high school, she has continued this work through studying social justice and community organizing. She feels that reproductive justice is a crucial framework in which to create equality within the world and plans on pursuing activism focused on issues of reproductive and environmental justice.

Shelley Halstead is the Law Students for Reproductive Justice RJ Fellow at the National Center for Lesbian Rights. Before attending law school at the University of Washington, Shelley was a union carpenter who also happened to work and build various things while traveling around the globe. She is passionate about abortion rights and access, workers’ rights, and racial justice.

Shomya Tripathy is the Youth Activist Network Coordinator at Advocates for Youth, working specifically with the Campus Organizing Team and 1 in 3 student activists. She works with students to organize around issues such as reproductive justice, sexual health, and LGBTQ rights on their campuses.

Sofia Peña is a social work student who has been involved in reproductive health-related DIY and community projects of all kinds for over ten years. She is a strong believer in the power of the people to change the current lack of reproductive autonomy we face.

Stani has been a Project Avary youth for 11 years now. She is a new mom and is in love with her best friend. She loves playing soccer, Call of Duty, and working with Project Avary to bring awareness of mass incarceration to people all around.

Stephanie Blaufarb became passionate about reproductive health during her Peace Corps service during which she worked as a reproductive and sexual health educator. She is currently pursuing a Master’s Degree in Public Health at Hunter College and is the program associate at the Reproductive Health Access Project as well as a volunteer reproductive health doula at a community health center.

A long-time reproductive rights activist, Susan Yanow, MSW, works to expand access to abortion domestically and nationally through consulting projects with organizations including Ibis Reproductive Health, the Reproductive Health Access Project and Venture Strategies (VHSD). She is a cofounder of Women Help Women, an international organization that provides abortion and contraception services, and of Expanding Abortion Services in the South (EASE).

Sydney Saunders is a Frances Perkins Scholar at Mount Holyoke College, double-majoring in Russian Eurasian Studies and Politics. As a nontraditional student and mother of two children, she has applied her life experiences to her academic and professional undertakings to aid in the identification and navigation of multiple, seemingly contradictory identities.

Tara Shuai Ellison has been active in feminist, LGBTQI, body liberation, POC, and other justice movements for over a decade. She is currently the Finance & Operations Director at the National Domestic Workers Alliance, and before that, worked at the Third Wave Foundation and The Task Force. She is a board member for the Audre Lorde Project and a co-organizer of the Big Fat Flea.
T.T. has been a participant at Project Avary for 6 years and is excited to be a part of the Peace Maker teen leadership program.

Taja Lindley is a courageous truth-telling creatress, daughter of a single mother and eldest of three sisters. She is a visual and performance artist, full-spectrum doula, and the Founder and Managing Member of Colored Girls Hustle. She currently lives and works in Brooklyn, NY.

Tiffany E. Cook’s reproductive justice framework comes from a hodgepodge of experience in health care, sex education, abortion funding, and full spectrum doula care. She currently lives in Brooklyn and provides clinical skills training for a variety of programs through Praxis Clinical. Additionally, she and her partner, Morgan, recently started a blog about queer and trans* sex and health called Queerios + Milk [queeriosandmilk.com].

Tiffany Omí Pennick, MPH, is Development and Communications Coordinator at SisterLove, Inc. Omí, as she is affectionately called, worked in several capacities in the field of women’s and adolescent reproductive health with various private and non-profit entities including Emory University Rollins School of Public Health in Atlanta, Agenda for Children in New Orleans, and Messages of Empowerment Productions in Atlanta. She has helped to design, implement, and disseminate various Evidence Based Interventions both nationally and internationally in Atlanta, Georgia, St. Marteen, Netherland Antilles, and in Cape Town and Durban, South Africa.

Tiffany Tai provides support to local abortion Funds to fund abortions today and work for a world where all people will have access to abortion care. In her free time, she builds community with Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander women, trans folks, and gender nonconforming folks through National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum - Boston. Tiffany is a RRASC alum, UMass Amherst alum, and Beyoncé fangirl.

Tina Reynolds is the co-founder and Executive Director of Women on the Rise Telling HerStory (WORTH). Tina has been an advocate for reproductive justice for all women impacted by incarceration. She is currently an adjunct lecturer at CUNY, York College and has written articles on policy change that affect women; reproductive rights; and children impacted by parental incarceration. She is co-editor of Interrupted Life: Experiences of Incarcerated Women in the United States.

Verónica Bayetti Flores has spent the last years of her life living and breathing reproductive justice. She has led national policy work on the intersections of immigrants’ rights, health care access, young parenthood, policing, and LGBTQ liberation. She is currently Policy Coordinator at Streetwise and Safe, and Co-President Elect of the board of the National Network of Abortion Funds.

An Indigenous Land Defender and Organizer, much of Victor Puertas’ work focuses on the intersections of land and water defense, Indigenous self-determination/autonomy and migrant justice with an emphasis on climate justice and communal liberation. Currently he is working with three organizations: Reclaim Turtle Island, Utah Tar-Sands Resistance and Peaceful Uprising.

Willie J. Parker, MD, is a reproductive justice advocate and associate medical director of Family Planning Associates in Chicago. Parker graduated from Berea College in Kentucky and holds an M.D. from the University of Iowa, as well as a Master’s Degree from the Harvard School of Public Health and a Master’s of science in health services research from the University of Michigan. His work focuses on violence against women, women’s reproductive health and rights, and men’s reproductive health. He currently serves on the board of Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice.

Xavier Torres de Janon is a third year student at Hampshire College. Born and raised in Guayaquil, Ecuador, he is exploring Arab and Latin American political identities and the levels of oppression embedded in them. He worked for the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights as a RRASC intern.

Yana Tallon-Hicks is a sex writer and educator, former CLPP RRASC grant recipient, and a Hampshire College graduate. She currently studies Marriage and Family Therapy at Antioch University on her path to becoming a sex therapist. Her sex writings have appeared in both national and local publications and can be found most regularly in her weekly sex column, The V-Spot, in the Valley Advocate. Connect with her on Facebook/yanaanettallonhicks and Instagram/the_vspot.

Yatzel Sabat is a Puerto Rican, anarcha-feminist, working class, queer organizer and activist. She is a founding member of RiseUp/LevantaTX, the founder of the Texas Abortion Access Front, a trained abortion doula and aspiring midwife, hoping to achieve certification by 2017.

Yong Chan Miller is a Korean-American Adoptee with over 20 years of social justice activism experience, particularly in racial, economic, and transracial adoption. She is the president of Surge Northwest, a reproductive justice organization based in Seattle, WA and is a CoreAlignt Speaking Race to Power fellow working on issues of transnational and transracial adoption. She currently lives in Oakland, CA.

yucca b.w. is a working class queerdo fronterist® from the Rio Grande Valley who now resides in Houston. They are co-founder of Cicada Collective and are dedicated to elevating the voices and work from the South/resource sparse areas. They are a lover of ceramics, full spectrum doula, climb nerd, and hope to release their first zine in 2015!

Yudith Nieto is a Mexican-American woman of color who grew up in the fence-line refining community of Manchester in Houston, TX. Yudith works with Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services and has also collaborated with other environmental, immigration, LGBTQ, and social justice groups.

Yusef Hamza Bornacelli is a taqwacore muslim queer trans* activist and artist of color.
A GUIDE TO BATHROOMS, DOORWAYS, AND ELEVATORS

Bathrooms

Most bathrooms on campus are labeled All Gender, with notes on whether or not they have urinals. We encourage everyone who feels safe doing so to feel welcome to use these facilities. There are also single occupancy bathrooms available with privacy locks. We strive to make conference spaces—bathrooms especially—ones in which your gender will not be policed and your presence will not be questioned.

Note: All listed bathrooms are wheelchair accessible, have manual entrances, and contain multiple stalls unless otherwise indicated.

Franklin Patterson Hall (FPH)

Outside Doors
- Front (lobby access): automatic (push button)
- Back (ground floor): automatic (push button)

Elevator Access
- From the Front door (lobby access): upon entering the building, the elevator is to the right, next to the bathroom and vending machines
- From the Back entrance (ground floor): halfway down the hall, on the right

Main Lecture Hall

There is accessible seating space on the very top level of this auditorium. To get to the Main Lecture Hall from the lobby, take the elevator down to the “Ground Floor” (button G) and exit left. The entrance to the lecture hall is through the double doors directly across from the CLPP office (room G-13) and to the right.

Note: The stage level of the Main Lecture Hall is not readily wheelchair accessible.

Robert Crown Center (RCC)

Outside Doors
- Front: automatic (push button). There are two sets of doors and two sets of buttons.

Elevator Access
There is no elevator in the Robert Crown Center itself.
- To access the upper level: enter the Harold Johnson Library from the side entrance (located between the RCC and the Library, under the Bridge); both doors in the side entrance have push buttons. Continue directly forward. Designated remotes can silently open the door with the “alarm will sound” label at the opposite end of the hall. Take the elevator (bright yellow and to your right) to the first floor, exit the Library, and use the Bridge to cross over to the Robert Crown Center.

Bathrooms

Ground floor
- If exiting the elevator, turn left and go around the corner.
- If entering from the back door of FPH, turn right at the first corner (outside the CLPP office).
- All Gender, single occupancy, remote access door

Lobby - Upon entering the building:
- Left: Restroom with urinals
- Right: Restroom without urinals, not accessible*

* While there is a larger stall with bars for support, some people who use wheelchairs may find that they do not have enough space to close the door behind them.

Second floor (in the Critical Social Inquiry wing—when facing Faculty Lounge, outside the doors on the right):
- 2 bathrooms, both designated All Gender, single occupancy, not wheelchair accessible

Upper level (elevator access through Library)
- All Gender
Adele Simmons Hall (ASH)

Outside Doors
- Front: automatic (push button)
- Side (opposite Music and Dance building; reachable only via a path from the ASH parking circle): manual

Bathrooms
Lobby
- 2 All Gender bathrooms with remote access doors
Second floor
- 2 All Gender bathrooms with remote access doors

Elevator Access
- Center of Lobby

Jerome Liebling Center (Liebling)

Outside Doors
- Front (right, opposite ASH): automatic (push button)
- Front (left, opposite ASH): manual
- Side (opposite parking lot): manual
- Back (opposite woods): automatic (push button)

Bathrooms
- 2 bathrooms on main floor, both designated All Gender

Music and Dance Building

Outside Doors
- Main (opposite ASH): automatic (push button)
- Side (opposite Art Barn): automatic (push button)

Bathrooms
- 2 All Gender bathrooms on main floor

Red Barn

Outside Doors
- Front: manual
- Back: manual, not accessible, outdoor step

Elevator Access
- None

Harold F. Johnson Library

Outside Doors
- Front: manual, not accessible
- Side (facing RCC): automatic (push button)

Bathrooms
- The only currently accessible bathroom in the Library is on the ground floor.
  Ground floor (across from elevator)
- All Gender, single occupancy
  Library (all other floors)
- All Gender, not wheelchair accessible

Elevator Access
- Enter the Library from the side door. Please note the RCC’s Elevator Access information for details.

You can use these elevators to access:
- The Library, Airport Lounge, and the Bridge Café/Upper RCC (floor 1)
- A single occupancy bathroom (ground)

Prescott Tavern

Outside Doors
- Front: manual

Bathrooms
- 2 bathrooms, All Gender
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What is the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program (CLPP)?

Civil Liberties and Public Policy is a national program dedicated to educating, mentoring, and inspiring new activism and leadership for the reproductive justice movement. Combining activism, organizing, leadership training, and movement building, CLPP programs advance a broad and inclusive agenda that connects reproductive freedom and autonomy with other social justice issues.

Projects

Annual Reproductive Justice Conference
CLPP’s national conference for student and community activists, From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the Movement for Reproductive Freedom, connects people to organizations and campaigns locally, nationally, and internationally, and provides them with information, analysis, and “how-to” organizing to bring back to their own campuses and communities. Join us next year, April 8-10, 2016!

Reproductive Rights Activist Service Corps (RRASC)
RRASC is a national program that supports the leadership development of students interested in connecting their academic studies to reproductive justice activism through summer internships.

New Leadership Networking Initiative (NLNI)
NLNI is a training and leadership-building network for new and emerging activists working in the movement. Through semi-annual convenings and a Summer Leadership Institute, members gain valuable skills and create new relationships and collaborations that are energizing and expanding the movement.

CLPP Student Activist Group
The CLPP student group consists of activists from the Five Colleges and broader community who want to develop their skills to organize for reproductive and social justice. The group runs “Activist 101” trainings and is the driving force behind CLPP’s annual conference.

Classes and Community Engaged Learning
CLPP faculty and staff teach courses at Hampshire College that introduce students to a broad range of reproductive justice issues and the history of activism surrounding them. Local students can fulfill high school, college, and graduate-level community service and community engagement requirements through involvement with CLPP.
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