

Conceiving American Families in the 21st Century: Reproductive Policies, Practices, and Technologies

March 2, 2018

DoubleTree Hotel – Austin University Area

Keynote Address: Babies of Technology: Assisted Reproduction and the Rights of the Child

9:00 am – 9:50 am

Keynote Speaker: **Mary Ann Mason**, Professor of the
Graduate School at U.C. Berkeley and Faculty
Affiliate of the Berkeley Center for Law &
Technology

Alarming, scarce attention has been paid to the lax regulations that have made the U.S. a major fertility tourism destination. Without clear protections, the unique rights and needs of the children of assisted reproduction are often ignored. This talk will consider the voice of the child in discussions about regulating the fertility industry. The controversies are many. Donor anonymity is preventing millions of children from knowing their genetic origins. Fertility clinics are marketing genetically enhanced babies. Career women are saving their eggs for later in life. And women in developing nations are renting their wombs to the rich. Meanwhile, the unregulated fertility market charges forward as a multi-billion-dollar industry.

Panel: The Impacts of Reproduction

9:55 am – 11:15 am

Presider: Tama Levanthal, Tufts University

- ♦ Lauri Pasch, University of California, San Francisco: “Psychological Costs of Intertility”
- ♦ Sharmila Rudrappa, University of Texas, Austin: “The Price of Global Surrogacy”
- ♦ Amanda Stevenson, University of Colorado, Boulder: “Maternal Mortality and Impacts of Reproductive Health Policies”

Media Workshop

11:20 am – 12:20 am

Presider: Frank Furstenberg, University of Pennsylvania

- ♦ Stephanie Coontz, Council on Contemporary Families
- ♦ Pepper Schwartz, University of Washington, Seattle
- ♦ Philip Cohen, University of Maryland, College Park

Lunch and Flash Session

12:20 pm – 1:35 pm

Presider: Rachel Donnelly, University of Texas, Austin

Keynote Address: Reproductive Health Services in the United States

1:40 pm – 2:30 pm

Keynote Speaker: **Carole Joffe**, Professor, Bixby
Center for Global Reproductive Health,
Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and
Reproductive Sciences at University of California,
San Francisco

Dr. Joffe will describe the situation of reproductive health services in the U.S. as being one of unwanted, coercive services imposed on certain populations: e.g., forced sterilizations on Latinas, African Americans and poor whites, contraceptive services disproportionately located in African American neighborhoods at the beginnings of Title X, the national family planning program, and at other historical periods, such as the present, insufficient publicly provided services for these same populations.

Panel: Different Paths to Parenthood

2:35 pm – 3:55 pm

Presider: Arielle Kuperberg, University of North
Carolina, Greensboro

- ♦ Lisa Ikemoto, University of California, Davis: “Reproductive Tourism – Equality Concerns in the Global Market”
- ♦ Christa Craven, College of Wooster: “Fertility/Infertility in LGBT Families”
- ♦ Caroline Hartnett, University of South Carolina: “Women’s Experiences of Intended and Unintended Births”

Panel: Reproductive Health and Reproductive Rights

4:00 pm – 5:20 pm

Presider: Lee Badgett, University of Massachusetts
Amherst

- ♦ Mo Cortez, Transgender Education Network of Texas: “Intersexuality – Human Rights and Reproductive Rights”
- ♦ Marsha Jones, The Afiya Center: “Leading the Charge for Black Women’s Reproductive Health and Rights”
- ♦ Julie Childers, Our Bodies Ourselves: “U.S. Reproductive Health Care”

Networking Wine and Cheese Reception

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm