

Reproductive Justice Symposium

Sign-up Sheet to Attend a Pop-up School Class

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Deadline to sign-up: March 10, 2023

March 11, 2023 Pop-up School Classes (CELA):

Based on demand, you may be able to sign up for more than one class. If you would like to do so, please indicate which class is your first choice. We may be able to raise the caps on some classes. Please include your name, pronouns, and email address next to allocated seats per class below.

10-11:30 AM “Increasing Abortion Access 101”

Leader: Ash Williams

Room A31

Description: This workshop will educate participants on the reproductive justice framework and its alignment with increasing access to abortion. Folks will learn about the 2 types of abortion, helpful tips for funding abortion, and emotionally supporting someone who is accessing abortion.

Bio: Ash Williams is an anti-carceral and reproductive justice organizer. He is currently Project Nia’s Decriminalizing Abortion Resident. He received his BA in Philosophy from UNC Charlotte in 2015 with a minor in dance, and his MA in Ethics and Applied Philosophy from UNC Charlotte in 2016. For the last five years, Ash has been vigorously fighting to expand abortion access by funding abortions and training other people to become abortion doulas. Ash is an abortion doula with the Mountain Area Abortion Doula Collective.

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**11-12:30 PM “Mobilizing Coalitional Politics to Fight Back Against Banning
Abortion, Criminalizing Trans Healthcare,
and Maintaining White Supremacy”
Leader: Chris Barcelos
Moffett Auditorium**

Description: Recent efforts to outlaw abortion, criminalize trans youths’ access to healthcare, and suppress education about white supremacy or queerness are linked by their focus on regulating the bodily autonomy and self-determination of marginalized people. This workshop helps participants to make connections between the *Dobbs* decision, anti-trans legislation, and bans on critical race theory in schools. We will explore how the fight for abortion access is inseparable from the fights for racial justice and queer/trans liberation as well as how to strategize across movements.

Bio: Chris Barcelos is Assistant Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Massachusetts Boston and the author of *Distributing Condoms and Hope: The Racialized Politics of Sexual Health* (U California 2020). Barcelos was Visiting Assistant Professor of GSFS at Oberlin in 2016-2017. chrisbarcelos.com

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11-12:30 PM “So you want to be a sex educator in a post-*Dobbs* America?”

Leader: Tory Sparks ‘17

Room A19

Description: This workshop will ask and answer: “what is the role of sex education post-*Dobbs*?” and will also cover the basics of the career path to becoming a professional sex educator.

Bio: Tory (they/she) is a Michigan-based independent sex educator, facilitator, consultant, and trainer. Tory is a current student at Widener University in the dual degree MSW/ MEd in Human Sexuality Program. Additionally, Tory does work as a gynecological teaching associate, facilitator of Spark*Ed with Planned Parenthood, substitute teacher, queer trivia host, volunteer library book sorter, and zine maker. Tory began their career in 2017 with Planned Parenthood of Michigan, where they went on to run the Washtenaw County Peer Education program and Youth Advisory Council for 4.5 years. Tory has also worked with the Michigan Organization for Adolescent Sexual Health and the Our Whole Lives curriculum. You can learn more about Tory’s work at torysparks.com.

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**11-12:30 PM “Parenting with Pride:
An Unconventional Guide to Having Children”
Leader: Katie Graham and NiK Peavy
Oberlin Multicultural Resource Commons
Room A23**

Description: This workshop is an exercise investigating the reproductive right in choosing to have children. We will be exploring the ways in which different family structures can be formed such as queer or otherwise “unconventional” ways to become parents, the inequities that may come with the process, and how to navigate them.

Bio: Katie Graham (she/her/hers, they/them/theirs) is the LGBTQ+ community fellow in the Multicultural Resource Commons at Oberlin College and Conservatory. In her role, Katie works as a resource for students, working toward identifying barriers that students from the LGBTQ+ community face. They also help plan annual cultural and educational events and programs aimed towards the LGBTQ+ community and co-facilitate presentations and training on topics related to diversity, equity and inclusion of LGBTQ students and community members. She is also a graphic designer and has worked on a variety of print and digital designs celebrating the diverse identities of the Lehigh Valley, PA.

Bio: NiK Peavy (they/them) joined Oberlin College and Conservatory in November of 2022 as the Associate Director of the Multicultural Resource Commons (MRC). In their role, NiK works to create spaces for students who hold historically marginalized identities to build community with a focus on LGBTQ+ students. They most recently came from the College of Wooster as the Director of Sexuality & Gender Initiatives where they collaborated with queer and trans students across campus to design fun, educational, and community-oriented activities. NiK has a passion for helping students learn how to advocate for themselves and is committed to creating spaces where people with marginalized identities can just breathe. <https://www.oberlin.edu/mrc/staff>

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12:30-1:30 PM Catered Lunch for Participants

1:30-3 PM “So you want to be an advocate?”
Leader: Jordyn Close and Anastasia (Ana) Martinez
Ohio Women's Alliance
Room A31

Description: Join us for a workshop in discovering what kind of advocacy best fits you! Extroverted and love a good rally or march? Introverted and would rather create social graphics behind the scene? We'll have tips for every type of advocate and help you discover where you fit in the advocacy world!

Bio: Jordyn Close (she/her) is the Deputy Director with Ohio Women's Alliance, building collective power with womxn, BIPOC, and young folks. Additionally, she is the Board President of Abortion Fund Of Ohio, Ohio's only statewide abortion fund, providing practical support across the Midwest. She is an abortion storyteller with We Testify, focusing on busting abortion stigma and centering the voices of Black and brown people. Jordyn is an abolitionist and organizer focusing on decriminalization, pro-abortion policy and Black feminist political education.

Bio: Anastasia (Ana) Martinez (she/her) is OWA's senior campaign manager! Growing up on the East Side of Toledo, Ohio, the inequities she saw in her city led her to pursue a career in public service. Directly out of undergrad, Ana moved to Massachusetts to become a founding social studies teacher at a public community school. After seeing many of the issues her students and families were facing could not be solved in the classroom, her passion for policy was reignited. She then became a policy fellow at a think tank in Boston where she worked with organizers, grassroots groups, unions, and students to create community-focused policy solutions. Ana is motivated to use her background and skills to assist folx in finding their space in advocacy and civic engagement. and her cat Wally.

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**1:30-3 PM “Understanding Abortion Doula Work:
History and Reproductive Justice”
Leader: Mailyne Tu
Oberlin Doula Collective and the Reproductive Justice Alliance
Room A23**

Description: Our goal is to provide an introduction to the importance that abortion doulas hold in the Reproductive Justice movement, specifically regarding the positive impacts of the care they provide. We will delve into the origins of abortion doula work, the history of abortion doulas in the Midwest region, and core components of abortion doula work that intersect with race, gender, socioeconomic status, etc.

Brief Bio: The Oberlin Doula Collective (ODC) is a student, community, and volunteer-run organization based in Oberlin OH (not affiliated with Oberlin College) dedicated to providing free and compassionate support to people who are terminating their pregnancies. By providing emotional, physical, and informational support to individuals having in-clinic and medical in abortions, we work toward a world in which all people have access to compassionate reproductive care, regardless of their pregnancy outcomes. Driven by the values of Reproductive Justice,** health equity, and bodily autonomy, we aim to empower pregnant individuals through trauma-informed, gender-inclusive, and body-positive support work. In doing so, we strive to foster a culture that trusts people and their inherent strength to make the best reproductive decisions for themselves. Learn more about ODC here:

<https://oberlindoulacollect.wixsite.com/oberlindc>

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1:30-3 PM “Not All Religions: An Interfaith Lens on Reproductive Justice”

Leader: Margaret Velto ‘22

Room A19

Description: For too long, the anti-choice, white, Christian supremacist voice has dominated the spiritual voice in the debate on reproductive rights, healthcare, and justice. Despite this, several faith traditions, including Christianity, protect and support access to choice and freedom of decisions. This workshop will explore these perspectives and provide tools on how to utilize spirituality for the promotion of reproductive justice.

Bio: Margaret Velto (she/her) is an Outreach Coordinator for the [Kentucky Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice](#). She also serves as a co-organizer for the [Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom](#) (SYRF) and a member of the interim steering and communications committees of the [Spiritual Alliance of Communities for Reproductive Dignity](#) (SACReD). Margaret graduated from Oberlin College in June 2022 with a BA in Religion and Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies. She is the child of a United Church of Christ reverend and Quaker clerk. Because of her progressive Christian upbringing and her family’s history in advocacy work, she believes faith and justice are inherently intertwined.

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March 10, 2023 11-1:30 (CELA): Present/ Exhibit:

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