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Whether you're an advocate, policymaker, journalist, or simply interested in the field, the Roundup makes it easier to track emerging evidence and apply it to your work. [Sign up](#) for this free resource and never miss the research shaping reproductive health and rights.

## Events



**Sex Week**  
Events Calendar  
April 6–10, 2026 | Week 2

**Wednesday, April 8** 

**Your Body, Your Call: Opill, Plan B & Abortion Pills – CRHLP**  
1:00 – 2:00 PM | Zoom | <https://bit.ly/4sLQ6mE>  
Breakdown of reproductive health options, access, and policy updates.

**Know It Before You Blow It: LGBTQ+ STI Trivia – Planned Parenthood Generation Action**  
[@ppgenactionswc](#)  
6:00 – 8:00 PM | Carnesale Commons (Venice Room)  
Interactive STI trivia with food and prizes.

Join CRHLP, The UCLA Bixby Center to Advance Sexual and Reproductive Health, Planned Parenthood Generation Action UCLA, and other community health organizations for Sex Week 2026.

CRHLP Research Director Subasri Narasimhan, Research Data Analyst Neko Michelle Castleberry, and Legal Fellow Sofia Espinoza will be hosting "Your Body, Your Call: Demystifying What You Need to Know About Opill, Plan B & Abortion Pills" on

**UCLA**

College | Life Sciences  
**Center for Reproductive  
Science, Health & Education**

**Save the  
date!**

# DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

**featuring**

**Dr. Teresa Woodruff**

**Michigan State University Research Foundation  
Professor and President Emerita of MSU**

 **Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2026**

 **4:00pm**

 **UCLA Campus. CNSI  
Building**

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**Dr. Teresa Woodruff**

Spring 2026

The UCLA Center for Reproductive Science, Health and Education welcomes National Medal of Science awardee Dr. Teresa Woodruff, a pioneer in merging the fields of oncology and fertility preservation and a recognized champion of women's health.



## EXPECTING INEQUITY

How the Maternal  
Health Crisis Affects  
Even the Wealthiest  
Black Americans

KHIARA M.  
BRIDGES



The MIT Press

# Book talk with **Khiara M. Bridges** author of ***Expecting Inequity***

April 9, 2026 — 7 p.m.  
The Reparations Club

Los Angeles, CA

Join Khiara M. Bridges, professor of law at UC Berkeley School of Law, in conversation with Kimberly Durdin, midwife, educator, and doula trainer, for a discussion about Professor Bridges' new book [Expecting Inequity: How the Maternal Health Crisis Affects Even the Wealthiest Black Americans](#). Professor Bridges and Kimberly Durdin both shared their expertise at convening, [Advancing Constitutional and Maternal Health Rights for Pregnant People.](#), and their public panel is available to watch on [Youtube](#).

[Register now](#) for this exciting conversation, which will be held on April 9th at 7 pm at the Reparations Club!

**Policy News**

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Photo credit: AP News

Senate Republicans [have launched](#) an investigation into manufacturers of mifepristone and are demanding the U.S. Food and Drug Administration create new enforcement against telehealth distribution of the drug. The probe seeks extensive records from manufacturers and pushes for stricter restrictions and potential limits on access. This escalation is one of several efforts to restrict medication abortion, which has been crucial for preserving abortion access nationwide in the wake of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. To learn more about efforts to protect or restrict access to mifepristone, use our [Mifepristone Litigation and Federal Action Tracker](#). Additionally, check out [the regulatory comment](#) submitted by CRHLP to the FDA, on behalf of more than 260 researchers and in partnership with Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health at UCSF, affirming the drug's 25-year safety record, challenging reports that lack scientific rigor, and urging the agency to base any future decisions on transparent, evidence-based science.

## Legal News

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Photo credit: News21

Kansas Governor Laura Kelly [vetoed](#) a bill aimed at expanding protections for anti-abortion crisis pregnancy centers (CPCs), but the state legislature quickly overrode the veto, allowing the measure to become law. The legislation exempts these centers from regulatory requirements dictating what information, services and resources centers can provide on pregnancy, childbirth and parenting and creates a private right of action for CPCs to enforce the new law. Critics argue it will further enable CPCs to spread misleading information by evading regulatory oversight that would otherwise ensure CPCs are providing patients accurate medical information about pregnancy and the services the CPC can provide. The new law is part of broader anti-abortion effort following *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, to more aggressively support CPCs which have received [millions in public federal funding](#) in recent years, even as medical organizations like the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists have [raised concerns](#) about the absence of evidence-based reproductive health services at many centers.



Photo credit: Montana Free Press

The Montana Supreme Court [has upheld](#) a preliminary injunction blocking enforcement of a 2023 law that imposed heightened licensing and operational requirements on abortion providers, finding the measure implicates their patients' fundamental privacy rights and likely violates the state constitution's equal protection guarantee. The court concluded that by singling out clinics providing abortion care for burdensome regulation despite offering services and medications identical to miscarriage care, the state was unlikely to prove its argument that the restrictions were justified by patient safety concerns. The ruling allows clinics to continue operating without the additional requirements while litigation proceeds, [ensuring](#) the requirements don't undermine Montana's constitutional protection for abortion access. For more about Montana and other state litigation that involves new state constitutional "Reproductive Freedom Amendments," read our report "[The Promise of State Reproductive Freedom Amendments](#)."



Photo credit: The Atlanta Journal-Constitution via Reuters file

A group of midwives has [filed a lawsuit](#) challenging restrictive state regulations in Georgia, such as mandatory physician collaboration agreements and limits on who can practice midwifery, arguing they violate the state constitution and restrict access to essential maternal health care. The plaintiffs contend these restrictions, which are among the strictest in the country, create financial and logistical barriers that prevent qualified providers from practicing, exacerbating existing provider shortages in a state where over one-third of counties are considered maternity care deserts and maternal mortality rates are among the highest in the country, disproportionately endangering Black Georgians and their babies. They argue that expanding access to

midwifery can improve outcomes and increase options for pregnant and birthing people, as do [similar legal challenges](#) unfolding in other states.

## Food for Thought

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With so much going on in the world of reproductive health, law, and policy, every week we'll share articles, books, and media you might have missed.

[Ohio Republican Lawmakers Keep Trying To Override Voters And Go Around Abortion Rights Amendment](#)

[Trapped And Alone: Fear Of ICE Is Deepening Postpartum Isolation For Immigrant Mothers](#)

[As Virginia Looks To Expand Reproductive Rights, Funding Cuts May Threaten Access](#)

[America Needs Reproductive Health Leave](#)



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