

Council on Contemporary Families  
19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Conceiving American Families  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:  
Reproductive Policies,  
Practices, and Technologies

March 2, 2018

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Friday March 2, 2018

8:30 am – 5:30pm

### On Site Registration

8:00 am

### Opening Remarks

8:45 am – 9:00 am

Jennifer Glass, University of Texas at Austin

### Morning Keynote Address: “Babies of Technology: Assisted Reproduction and the Rights of the Child”

9:00 am – 9:50 am

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

**Tom Eckman**, Co-author of “Babies of Technology”  
Presider: Joshua Coleman, Clinical Psychologist & Author

**Abstract.** *Since the 1978 birth of Louise Brown, we have many more combinations of families assisted by an international market and the lax regulations of the U.S. fertility industry. Especially with a great push for gene enhancement with CRISPR/Cas9 to create designer babies, there is much work to be done to protect the rights of the child and of the future of the human species.*

### Panel: The Impacts of Reproduction

9:55 am – 11:15 am

Presider: Tama Levanthal, Tufts University

- ◆ Lauri Pasch, University of California, San Francisco:  
“An Insider’s View of IVF Practice in the United States”
- ◆ Sharmila Rudrappa, University of Texas, Austin:  
“The Price of Global Surrogacy”
- ◆ Amanda Stevenson, University of Colorado, Boulder:  
“Measuring and Communicating Impacts: The Case of Reproductive Health Policy in Texas”

### Media Workshop

11:20 am – 12:05 pm

Presider: Frank Furstenberg, University of Pennsylvania

- ◆ Stephanie Coontz, Council on Contemporary Families
- ◆ Lee Badgett, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- ◆ Philip Cohen, University of Maryland, College Park

### Lunch and Flash Session

12:05 pm – 1:35 pm

Presider: Rachel Donnelly, University of Texas, Austin

- ◆ Sasha Albert, Brandeis University:  
“The Limitations of Negative Rights for Studying Reproductive Health Policy”
- ◆ Maurice Anyawie, Bowling Green State University:  
“Cohabitation and Contraceptive Use in the United States: A Focus on Race and Ethnicity”
- ◆ Kathleen Broussard, University of Texas at Austin:  
“The Changing Landscape of Self-Sourced Abortion: Women’s Embodied Experiences in Ireland”
- ◆ Sophia Fantus, Baylor College of Medicine:  
“It’s not just that I’m having a baby for someone I don’t even know, it’s that they’re gay’: Experiences of Gestational Surrogacy for Gay Men in Canada”
- ◆ Katarina Lee, Baylor College of Medicine:  
“Is Intention Enough? Legal Parentage in the Era of Assisted Reproductive Technologies”
- ◆ Elizabeth Nalepa, Case Western Reserve University  
“Increasing Abortion Regulations are Changing who Seeks Abortion and When”
- ◆ Mikaela Smith, University of California at Irvine:  
“Public Goods for Whom? The Impact of Policy Legacies on Variation in U.S. Public Spending for Reproductive Healthcare Services”

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**Afternoon Keynote Address: “Reproductive Health Services in the U.S. – The too much/too little dilemma”**

1:40 pm – 2:30 pm

**Carole Joffe**, Professor, Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at U.C. San Francisco

Presider: Adina Nack, California Lutheran University

**Abstract.** *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: “LGBTQ Parents & Reproductive Loss”
- ◆ Caroline Hartnett, University of South Carolina: “Women’s Experiences of Intended and Unintended Births”

**Panel: Reproductive Health & Reproductive Rights**

4:00 pm – 5:20 pm

Presider: Abigail Weitzman, University of Texas at Austin

- ◆ Mo Cortez, Vice-Chair of Transgender Education Network of Texas: “Intersexuality – Human Rights and Reproductive Rights”
- ◆ Marsha Jones, Executive Director of The Afiya Center: “Leading the Charge for Black Women’s Reproductive Health and Rights”
- ◆ Theresa Morris, Texas A&M: “Cut it Out: The C-Section Epidemic in America”

**Networking Beer, Wine, and Cheese Reception**

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

- ◆ Welcome from the CCF Board Chair
- ◆ Presentation of 2018 Media Award for Outstanding Coverage of Family Issues
- ◆ Book Silent Auction

## Additional Details

### CCF Membership

Professionals who study or work with families or are engaged in public policy about family issues are eligible to become CCF members. We also welcome others to become Friends of CCF.

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## About CCF

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*The Council on Contemporary Families is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to providing the press and public with the latest research and best-practice findings about American families. Our members include demographers, economists, family therapists, historians, political scientists, psychologists, social workers, sociologists, as well as other family social scientists and practitioners.*

*Founded in 1996 and based at the University of Illinois at Chicago, the Council's mission is to enhance the national understanding of how and why contemporary families are changing, what needs and challenges they face, and how these needs can best be met. To fulfill that mission, the Council holds annual conferences, open to the public, and issues periodic briefing papers and fact sheets, which journalists can sign up to receive by writing to Stephanie Coontz, Director of Research and Public Education, at [coontzs@msn.com](mailto:coontzs@msn.com).*

## CCF Media Awards

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*The CCF Media Awards were established in 2002 as part of the Council's commitment to enhancing the public understanding of trends in American family life.*

*"All too often, changes in U.S. family patterns are painted in stark, better-or-worse terms that ignore the complex realities of family life today. The Awards Committee looked for work that put individual family issues in larger social context. This kind of coverage offers the public a balanced picture of the trade-offs, strengths and weaknesses in many different family arrangements and structures," explained Stephanie Coontz, CCF's Director of Research and Public Education.*

## 2018 Media Award for Outstanding Coverage of Family Issues



**Nina Martin** for her body of work on abortion, pregnancy, and maternal health. Ms. Martin has a long history of reporting on these issues since beginning with ProPublica in 2013, including at least 45 articles, nearly half of which were published in 2016 and 2017. Her piece entitled "Nothing Protects Black Women From Dying in Pregnancy and Childbirth" is a particularly salient example of the outstanding quality of her work. This article expertly marries the personal and specific to the national and typical, drawing the reader into the story of one woman while drawing attention to the often-overlooked plight of the whole. Another high-impact piece, "The Last Person You'd Expect to Die in Childbirth," combines careful reporting on the staggering details of a vital issue - the U.S.'s shockingly poor record of preventing maternal mortality - with the powerful details of a heartrending story that serve to make the abstract very concrete and real, and piercing.

## CCF Pamela Smock Award

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*Council on Contemporary Families member Pamela Smock has donated a biennial award for travel to a CCF conference for an early career scholar to present work broadly related to the conference theme. This Pamela Smock Award is open to graduate students, and scholars up to five years after the terminal degree. The criterion for the award includes both the quality of the work presented, broadly defined fit with the conference theme, and a documented interest to bringing research expertise beyond the academy by becoming an active member of CCF. The Award will cover travel expenses and hotel expenses up to \$1,000.*

## 2018 Pamela Smock Award Winner

**Elizabeth Nalepa**, Case Western Reserve University

Honorable Mention: **Maurice Anywie**, Bowling Green State University.