

Politics of Motherhood

Summer 2
June 4th-July 7th
100% online



Course Description

Did you know that 1.7 million women in Texas cannot access reproductive health services because they live in medically underserved areas? Did you know that most women in medically underserved areas are Latina, African American, and poor white women? Did you know that #blacklives matter is a reproductive health issue? Did you know that environmental rights is a reproductive health issue? Did you know that public transportation is a women's health issue?

We will use a reproductive justice framework to examine these sorts of questions in The Politics of Motherhood course. African American, Latina, and Native American women developed this framework in the late 1990s to assert public discussions about the specific health struggles of women of color and challenge laws that limited women's rights to make decisions about their lives. While drawing from multiple source material including poems, media, essays, and books, we will investigate intersectional theories about the politics of motherhood in a variety of communities and regional contexts in the United States.

Some of the required readings include:

Dorothy Roberts. (2009). *Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare*.

Margaret F. Gibson. (2014). *Queering Motherhood: Narrative and Theoretical Perspectives*

Loretta Ross, Erika Derkas, Whitney Peoples, Lynn Roberts, Pamela Bridgewater, eds. (2017) *Radical Reproductive Justice: Foundation, Theory, Practice, Critique*

Barbara Gurr. (2017) *Reproductive Justice: The Politics of Healthcare for Native American Women*.

Laura Briggs. (2017). *How All Politics Became Reproductive Politics: From Welfare Reform to Foreclosure to Trump*.

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