

After Roe: Challenges in the Provision of Lifesaving Care
A Webinar

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Claire D. Brindis, Distinguished Professor of Health Policy and Pediatrics, University of California, San Francisco, is Emerita Director of the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies. Incorporating a variety of quantitative and qualitative methodologies, as well as community participatory research, Dr. Brindis' research focuses on program evaluation and the translation of research into policy at the local, state, and national levels. As a bilingual, bi-cultural researcher, Dr. Brindis' research and personal commitment focuses on ameliorating the impact of social, health, and economic disparities among ethnic/racial populations, with a particular focus on women, young adults, and adolescents and reproductive health. For example, Dr. Brindis co-led a multidisciplinary team evaluating California's Office of Family Planning's Family PACT program, a Federal 1115 Medicaid waiver. Evaluation findings indicated

that this program successfully served nearly 1.3 million women and men annually, helping to avert approximately 300,000 pregnancies each year. For every dollar spent on the program, an estimated savings of \$5.83 in medical and social costs was realized through the prevention of unintended pregnancies up to five years after birth. Dr. Brindis' policy research focuses on how disparities impact health outcomes, with a special lens on women's health. Throughout these and other projects, Dr. Brindis is committed to the translation of research into action, including strategies for closing the gap between evidence-based innovation and its application to policy and programs. As a result, Dr. Brindis is often called upon to help a variety of community groups, international entities, and local, state, and the federal governments to help translate research findings into policy planning and program intervention development, including helping create the mandate for essential health benefits for women's preventive care at the federal level.



Dr. Kimi Chernoby, MD, JD, MA, is a reproductive rights lawyer in Washington, DC. She is also a Clinical Instructor of Emergency Medicine at the GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Kimi was the first graduate of the University of Florida's MD/JD program and previously served as a Health Policy Fellow for the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. As a resident physician in Indiana, Dr. Chernoby helped pregnant minors obtain the right to consent to their own medical care including post-partum contraception. Her work focuses on increasing access to contraception at the state and federal level, specifically using clinical experience to advance policies that center the needs of patients.



Dr. David Eisenberg, MD, MPH, FACOG is a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Washington University in St. Louis and is the Associate Division Chief for the Division of Complex Family Planning. He has dedicated his career to providing sexual and reproductive health care and educating others in order to improve access to such care in Missouri and Illinois. His clinical practice focuses on complex family planning, general gynecology, gynecologic surgery, and routine health care maintenance in addition to gynecologic and surgical care of transgender and gender diverse people. Dr. Eisenberg studied neuroscience at the University of Pittsburgh before earning his medical degree at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in 2003. He completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology, Masters in Public Health, and fellowship in Complex Family Planning at Northwestern University in 2009. Since then, Dr. Eisenberg has been on staff at Washington University School of Medicine (WUSM), Barnes-Jewish Hospital, the Washington University Contraceptive Choice Center, and the Washington University Transgender Center. He is among the first physicians board-certified in the subspecialty of Complex Family Planning having as of 2022. He was the medical director at Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri for 10 years (2009-2019) where he has provided the full scope of clinical care, including abortion care and has been providing abortion care at Hope Clinic for Women in Granite City, IL, since 2019 in addition to his work at the Washington University Medical Center and Barnes Jewish Hospital.



Dr. Caitlin Gerdt is an epidemiologist and the Vice President for Research at Ibis Reproductive Health. Her research has included clinical and epidemiologic studies, on self-managed abortion, access to abortion, and digital technologies to support abortion access. Dr. Gerdt holds a Bachelor's degree from Stanford University, a Masters in Health Sciences from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a Ph.D. in Epidemiology from the University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health, and has authored more than 90 peer-reviewed publications. Her recent articles have been published in journals such as The [American Journal of Public Health](#), [The Lancet Global Health](#), [The American Journal of Epidemiology](#), [Epidemiology](#), [Culture Health and Sexuality](#), [BMJ Global Health](#), [Contraception](#), and [BMJ Sexual and Reproductive Health](#).



Dr. Judette Louis is the Department Chair for the Department of OB/GYN at University of South Florida. She is a specialist in Maternal Fetal Medicine and is a former President of the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine. Dr. Louis has a joint faculty appointment in both the College of Public Health and the College of Medicine at USF. She serves as a member of the Board of Directors for March of Dimes and the Society for Women's Health Research. After completing a Maternal Fetal Medicine fellowship at Wayne State University/NIH Perinatology Research Branch, Dr. Louis embarked on a career studying obstructive sleep apnea in pregnancy. At the time, little was known about the disease and its implications for maternal and infant health. She collaborated with sleep medicine experts and

anesthesiologists to define the outcomes associated with sleep apnea in pregnancy. Her research portfolio has expanded to include research on maternal morbidity and mortality and cardiometabolic consequences of sleep disorders. She has authored more than 80 scientific articles and book chapters. NIH, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, other private foundations and industry, have funded her research. Dr. Louis has focused her most recent advocacy work in research and has been a champion of studying health inequity and inclusion of pregnant people in clinical trials.



Dr. Ariela Marshall is a hematologist specializing in disorders of thrombosis and hemostasis (bleeding and clotting) in women. She is a graduate of Harvard Medical School and completed her residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania followed by a fellowship in hematology-oncology at Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Massachusetts General Hospital. She worked as a hematologist at Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota from 2015-2021 and from 2021-2023 was the Director of Women's Thrombosis and Hemostasis at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Marshall then moved back to Minnesota in summer 2023 to work as an inpatient hematologist at the University of Minnesota, lead the Promotions Committee of the University of Minnesota Center for Women in Medicine and Science, and also as an independent consultant developing educational platforms and advocacy initiatives centered

on women's health. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Marshall is a medical educator with a focus on career development, leadership, mentorship, and work-life integration. She has a particular interest in gender equity and reproductive health and rights for patients as well as for physicians. She leads several national advocacy initiatives, co-chairs several national working groups and task forces, and speaks regularly on a national scope to discuss her efforts to advance fertility/infertility awareness, reproductive health and rights, parental health and wellbeing, and gender equity.



Professor Kayte Spector-Bagdady, JD, MBioethics, is Interim Co-Director at the Center for Bioethics and Social Sciences in Medicine and an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Michigan Medical School. At U-M she is also the Chair of the Research Ethics Committee, the ethicist on the Michigan Medicine Human Data and Biospecimen Release Committee, and a clinical ethicist. She teaches the Responsible Conduct of Research as well as Research Ethics and the Law, and is an Associate Editor of the American Journal of Bioethics. A lawyer and bioethicist by training, the overarching goal of Professor Spector's work is improving the governance of secondary research with health data and specimens to increase the accessibility of data and generalizability of advances across diverse communities. To that end, she is the PI of a current National Human Genome Research Institute K01 studying how and why geneticists select datasets for their research and a National Center for Advancing Translational

Sciences R01 on hospitals sharing patient data with commercial entities. She has been PI or Co-I on over \$60M in funding. Her recent articles have been published in The New England Journal of Medicine, Science, JAMA, Health Affairs, and Nature Medicine, among others, and her research or expertise has appeared in the NY Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, TIME, and CNN. Professor Spector was an Associate Director for President Obama's Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues. During that time she was a staff lead author on reports spanning the unethical STD experiments in Guatemala in the 1940s, emerging genetic and data technologies, and clinical trial design during the 2013 Ebola outbreak. She is a former Board Member of the American Society for Bioethics & Humanities. Professor Spector received her JD and MBioethics from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and School of Medicine after graduating from Middlebury College. She completed a research fellowship in bioethics at Michigan Medicine and is a former practicing drug and device attorney.



Leilah Zahedi-Spung, MD, is an Assistant Professor through the Department of OBGYN in both the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine and Complex Family Planning at the University of Colorado. She is a Maternal Fetal Medicine physician and abortion care provider. She is a board-certified OBGYN and MFM and board eligible CFP physician. Dr. Zahedi-Spung received a BS in Biology and Psychology from the University of Georgia and her Medical Degree from Emory University. She completed her residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Emory University and her fellowship training at Washington University in St. Louis. Following fellowship, she worked at Regional Obstetrical Consultants in Chattanooga, TN and as an Assistant Professor for the University of Tennessee -Chattanooga, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She served as the Family Planning Faculty Lead and received the APGO CREOG Teaching Award in 2021. She participated in the Physicians for Reproductive Health Leadership

Training Academy and was a past awardee of the SMFM Reproductive Health Mini-Sabbatical Grant. She

serves as a member of the SMFM Reproductive Health Advisory Group and now as a faculty member. She serves as a member of the Education Committee through the Society for Family Planning. She is passionate about advocacy and provision of comprehensive reproductive health care and abortion care.