

Run of Show

Program Title: The Intersection of LGBTQ Rights and Reproductive Rights in the Newly Configured Supreme Court

Date: Thursday, August 8, 2019. 10:45am-12:15pm

Location: Philadelphia Marriott Downtown

Materials needed for event

- Signage
- Event collateral (Center swag and CLE print-offs)

Speakers Arrive:

- 10:25am

Doors open at 10:45am

Registration table

- CLE sign-in sheet
- Center swag

10:50 pm

Program Begins

10:50-10:55pm

Welcome Remarks and introduction of panelists (5 minutes)

10:55-11:45pm

Panel Presentation (45 minutes)

▪ **Panelists (15 each presentation)**

- [Michele Bratcher Goodwin](#), Chancellor's Professor of Law; Director, Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy, University of California, Irvine School of Law
- [Shannon Minter](#), Legal Director, National Center for Lesbian Rights
- [Scott Ruskay-Kidd](#), Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Reproductive Rights

▪ **Moderator**

- [Katherine Gillespie](#), Senior Federal Policy Counsel, Center for Reproductive Rights

Description: Liberty is a deeply contested battleground in the court of law and the court of public opinion. Advocates have won judicial rulings cementing marriage rights and reproductive rights, but opponents of these rights are waging a guerilla war that relies on upside-down claims to liberty. A united opposition deliberately harmonizes its strategies to simultaneously weaken LGBTQ rights and reproductive rights. For example, advocates of conversion therapy and fake abortion clinics (called "crisis pregnancy centers") assert that their First Amendment rights that trump the health care needs of LGBTQ people and women, relying on the same recent Supreme Court case law. Similarly, the

Trump administration's regulations dramatically expanding religious and moral exemptions seek to broadly deny health care to LGBTQ people and women, and are challenged by LGBTQ and reproductive rights advocates working together. Access to assisted reproduction is opposed based on LGBTQ animus and claims that embryos have personhood. Recent manifestos, including Project Blitz and the American Charter of Freedom of Religion and Conscience, seek to provide a legal and cultural grounding for the "liberty" of certain religious claimants to overcome the claims to liberty and equality of LGBTQ people and women alike. This workshop will discuss how progressive efforts to strengthen LGBTQ and reproductive rights are deeply intertwined, and examine what the new configuration of the Supreme Court means for strategies to pursue the true meaning of liberty.

11:45-12:15pm

Audience Questions and Discussion (30 minutes)

- Audience members will be invited to ask questions for the panelists

12:15pm

Program ends