

Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy

WHO WE ARE

The Center is the first interdisciplinary, national center focused on reproductive health, law, and policy located on the West Coast, and it is actively engaged in bringing together academics, community members, and practitioners to reimagine the landscape of care and access in the 21st century. Our goals are to train tomorrow's leaders to work on reproductive rights through litigation, policy, and other advocacy strategies; educate key stakeholders and decision-makers by providing legislators, judges, nonprofit leaders, health care providers, and lawyers with reliable, current data and arguments; create a trusted hub on the West Coast for convening reproductive rights scholars and advocates; publish rigorous interdisciplinary research focused on impacting current debates on reproductive health and rights; and change the narrative by creating a national research and storytelling collaborative to create and disseminate compelling narratives to advance reproductive justice.

The new Center is uniquely situated to achieve these goals. Being housed at UCLA Law provides the opportunity for the Center to work cross-movement and cross-discipline to advance reproductive rights through law and policy advocacy, including through our close partnership with the Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law and Public Policy.



WHY NOW

Reproductive health and rights are under attack in every branch and level of government. States are rushing to pass laws that further restrict access to reproductive health care, such as contraception and abortion. These laws have drastically limited access to care, especially among poor and low-income women. Restrictions on Title X funding have decreased access to family planning programs across the country. Federal and state governments are creating religious and moral exemptions to anti-discrimination laws that threaten to deny access to contraception, abortion, and other fundamental health care services. And now, the Supreme Court of the United States is poised to overturn *Roe v. Wade* and invite even more restrictive laws and policies that will strip Americans of their most basic rights.

Given these attacks and the rapidly changing landscape of reproductive rights in the nation, the need for scholars, policymakers, and advocates who are focused on advancing reproductive health, law, and policy could not be more pressing. UCLA Law is thrilled to introduce you to the new Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy. Founded in 2021, the Center aims to become an important national voice on these issues by building on UCLA's current work on reproductive health, law, and policy and attracting new leaders, scholars, and students in this area.

OUR WORK

The Center is already working to protect and expand access to reproductive health care, including abortion. We joined more than 40 organizations to create the California Future of Abortion Council, and with the support of California's Governor and legislative leadership, released a set of [Recommendations to Protect, Strengthen, and Expand Abortion Services in California](#). In addition, we have joined a working group convened by the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office's Women and Girls Initiative to develop [recommendations on how the County should respond to *Roe v. Wade* being overturned](#).

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Cary Franklin is the McDonald/Wright Chair of Law at UCLA School of Law and a prominent scholar of Constitutional Law. She is the Faculty Director of the Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy and the Williams Institute, a research institute dedicated to the study of sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. Her work—which focuses on reproductive rights, LGBT rights, and sex-based and race-based equality law—has appeared in numerous publications including the Harvard Law Review, the Michigan Law Review, the NYU Law Review, the Supreme Court Review, the Virginia Law Review, and the Yale Law Journal. Prior to joining the faculty at UCLA Law, she was the W.H. Francis, Jr. Professor of Law at the University of Texas and the Florence Rogatz Visiting Professor of Law at Yale Law School. She also clerked for Sonia Sotomayor, then of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.



Professor Franklin received a B.A. in English and History, summa cum laude, from Yale University and a D.Phil. in English from the University of Oxford, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. After completing her doctorate, she received a J.D. from Yale Law School, where she served as an Articles Editor on the Yale Law Journal. After graduating law school, she was a Junior Fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows and a Ribicoff Fellow at Yale Law School.

ADAM WINKLER

Adam Winkler is the Connell Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law. He is a specialist in constitutional law and the Supreme Court. His book *We the Corporations: How American Businesses Won Their Civil Rights* was a finalist for the National Book Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the ABA Silver Gavel Award, and received the Scribes Book Award. He is also the author of *Gunfight: The Battle over the Right to Bear Arms in America*, which did not win any awards but was once the subject of a question on Jeopardy!. He is one of the twenty most cited legal scholars in judicial opinions today, and his writing has appeared in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Review of Books*, *Washington Post*, *Atlantic*, *Slate*, and the *New Republic*. Prior to joining the UCLA faculty, he clerked on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and practiced law in Los Angeles. In 2022, he is a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar.



JON MICHAELS

Jon Michaels is a Professor of Law at the UCLA School of Law. A graduate of Williams College, Oxford University, and Yale Law School, Jon clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and for Justice David Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court. Since joining the UCLA faculty, his scholarly writings on constitutional and administrative law, privatization, presidential power, and threats to American democracy and the rule of law have appeared in the *Harvard Law Review*, *Yale Law Journal*, *University of Chicago Law Review*, *Columbia Law Review*, *NYU Law Review*, and *Penn Law Review*.

Jon's popular writings have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *American Prospect*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Time*, *Slate*, the *Guardian*, and the *Los Angeles Times*.



His book, *Constitutional Coup: Privatization's Threat to the American Republic*, was published by Harvard University Press in 2017. Jon is currently working with his colleague, David Noll, on a second book—tentatively titled *Vigilante Nation*—that situates the current surge in private bounty laws (such as Texas's S.B. 8 and Florida's "Don't Say Gay") within a larger illiberal and anti-democratic political movement.

CATHREN COHEN

Cathren Cohen (she/her) is a Scholar of Law and Policy with the Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy, where her work focuses on sexual and reproductive rights. Cohen previously served as a Staff Attorney with the National Health Law Program, where she engaged in policy and administrative advocacy to advance access to high quality health care for low-income and underserved individuals with a particular focus on behavioral health care, substance use disorder treatment, and the health needs of LGBTQ individuals, incarcerated populations, and youth in foster care. Prior to that, Cohen was a Law Fellow with Lambda Legal's Youth in Out-of-Home Care Project, where she advocated for the rights of LGBTQ youth in child welfare, juvenile justice, and homelessness systems of care and opposed efforts to use religion as a license to discriminate.



Cohen received her J.D. from New York University School of Law, where she served as a Senior Articles Editor for the NYU Review of Law and Social Change and was on the board of the law school's chapter of If/When/How (then Law Students for Reproductive Justice). She received her B.A. magna cum laude with majors in Political Science and Psychology from UCLA. Cohen's work has been published by the NYU Review of Law and Social Change, Rewire News Group, and the American Bar Association.

TOPICS AND EXPERTS: Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org

- Dobbs opinion: constitutional analysis; doctrinal & practical implications
CARY FRANKLIN, ADAM WINKLER, JON MICHAELS
- Implications of Dobbs for LGBTQ rights
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- After Roe: legal theories and strategies for protecting reproductive rights after Roe
CARY FRANKLIN, ADAM WINKLER
- Vigilante laws and the extraterritorial application of state abortion laws
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- State efforts to expand and protect abortion access, especially in CA & LA County
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