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**April 28 and 29th!**

**On April 28, Bruin Giving Day returns**—and it’s a powerful opportunity to support the Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy at a critical moment.

This event brings the community together to give back, create meaningful impact, and invest in the future of UCLA Law and the Center. As legal threats grow and funding for reproductive rights declines, the Center’s work to defend and expand reproductive freedom has never been more important.

This Bruin Giving Day, we’ll be inviting our community to come together to make an even greater impact with a special opportunity. Thanks to an anonymous donor, every 20 donors who give to the Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy Fund, will unlock \$12,500—up to \$25,000.

[Save the date now](#) and get ready to support the work of the Center!

**In the Courts**

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In December 2025, Louisiana asked a federal district court to immediately impose a nationwide in-person dispensing requirement for mifepristone, the safe and effective drug commonly used in medication abortion. In response, FDA under the Trump Administration requested that the court temporarily pause the case while it conducts a regulatory review of mifepristone, despite decades of use and hundreds of peer-reviewed studies proving mifepristone's safety.

Last week, the court [granted](#) FDA's request and placed the case, *Louisiana v. FDA*, on hold. In doing so, the court twice referenced our [Mifepristone Litigation and Federal Action Tracker](#) and reasoned: "Also weighing on its analysis is the Court's understanding that this case arises amid multiple parallel lawsuits across the country addressing the same regulatory issues surrounding access to mifepristone, creating a substantial risk of inconsistent judicial outcomes on a question of nationwide importance."

Louisiana has appealed the court's decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. This appeal, along with FDA's regulatory review, other federal action, and other legal cases brought by anti-abortion states could affect access to mifepristone throughout the country. For now, the federal rules governing mifepristone remain the same—FDA's current rules, which allow telehealth provision of mifepristone through mail, are still in place.

## Events

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# SISTERS-IN-(THE)-LAW: CONVERSATIONS TOWARD A CRITICAL RACE MEMOIR

*with Kimberlé Crenshaw and Dorothy Roberts*



**Wed, April 22, 2026**  
**UCLA Nimoy Theater**

**Doors Open: 6:00 PM | Author Discussion: 6:30 PM**  
**Book Signing: 8:00 PM**

**Moderated by**  
**Robin D.G. Kelley**



Co-sponsored by UCLA Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy; UCLA Law's Critical Race Studies Program; UCLA Department of African American Studies; UCLA Department of Gender Studies; UCLA Department of Sociology; UCLA Luskin Institute on Inequality and Democracy; The Promise Institute for Human Rights; and UCLA Civil Rights Project.

**Scan QR Code or register here: <https://bit.ly/sisters-in-the-law>**

On April 22nd, CRHLP will be cosponsoring Sisters-in-(the)-Law, an exciting author discussion with Kimberlé Crenshaw and Dorothy Roberts and moderated by Robin D.G. Kelley.

Dr. Crenshaw and Dr. Roberts will engage in a reflective conversation on their memoirs, exploring the intersections of critical race scholarship and personal narrative. Their dialogue will consider what it means to produce counter-stories and knowledge "from the ground up," particularly in a moment marked by political uncertainty and intensified debates over race, gender, and history. For more information and to register for the event click [here](#).



Photo credit: PBS News

Virginia has signed the [Right to Contraception Act](#) into law, establishing a state-level right to contraception. The measure guarantees individuals the right to access and use a range of contraceptive methods, including birth control pills, IUDs, emergency contraception, and sterilization, and protects providers who prescribe and counsel patients on these options. It also prohibits state and local governments from restricting access to contraception. The law was advanced alongside broader efforts in a [number of states](#) to codify contraceptive protections.

## Legal News

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Photo credit: Dave Killen/The Oregonian

A federal district court in Oregon [has ruled](#) that applying the state's Reproductive Health Equity Act to a specific anti-abortion nonprofit likely violates its constitutional rights, marking a narrow but notable challenge to state contraceptive and abortion coverage mandates. The law, enacted in 2017, requires insurance plans to cover abortion and contraception without cost-sharing, with limited exemptions for religious employers. In this case, the court found that Oregon Right to Life may be entitled to such an exemption despite previously being denied one, following a [decision](#) by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit holding that Oregon Right to Life is a religiously motivated organization. While the court's written opinion is [still pending](#), state officials emphasized that the ruling currently applies only to this organization, leaving the broader law in effect.

## Food for Thought

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With so much going on in the world of reproductive health, law, and policy, every week we'll share articles, books, and media you might have missed.

[Trump Has Turned Title X Upside Down: From A Contraception Program Into A Pronatalist Machine](#)

[Black Maternal Health Week Isn't Complete Without Our Abortion Stories](#)

[Anti-abortion Lawmakers Seek To Redefine 'Abortion' To Exclude Medical Treatment](#)

[What It's Like To Go Through Perimenopause And Menopause In Prison](#)



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