



Reproductive Justice, Jewish Ethics, & Family Planning: Post-Roe Realities

Thursday evenings, April 20 and 27 and May 4, 2023, 7:30-9 PM ([Click here to register](#))

SESSION THREE (May 4) — ADOPTION AND CHILD WELFARE POST-ROE

- What does the Dobbs decision suggest about domestic infant adoption?
- In this ethically complex sphere, what progress has been made in recent decades, what has not, and what are and may be the repercussions of this decision?
- How might the repercussions of the Dobbs decision also impact our already overwhelmed (and arguably overreaching) child welfare system?

Helpful Resources

The Dobbs v. Jackson adoption question/argument and pushback

- [Amy Coney Barrett's View: Adoption, Not Abortion](#) (Letters--New York Times, Dec 2021)
- [Living in Adoption's Emotional Aftermath](#) (The New Yorker, April 2023)
- [Social Costs of Dobbs' Pro-Adoption Agenda](#) (Texas A&M Law School, 2023; abstract/PDF link)
- [Adoption, Family Separation & Preservation, Reproductive Justice](#) by Gretchen Sissons (Harvard Law/Bill of Health)

Adoption Past and Present

- [Adoption Used to Be Hush-Hush. This Book Amplifies the Toll](#) (New York Times, 2021)
- [The Baby Brokers: Inside America's Murky Private-Adoption Industry](#) (Time magazine, 2021)

Adoptee Rights

- [Adoptees Press States for Access to Original Birth Certificates](#) (Pew Charitable Trusts, 2021)
- [Drop Boxes for Babies: Conservatives Promote a Way to Give Newborns Up Anonymously](#) (New York Times, August 2022)

Child Welfare Issues (Historic, Present, and Post-Roe)

- [The Truth About the Adoption Option](#) [Foster Care] (Ms. magazine, April 2023)
- [A Family's Murder-Suicide and a Foster Care System in Crisis](#) (New York Times, March 2023)
- [The Reproductive Violence of Family Policing & Separation](#) by Dorothy Roberts (Harvard Law)
- [Constructing Immortality: Abortion and Family Policing](#) (CUNY Law Review, Feb. 2023)
- [An Unintended Abolition: Family Regulation During the COVID-19 Crisis](#) (Columbia Journal of Race and Law) and [The Empty Promise of the Fourth Amendment in the Family Regulation System](#) (Washington University Law Review) both by Anna Arons

Explorations of Jewish Ethics and Adoption

- [Jewish Adoption](#) by Michele Kriegman/Suzanne Gilbert (Lilith magazine, 1998)
- [Questioning Easy Narratives: Exploring Adoption](#) by Minna Scherlinder Morse (Evolve, 2021)

SPEAKER BIOS

Anna Arons is currently an Acting Assistant Professor of Lawyering at NYU School of Law, where she also serves as the Impact Project Director of [NYU's Family Defense Clinic](#). Starting this fall, she will be an Assistant Professor at St. John's University School of Law. Her scholarship focuses on the government's regulation and policing of families and the intersection of parental rights and race, gender, and poverty. Prior to moving into academia, she was a public defender who represented parents in cases where the government was attempting to remove their children from their care or otherwise impinge on their rights. She received her bachelor's degree from Barnard College and her law degree from Yale Law School, and she clerked for Judge Andrew L. Carter on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Gabrielle Glaser is an investigative journalist and New York Times bestselling author, most recently of [American Baby: A Mother, a Child, and the Shadow History of Adoption](#) (Viking, 2021), which examines postwar adoption in the US through the eyes of one teenager and the son she was forced to relinquish. She lays bare how a predatory adoption industry coerced more than three million young mothers into surrendering their babies into a secretive system, and unearths the attitudes towards sex, marriage, gender and race that underlay this chapter of a not-so-distant American past. Her work on the intersection of health, medicine, and culture have appeared in The Atlantic, The New York Times Magazine, and The Washington Post, among many other publications. She teaches journalism at the University of Southern California.

Gregory D. Luce is a Minnesota-based attorney who was born and adopted in the District of Columbia. He is the founder of the [Adoptee Rights Law Center](#), where he advocates for legislative changes and represents adult adopted people on issues of identity documents, birth records, and US citizenship. He is also the executive director of [Adoptees United Inc.](#), a national non-profit organization dedicated to the equality of all adopted people. He is a graduate of Boston University and the University of Minnesota Law School, where he was awarded the Justitia Award for the most promising graduate of the law class of 1993.

Minna Scherlinder Morse (moderator) is a freelance editor and project manager, clergy spouse and adoptive mom, who has devoted volunteer and professional energy to educating Jews and others about race and racism, Jewish diversity, and the complexities of adoption. In 2022, she received a certificate in Jewish Ethics and Social Justice from the Jewish Theological Seminary, having focused on the ethics of adoption and child welfare.