

American Association for the History of Medicine Panel: Reproductive Rights after Griswold

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AFTER GRISWOLD: A FIFTY YEAR RETROSPECTIVE: THE SUPREME COURT CASE THAT ACKNOWLEDGED A ZONE OF PRIVACY

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A roundtable discussion on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of *Griswold v. CT.*, the landmark 1965 U.S. Supreme Court decision that overturned a state law prohibiting the use of birth control on the grounds that it violated marital privacy. The case influenced *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that legalized abortion. The panelists will use the *Griswold* decision as a vehicle for exploring the recent history and current status of reproductive rights in the United States.

PANELISTS:

ROSEMARY A. STEVENS, DeWitt Wallace Distinguished Scholar, Weill Cornell Medical College, Department of Psychiatry; Stanley I. Sheerr Professor Emeritus in Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania; and author of *American Medicine and the Public Interest* and *In Sickness and in Wealth*, will discuss her experience as a witness in the *Griswold* case and assess it as a historian.

REVA SIEGEL, Nicholas deB. Katzenbach Professor of Law at Yale Law School and author of theoretical and historical works on abortion and reproductive justice, including, with Linda Greenhouse, *Before Roe v. Wade: Voices that Shaped the Abortion Debate Before the Supreme Court's Ruling*, will discuss cultural understandings that shaped *Griswold* and subsequent decisions as well as current religious objections to contraception and same-sex marriage.

LINDA GREENHOUSE, Joseph Goldstein Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School, former Supreme Court correspondent for the *New York Times*, and author of *Becoming Justice Blackmun* (the justice who wrote *Roe v. Wade*), will analyze the ways in which the *Griswold* decision influenced *Roe v. Wade*.

HEATHER MUNRO PRESCOTT, Professor of History at Central Connecticut State University and author of *The Morning After: A History of Emergency Contraception in the U.S.*, will discuss the limits of the *Griswold* decision (which said nothing about the right to privacy of unmarried individuals) and the efforts of students to gain access to contraception and abortion.

JUDY TABAR, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood of Southern New England and a physician assistant, will discuss the positive impact of *Griswold* on the lives of women, men, and families in the past half century, recent policy debates attempting to limit contraceptive access, and persisting racial and ethnic disparities.

BARBARA SICHERMAN, Kenan Professor Emerita, Trinity College, will moderate.