

**HONORING WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY  
(RE)CLAIMING REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE: ANGER TO ACTION  
AUGUST 26, 2023, 12:30–3:30 P.M.  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: NANCY ROSENSTOCK, FEMINIST ACTIVIST AND AUTHOR**

**WILL YOU COME AND BRING A NEW ACTIVIST?**

It has been 103 years since women in the United States were granted the right to vote after a 60+ year struggle. We celebrate Women's Equality Day on August 26 each year to honor that effort, but this year is bittersweet in light of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned by the Supreme Court in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision in June of 2022. Nearly 50 years of rights rolled back in one decision!

This past year has been filled with fear and anger about the danger from legislatures and courts focused on rolling back hard-won rights to be treated with legislative fairness and allowed self-determination. It has taken a toll on our hope for lasting reproductive justice, the essential right. It is disheartening, but something can be done to reclaim reproductive justice—the human right to control our sexuality, our gender, our work, and our reproduction.

Action is needed to reverse this trajectory, and all of us affected by this loss of rights. ***(RE)Claiming Reproductive Justice: Anger to Action*** will focus on what we can do together guided by lessons from the past and what's working now. The keynote speaker, Nancy Rosenstock, has been in this fight for over 50 years and is a leading expert on how to create change as allies and collaborators. Women, trans and non-binary people, and allies are warmly invited to share this important afternoon of learning and planning strategies together that will move us beyond anger and towards justice.

In 1970, Carol Hanisch wrote an essay under the title "The Personal Is Political," and that phrase has become emblematic of second wave feminism and, to me and others, a driving force in the struggle for justice. My mother was five months old on August 26, 1920. She had passed when the Supreme Court published its ruling on *Roe v. Wade* on January 22, 1973. Mom would have celebrated with me because she never stopped lecturing me on unwanted pregnancy when I was young. "We don't have money," she would say. "We won't be able to help you. You will have the baby and that will be that."

My mother and aunts were poor and not well educated, but they knew what an unwanted child could do to everyone involved. That was the economic reality then and now. Disparities in access are widening as 20 states have either limited or banned abortions outright. It is estimated that the number will grow to half. That represents millions of women who have lost legal control over their reproduction. We must do something!

There is no fee for this workshop, but registration is required at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/re-claiming-reproductive-justice-workshop-tickets-670098000157?aff=oddtcreator>.

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