

Department of Gender & Sexuality Studies Lectures

POLICING THE WOMB

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Prof. Michele Goodwin is a Chancellor's Professor of Law at UC Irvine with appointments also in the Department Gender & Sexuality Studies, Department of Criminology, Law, & Society, Program in Public Health, and Center for Psychology and Law. She is the founder and director of the Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy at UC Irvine School of Law and its internationally acclaimed Reproductive Justice Initiative. Her publications include five books and over 70 articles and book chapters on law's regulation of the human body, including civil and criminal regulation of pregnancy and reproduction, reproductive technologies, human trafficking (for organs, sex, and marriage), and tissue and organ transplantation.

Her most recent book, *Policing the Womb* (forthcoming from Cambridge University Press), is a timely, socially and politically relevant book that expands the public policy dialogue on reproductive privacy and autonomy beyond the traditional terrain of abortion debates to offer a nuanced contemporary account of pregnancy and birthing in the United States. The book examines the rise in state attention to poor women's reproduction, which in recent years has resulted in the harnessing of criminal law as a tool to shackle, incarcerate, and otherwise punish and humiliate poor pregnant women.

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