



# Eugenics In California

## A Legacy Of The Past?

Free & Open to the Public 105 Boalt Hall, UC Berkeley Law School  
Tuesday, August 28, 12:30 pm to 2 pm

For much of the 20th century, California was at the forefront of eugenic ideology and practices in the United States, performing the highest number of eugenic sterilizations – some 20,000 procedures in private and public institutions across the state. Today, California is a leader in research and services related to human genomics and assisted reproductive technologies. Speakers will consider the history of eugenics in California and explore the continuities/discontinuities and uses/abuses of genetic ideas and practices.

**Moderator: Professor Troy Duster**

**Opening Remarks:** Dean Christopher Edley, Berkeley School of Law

**Sessions:**

**"Eugenic Sterilization in California: Stories and Statistics,"**  
Miroslava Chávez-García (UC Davis) & Alexandra Minna Stern (Univ. of Michigan)

**¿Más Bebés?** (Film),  
Renee Tajima-Peña (UCSC), Virginia Espino (UCSC), & Kate Trumbull (Filmmaker)

**"Eugenics in California Women's Prisons Today,"**  
Kimberly Jeffrey & Courtney Hooks, Justice Now

**"Should We Worry About a New Eugenics?"**  
Marcy Darnovsky (Center for Genetics and Society)

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