

Kansas Birth Equity Network (KBEN) and
KU Medical Center
Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

presents

Take Root and End Silence: A Reproductive Justice Conversation

Explore the origins, meaning, and importance of reproductive justice.

*Thursday, April 14th
5:30 pm - 7:00 PM CST
at The Blakk Co.
3634 Main Street
KCMO 64111*

(virtual attendee options available)

**Register online at
<https://bit.ly/3wu0epX> or
scan the QR code**



Join us for this informative and justice-focused conversation during Black Maternal Health Week!

Meet our amazing reproductive justice panelists!



Senior Pastor Michael
Brooks,
The Oasis Church



Stacey Knoell, Kansas
African American
Affairs Committee



Hakima Payne,
Uzazi Village



Dr. Sharla Smith, KU
Medical Center



Dr. Lynette
Sparkman-Barnes,
KU Medical Center



Rachel
Stoutamire,
Planned
Parenthood



Sandra
Thornhill,
Doula

The community conversation will be focused on reproductive justice and its role in affirming parenthood/birthing. Reproductive justice represents a broad vision of safety, health, and dignity. It demands that every individual be able to make their own choices about their reproductive life and that safe, affordable reproductive health services are accessible to all. It also requires that all people live in social, economic, and political conditions that allow them to raise families with dignity in safe and healthy environments.

Our panelists will unpack how we can take steps to decolonize the reproductive justice movement and work towards reproductive self-determination.

For questions and accessibility requests or concerns, email kumcdei@kumc.edu. Registration information is available at <https://www.kumc.edu/diversity/programs/events-calendar.html>