The reproductive justice movement marries reproductive rights with social justice and is centered around the idea of bodily autonomy and the creation of safe and accessible reproductive spaces. This session will provide an overview of reproductive justice with an emphasis on the current state of abortion rights and access both nationally and, more specifically, in Arizona. We will briefly touch upon the potential ramifications for healthcare workers and what the future may hold as well as discuss how these decisions may impact the LGBTQ+ community.

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