



## EXPLORING HEALTH INEQUITY & INTERSECTIONALITY SERIES

*Resource Guide: J. Marion Sims, Intersectionality, & the History of Black Maternal Health Inequity*

### BOOKS

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#### **MEDICAL APARTHEID BY HARRIET A. WASHINGTON**

Why It Matters: The definitive text on the history of medical experimentation on Black Americans, including a key chapter on Sims.

#### **SAY ANARCHA BY J.C. HALLMAN (2023)**

Why It Matters: A narrative reconstruction of Anarcha's life, giving voice and context to the woman at the center of Sims' experimentation.

#### **KILLING THE BLACK BODY BY DOROTHY ROBERTS**

Why It Matters: A foundational book on the control of Black women's reproductive rights, connecting past injustices to contemporary struggles.

#### **BIRTHING A MOVEMENT BY RENEE ANN CRAMER**

Why It Matters: Examines reproductive justice and the role of law in shaping who controls birth and care—especially in communities of color.

#### **THE PAIN GAP BY ANUSHAY HOSSAIN**

Why It Matters: Though modern in focus, this book references the legacy of Sims and highlights how bias continues to shape women's health care.

### PODCASTS

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#### **CODE SWITCH: “REMEMBERING ANARCHA, LUCY, AND BETSEY”**

##### **Podcast Link**

Centers the women who were victimized by Sims' experiments. Great for understanding the personal cost behind medical “progress.”

#### **1619: EPISODE 4 - “HOW THE BAD BLOOD STARTED”**

##### **Podcast Link**

Though focused on Tuskegee, it provides historical context on medical racism that links back to Sims and slavery and preps folks for the next session.

## **THE DOSE: RECLAIMING GYNECOLOGY'S TROUBLED LEGACY**

### **Podcast Link**

Discusses Michelle Browder's work to reframe Sims' legacy and honor the women behind it.

## **MEDICAL BONDAGE: DR. DEIRDRE COOPER OWENS (LECTURE PODCAST)**

### **Podcast Link**

Groundbreaking work linking slavery to the development of modern gynecology.

## **VIDEOS**

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### **"THE TRUTH ABOUT J. MARION SIMS" (AJ+)**

#### **Video Link**

### **NATIONAL ABOLITION HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM: THE MOTHERS OF MODERN GYNECOLOGY**

#### **Video Link**

### **"ARTIST WORKS TO CORRECT THE NARRATIVE" (PBS)**

#### **Video Link**

## **ARTICLES (OPEN ACCESS)**

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### **"BLACK MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH: HISTORICAL LEGACIES OF SLAVERY" (AJPH)**

#### **Article Link**

Links historical injustices to current disparities in maternal and infant health.

### **"BLACK MATERNAL MORTALITY: A RESULT OF THE HAUNTING PAST" (THESIS)**

#### **Article Link**

Accessible academic analysis connecting maternal mortality to historic structure from the perspective of UW.

### **"ADDRESSING BLACK MATERNAL MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY IN THE U.S." (NIH)**

#### **Article Link**

Clinical context for current disparities linked to racial bias.

### **"THE BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH CRISIS IS GENERATIONS IN THE MAKING" (PARENTS.COM)**

#### **Article Link**

An explanation of how systemic racism shapes maternal outcomes.

# GUIDES & COMPILATIONS

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## UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE MATERNAL HEALTH DISPARITIES GUIDE

### Guides & Complications

Offers a curated library list of books and sources addressing disparities.

## NNLM BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH READING CLUB

### Guides & Complications

Highlights community-centered reading on maternal health equity.

