In the 1840s, Dr. Marion Sims’ experiments on the enslaved women Anarcha, Lucy, and Betsey in Montgomery, Alabama led him to be called the “Father of Gynecology.” Today Black women are almost three times as likely to die during or shortly after pregnancy than are white women, regardless of income or education level, and the majority of Black Americans live in states with strict abortion bans. How has the history of systemic racism and sexism shaped Black women’s reproductive health? How can we remove barriers to equal care?

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