

Screening of ***Abortion and Women's Rights 1970*** at the Delayed 50th Reunion for the
Harvard/Radcliffe Class of 1970

The Covid-delayed reunion of the Harvard/Radcliffe Class of 1970 (June 16-19) will feature a screening of ***Abortion and Women's Rights 1970***, a documentary co-produced by HR70 classmate Mary Summers three years before Roe v. Wade became the law of the land. The film will follow a Reproductive Justice panel discussion including four other 1970 classmates who will be exploring what we can do given the imminent demise of Roe v. Wade.

In the immediate future, as so many states move to ban or highly restrict abortion care, advocates and legislators in states where abortion remains legal will be creating programs and services to help those seeking abortions from other states. In the longer term, reproductive justice advocates will need to fend off efforts to criminalize abortion at the Federal level and ultimately secure as a legal right what so many of us already recognize as a critical human right.

HR70 panelists who will be discussing the challenges ahead are: Donna Lieberman, Executive Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union since 2001, obstetrician-gynecologists Lolly Delli-Bovi and Marcie Richardson, and Our Bodies Ourselves co-founder Judy Norsigian (the moderator). They will be joined by Diana Namumbejja Abwoye, a nurse-practitioner and Our Bodies Ourselves board member.

Other co-producers of the film, which was supported by a grant from Radcliffe's Education for Action, were Catha Maslow, Jane Pincus, and Karen Weinstein. They tell the illegal abortion stories of two women, one middle class and one working class, in pre-Roe v. Wade Massachusetts and frame the fight for abortion rights and access as part of the larger women's liberation movement. The film underscores the vital importance of decent jobs, child care, health care, and an end to poverty and racial discrimination.

The 28 minute film can be viewed at no charge at <https://www.abortionandwomensrights1970.com/>. This website also includes valuable resources and information about how to become more involved in today's struggles for abortion rights and access.