

23rd Annual Begemann-Gordon Lecture

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE ACROSS TIME:

Honoring the Legacies

OF BLACK MIDWIFERY CARE
IN MODERN PRACTICE



THURSDAY
JANUARY 30
2-3:15 P.M.
A&S AUDITORIUM

LECTURE

This lecture integrates lived experience, historical context, and contemporary challenges in midwifery care, particularly focusing on its implications for racially minoritized birthing communities who encounter disproportionate risks. After sharing her own experiences facing maternal morbidity within Georgia's healthcare system, Archer will also discuss insights gained from her role as a hospital chaplain in labor and delivery units and how this experience sparked her interest in becoming a doula and in oral history research. Her research draws on archival data that includes oral histories with African American midwives with a focus on lay midwifery's legacy in Georgia and its implications for Black maternal health equity. Archer will also recommend strategies for enhancing culturally competent care for Black birthing families, emphasizing how historical knowledge can inform midwifery practice.

SPEAKER

ROSE E. ARCHER

Rose E. Archer holds a Master of Divinity from Duke University and a Master of Science in Sociology from Florida State University. She is currently a Ph.D. student at Emory University and the Literature Review Research Fellow with the Black Mamas Matter Alliance (BMMA) in Atlanta, GA. Along with her academic pursuits, Rose is an ordained minister, trained birth doula and founder of Doulas for Me. Her interest in reproductive health inequities was initially sparked in her professional life as a Board Certified Chaplain (BCC) where she worked with Duke University Hospital, Emory Healthcare, and Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare.

