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Trying to Reproduce While Black:
The Crisis of Black Maternal and Newborn Health, Assisted Reproductive Technology, and Matters of Obstetric Racism

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Dana-Ain Davis is Professor of Urban Studies and Anthropology. In the last decade, she has increasingly focused her attention on reproduction, race and the technologies that assist in reproduction. She has written several highly-regarded articles in medical anthropology including, "The Politics of Reproduction: The Troubling Case of Nadya Suleman"; "Obstetric Racism: The Racial Politics of Pregnancy, Labor, and Birthing"; and "The Bone Collectors". Davis has been engaged in social justice, particularly reproductive justice and racial justice for over 30 years. Most importantly, though Davis is proudest that she is a doula who assisted and supported the birth of her granddaughter; and that she co-leads free birth education workshops with midwife, Nubia Earth Martin in Yonkers, New York.

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