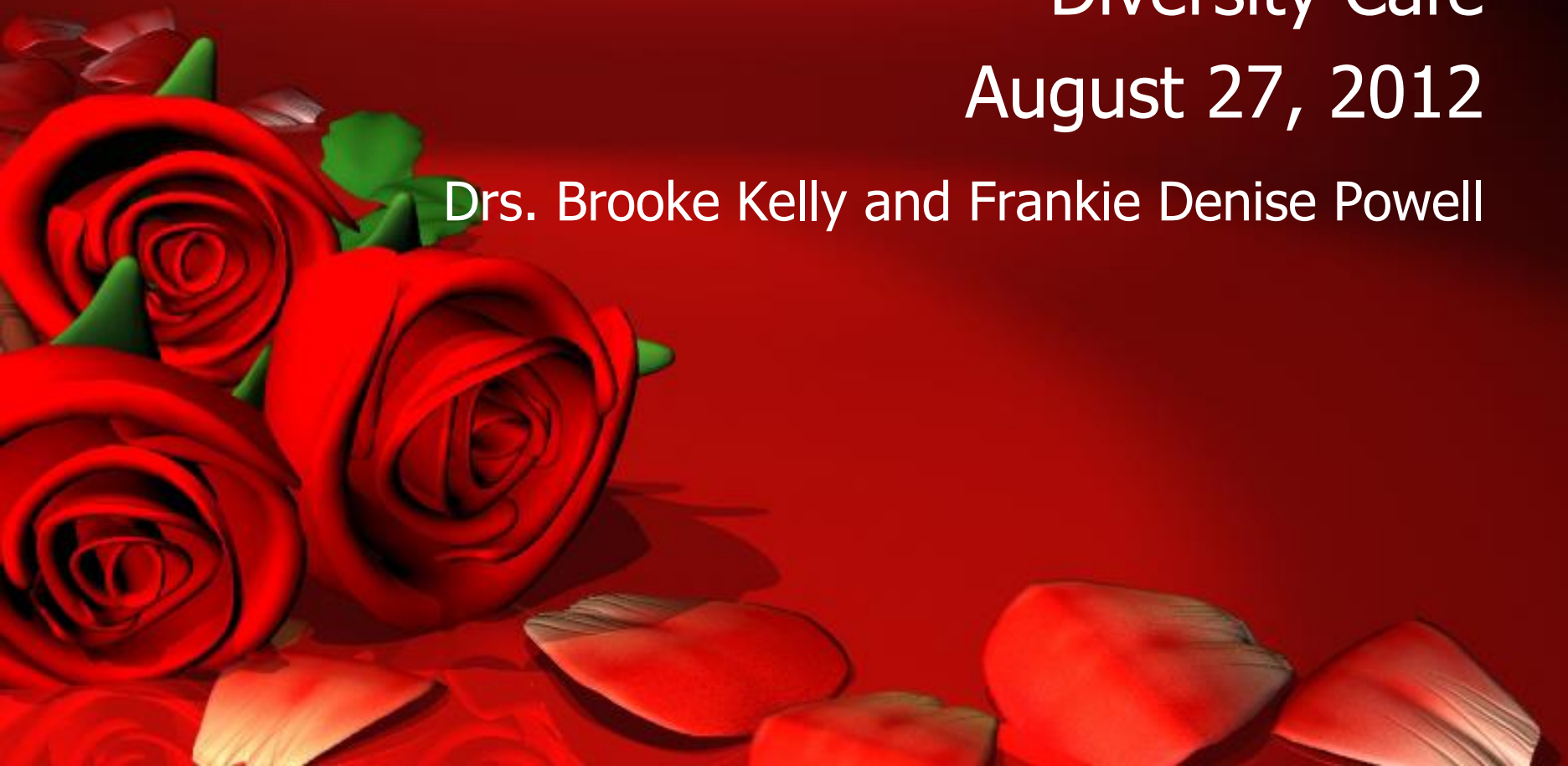


# “What’s Love Got To Do With It?”

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# Introduction

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🌹 <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0108551/>

🌹 [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAIN\\_9pbMLg&feature=fvwrel](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAIN_9pbMLg&feature=fvwrel)



# Judy Root Aulette

🌹 *Changing Families* (1994)



# “Marriage is a social institution.”

🌹 Legal

🌹 Economic

🌹 Emotional

🌹 Sexual

🌹 Political



# The legal contract

🌹 "A marriage contract actually gives more control to the government and less to the contracting partners than do other kinds of legal contracts".

🌹 Duties/rewards specified by the government

# Meaning.....

🌹 If they make a particular arrangement that conflicts with the duties/privileges specified by law, then their arrangement is legally invalid (Stetson, 1991)



# North Carolina

 <http://www.ncbar.org/media/2592944/marriageinnc.pdf>



# An Economic Arrangement

- 🌹 "economics is an essential feature"
- 🌹 "Owning class" vs. consumer class
- 🌹 The marriage gradient: "hypergamy"





# Political Arena

🌹 “marital relations are power relations” (Renzitti & Currin, 1992)

🌹 The imposition of will

🌹 To be able to force one’s definition of reality on others

🌹 Communication as power

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