International Conference on Mothers and History: Histories of Motherhood  
May 10-12, 2012, Pantages Hotel Toronto Centre, 200 Victoria Street

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012

8:00am-9:00am  REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00am-10:30am  CONCURRENT SESSIONS A1, A2

A1: ROOM 1: “REPRESENTING MOTHERHOOD”

CHAIR – Ruth Skilbeck, University of New South Wales
- Simone Kennedy, University of South Australia, “Absence in Childhood - a Symbolic Representation Through the (Dis) Order of Dreaming”
- Gaisheda Kheawok, Whispering Song School of Energy Medicine, “Ancestral Wisdom: A Tribal Perspective”

A2: ROOM 2: “REGULATING MOTHERS”

CHAIR – Melinda Vandenbeld Giles, University of Toronto
- Tanya Cassidy, National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM) – “Making Moral Mothers: Homes for Inebriates in Early Twentieth Century Ireland”
- Grace Bosibori Nyamongo, Kenyatta University, Kenya, “Childless Mothers: Challenges and Strategies for Redress”
- Patty Douglas, University of Toronto, “From Refrigerator Mothers to Feminine Warriors: Re/Educating Mothers in Late Modernity”

10:30am-10:45am  BREAK

10:45am-12:15pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS B1, B2

B1: ROOM 1: “MOTHERS WRITING: WRITING MOTHERHOOD”

CHAIR – Tanya Cassidy, National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM)
- Linda Hunter, University of Guelph, “Maternal Politics: Representations of Motherhood During the Era of Classical Sociological Theory”
- Sonja Boon, Memorial University, “Tétans ... D’un Mauvais Lait: Bodily Memories of Wetnursing in Eighteenth-Century Life Writings”
- Katarina Carlshamre, Stockholm University, “Motherhood in Paradise? Mothers as Narrators in Contemporary Swedish Fiction”

B2: ROOM 2: “MOTHERWORK”

CHAIR – Jennifer Heisler, Oakland University
- Dorothy Chunn, Simon Fraser University, “Choosing Lone Motherhood: Historical Perspectives”
- Jennifer (Jenny) Jones, Queensland University of Technology, “Being a Mother With Young Adult-Children: Moral Horizons, Orientations and Occlusions”
• Diana Gustafson, Memorial University of Newfoundland, “Mothers, Daughters and Granddaughters: Activism as Show, Not Tell”

12:15pm-1:30pm LUNCH: ON YOUR OWN

1:30pm-3:00pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS C1, C2

C1: ROOM 1: “REPRESENTING MOTHERS”

CHAIR – Matthew Stewart, Simmons College
• Aidan Moir, York University, “Fashion, Celebrities, and Motherhood: Examining the Construction of the Celebrity Mother in Fashion Advertising”
• Laura Endacott, Concordia University, “The Mother Image”
• Matthew Stewart, Simmons College, “Mothering in Motion: Beauvoir, Irigaray and the Performative Maternal Situation”

C2: ROOM 2: “THROUGH A DAUGHTER’S EYES: A NEW KIND OF MOTHERHOOD”

CHAIR – Alexa Perez, VIA Collective
• Mariana Benites, VIA Collective, “Single Empowerment”
• Gaby Coloma, VIA Collective, “A Doctor Back Home, A Nanny in the United States”
• Alexa Perez, VIA Collective, “A Woman of Many Faces”

3:00pm-3:15pm BREAK

3:15pm-4:15pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS D1, D2

D1: ROOM 1: “MOTHERLINES”

CHAIR – Tanya Cassidy, National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM)
• Gina Wong, Athabasca University, “Chinese Canadian Mothering: Bicultural Issues and Tensions”
• Eveline Milliken, Katherine Jessiman Tingley, and Hilary Taylor University of Manitoba, “Three Generations of Feminisms”

D2: ROOM 2: “MOTHERING & BLOGGING”

CHAIR – May Friedman, Ryerson University
• May Friedman, Ryerson University, "On Mommyblogs: Notes to a Future Feminist Historian"
• Kristin Yates Thomas, Northwestern University, “(Re)mediating Motherhood: How Mommy-Bloggers Have Reclaimed Mothering Expertise”

4:15pm-4:30pm BREAK

4:30pm-6:00pm KEYNOTE PANEL 1

CHAIR – Fiona J. Green, University of Winnipeg
• Lynn Kennedy, University of Lethbridge, “Birth and the Construction of Identity in the Old South”
• Stephanie J. Shaw, Ohio State University, “Grandmothers, Granny Women, and Old Aunts: The Antebellum Expansion of Slavery and its Consequences for Family Life”
• Patrizia Albanese, Ryerson University, “What Mothers Need But We May or May Not Get: A Historical Overview of Family Life and Policies Affecting Mothers with Young Children in Rural Ontario and Quebec”
• Kim Anderson & Jennifer Brant, University of Guelph, “Native Women and Mothering: Stories from Mid-Twentieth Century Algonquian Communities”

FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012

8:30am-9:00am REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00am-10:30am KEYNOTE PANEL 2

CHAIR – Rima Apple, University of Wisconsin, Madison
• Jodi Vandenberg-Daves, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, ““The Science of Motherhood”: Expert Advice and the Modern Mother in the Early Twentieth Century”
• Susan B. Boyd, University of British Columbia, “Regulating Maternal Autonomy”
• Jadwiga E. Pieper Mooney, University of Arizona, “The Politics of Motherhood and Women’s Rights in 20th Century Chile”

10:30am-10:45am BREAK

10:45am-12:15pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS E1, E2

E1: ROOM 1: CANCELLED

E2: ROOM 2: “MATERNAL NARRATIVES”

CHAIR – Becky R. Lee, York University
• Rebecca Bromwich, University of Ottawa, “Mothers/Motherhood and Oral Histories/Family Histories”
• Pauline E. Bullen, Brooklyn College, CUNY, “Motherlove: My Mother. Excerpts From a Black Womanist, Feminist Diary”
• Virginia Engholm, University of Kentucky, “A Great Disappointment;” Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Infant Loss in the Writings of Nineteenth Century Women”
• Gary Lee Pelletier, York University, “Happy Birthday Mom!”

12:15pm-1:15pm LUNCH: ON YOUR OWN

1:15pm-2:45pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS F1, F2

F1: ROOM 1: “MEDIA & MOTHERHOOD”

CHAIR – Youngae Lee, Louisiana State University
• Asemeh Ghasemi, University of Nottingham, UK, “Muslim Women, Motherhood and the Challenges of Working in Iranian Broadcast Media”
• Anne MacLennan, York University, “Shaping Views of Mothers Past: American Television, Collective Memory and Mothers in Historical Context on Television”
• Kathleen Pape, Antioch University Seattle, “To Be “Not Learned, Save in Gracious Household Ways:” A Hermeneutical Analysis of How the Consumer-Market Parenting Manuals Have Defined Women’s Roles as Mothers”
• Youngae Lee, Louisiana State University, “Adoptive Motherhood Discourse in the Media”

**F2: ROOM 2: “MOTHER TEXTS”**

**CHAIR** – Becky R. Lee, York University
- Cory Struder, Simmons College, “The Maternal Vampire: Reading Sheridan LeFanu’s ‘Carmilla’”
- Gail Keating, Penn State, “Alice Walker: In Praise of Maternal Heritage”
- Crystal Clark, Columbus State Community College, “Ethnic Consumption and Gene Trading: Mothering the Other in the Speculative Fiction of Octavia Butler”

2:45pm-3:00pm BREAK

3:00pm-4:30pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS G1, G2**

**G1: ROOM 1: “NORMATIVE MATERNAL DISCOURSES OF 20TH & 21ST CENTURIES”**

**CHAIR** – Qiana Mestrich, ICP-Bard College
- Linda Ennis, York University, “Intensive Mothering: Imperfect Madness”
- Qiana Mestrich, Michi Jigarjian, ICP-Bard College, Nona Faustine, “When We Do Both: Three Artists Balance Motherhood and Graduate School”
- Melinda Vandenbeld Giles, University of Toronto, “From Home to House: Neoliberalism, Maternal Pedagogy and the De-domestication of the Private Sphere?”

**G2: ROOM 2: “REPRESENTING MOTHERS”**

**CHAIR** – Roblyn Rawlins, The College of New Rochelle
- Elizabeth Podnieks, Ryerson University, “‘But the Other Problem—That of the Woman With Children’: Feminist Approaches to Mothering in the Inter-War Journalism of Vera Brittain”

4:30pm-4:45pm BREAK

4:45pm-6:15pm **CONCURRENT SESSIONS H1, H2**

**H1: ROOM 1: “EMPOWERING MOTHERS”**

**CHAIR** – Fiona J. Green, University of Winnipeg
- Wanda Thomas Bernard & Claudine Bonner, Dalhousie University, “An Ethic of Protection and Care: African Nova Scotian Mothers”
- Ruth Skilbeck, University of New South Wales, “Remembering Australia’s Forgotten Mothers: Identity and Colonial History”

**H2: ROOM 2: “REGULATING MOTHERS”**

**CHAIR** – Roblyn Rawlins, The College of New Rochelle
- Becky R. Lee, York University, “Unwed Mothers in Medieval England”
- Sophia Johnson, University of Sydney, “The Power of the Maternal Imagination: Envisioning the Corruptibility of the Womb from the Sixteenth Century to Contemporary Experiences”
• Alison Quaggin Harkin, University of Wyoming, “‘Fit,’” “Unfit,” and “Resistant” Mothering of Children with Developmental Disabilities: The Eugenics Movement to the Present

6:15pm-7:30pm RECEPTION (Includes a narrative performance by Amber E. Kinser, East Tennessee State University, entitled “Crafting Maternal Truths in Three Persons”)

7:30pm-9:00pm KEYNOTE PANEL 3

CHAIR – Jodi Vandenberg-Daves, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
• Fiona J. Green, University of Winnipeg, “Practicing Feminist Mothering: Reflections by Mothers and Daughters”
• Rima D. Apple, University of Wisconsin, Madison, “Medicalization of Motherhood: Modernization and Resistance in an International Context”
• Rebecca Jo Plant, University of California, San Diego, “The Transformation of Motherhood in Modern America”

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

8:30am-9:00am REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00am-10:30am KEYNOTE PANEL 4

CHAIR – Andrea O’Reilly, York University
• Shari Thurer, Boston University, “Motherhood Update, 1995-Present”
• Wanda Thomas Bernard, Dalhousie University, “Black Women In Service: Lessons on Mothering and Othermothering from their Experiences Working in Post 1945 Halifax”
• D. Memee Lavell-Harvard, President, Ontario Native Women’s Association and Jeannette Corbiere Lavell, President, Native Women’s Association of Canada, “Aboriginal Herstory: The Equation of Native Mothers and Bad Mothers Throughout”
• Molly Ladd-Taylor, York University, “Mothers’ Rights and Human Rights: Activism and History”

10:30am-10:45am BREAK

10:45am-12:15pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS I1, I2

I1: ROOM 1: “MOTHERHOOD & FEMINISM”

CHAIR – Marie Porter, University of Queensland
• Terri Hawkes, York University, “Herstorically Speaking: ‘Mother-Subject’ or ‘Mother Object’? Theories of the Maternal in the Anglo-European and North American History of Feminist Theory”
• Marie Porter, University of Queensland, “Feminism and Motherhood”
• Andrea O’Reilly, York University, “Ain’t I a Feminist?: Matricentric Feminism, Feminist Mamas and Why Mothers Need a Feminist Movement/Theory of Their Own”

I2: ROOM 2: “MOTHERWORK”

CHAIR – Patrizia Albanese, Ryerson University
• Michala Hvidt Breengaard, University of Copenhagen, “Mater Matters”
• Patrizia Albanese, Ryerson University – “A Historical Overview of Family Life and Policies Affecting Mothers with Young Children in Rural Ontario and Quebec”
• Kim Anderson, author of *A Recognition of Being: Reconstructing Native Womanhood* and *Life Stages and Native Women: Memory, Teachings and Story Medicine*, & Jennifer Brant, Brock University, “Native Women and Mothering: Stories from Mid-Twentieth Century Algonquian Communities”
• Jennifer Heisler, Oakland University, “Mom...Are You a Real Teacher?”: Examining the Dialectical Tensions of Identity in the Experiences of Homeschooling Mothers”

12:15pm-12:30pm  BREAK

12:30pm-2:00pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS J1, J2

**J1: ROOM 1: “REPRESENTING MOTHERS”**

**CHAIR** – Tanja Tudhope, Wilfrid Laurier University
  • Amanda Kane Rooks, CQ University, CQ University, Queensland, “Allied Performances: Motherhood and Female Sexuality in *Madame Bovary*”
  • Karen Slattery & Ana C. Garner, Marquette University, “News Coverage of Patriotic Mothers of U. S. Soldiers During the Vietnam War: The Evolution of an Archetypal Image”
  • Tanja Tudhope, Wilfrid Laurier University, “Escaping the Fetish: Understanding the Maternal”

**J2: ROOM 2: “MATERNAL ACTIVISM”**

**CHAIR** – Andrea O’Reilly, York University
  • Jewelles Smith, MA, DAWN-RAFH Canada (DisAbled Women's Network), “The Right to Mother-DAWN-RAFH Canada-25 years of Activism for Reproductive Control of Our Bodies”
  • Andrea O’Reilly, York University, “Maternal Activism as Matricentric Feminism: The History, Ideological Frameworks, Political Strategies and Activist Practices of the 21st Century Motherhood Movement