**Mothering and Reproduction Conference: Featuring an Embedded Conference on Mothering, Science, and Technology**

October 18-20, 2012, Pantages Hotel Toronto Centre, 200 Victoria Street

*Presenter*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012**

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

9:00am-10:30am SESSION A

**A1: ROOM 1: “REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND HEALTH”**

**CHAIR** – Kryn Freehling-Burton, Oregon State University

- Alana Cattapan, York University, "Rhetoric and Reality in Public Policy on Assisted Human Reproduction in Canada"
- Gayle Letherby & Elizabeth Stenhouse, Plymouth University, “Women with Polycystic Ovary Syndromes and Identity”
- Ganiva Reyes, University of Texas at Austin, “‘If it Hadn’t Been For My Baby’: Mothering Teens in the Borderlands Speak Out About Their Emerging Identities as Mothers”

**A2: ROOM 2: “MOTHERING, REPRODUCTION & “THE EXPERTS””**

**CHAIR** – Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College

- Arlene Vadum, Assumption College, “Advice on Reproduction and Motherhood: An Improvised Performance of a 19th Century Phrenology Lecture for Prospective Mothers”
- Regina Edmonds, Assumption College, “Ask the Expert, Ponder the Answer, Reflect on the Impact”
- Marga Vicedo, University of Toronto, “Scientists on The Nature of Mother Love: John Bowlby’s Theory of Attachment Behavior”
- Martha Satz, Southern Methodist University, “Curing the Children We Engender…and Their Parents: Genetic Shifts Require Legal Reconsiderations”

10:30am-10:45am BREAK

10:45am-12:15pm SESSION B

**B1: ROOM 1: “MOTHERING, REPRODUCTION & FICTION”**

**CHAIR** – Regina Edmonds, Assumption College

- Nancy Peled, Oranim Academic College, “Unexpected Mothers in Fannie Flagg’s Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café”
• Modhumita Roy, Tufts University, “‘Give Me Children, or Else I Die’: Motherhood, Murder and Baby-Hunger in Sarah Dunant’s Crime Thriller Birth Marks”
• Mary Thompson, James Madison University, “Abortion, Addiction, and Maternal Cures: Irene Vilar’s Impossible Motherhood: Testimony of an Abortion Addict”
• Sarah Willie-LeBreton, Swarthmore College, “Motherhood as a Job: Fictional Metaphor?”

B2: ROOM 2: “MOTHERING CHALLENGES”

CHAIR – Martha Satz, Southern Methodist University
• May Friedman, Ryerson University, “Reproducing Fat-Phobia: IVF, Adoption and the Obesity “Epidemic””
• Nazilla Khanlou*, Deborah Davidson*, Sheila Jennings*, Mahdieh Dastjerdi & Alexis Buettgen, York University, “Immigrant Mothers of Children With Disabilities: Negotiating Services Across Sectors”
• Rachel Epstein*, LGBTQ Parenting Network, Sherbourne Health Centre, Lesley A. Tarasoff*, Lori E. Ross, Datejie Green & Scott Anderson, LGBTQ Health, Centre for Addiction & Mental Health, Stu Marvel, York University, and Leah S. Steele, St. Michael’s Hospital, “LGBTQ Families and the Need to Reframe Assisted Human Reproduction Services”
• Kerri S. Kearney*, Oklahoma State University, Virginia Jennison Smith, Oklahoma Christian University & Toni Hail, Oklahoma State University, “Emerging Voices: Former Foster Youth at College”

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

1:30pm-3:00pm SESSION C

C1: ROOM 1: “BIRTH”

CHAIR – Diana Gustafson, Memorial University
• Shawna DiFilippo, University of Toronto, “Examining Medical and Midwifery Perspectives in the Debate about the Safety of Midwife-Attended Home Birth in Ontario”
• Ruth DeSouza, AUT University, “When Being Empowered Feels Coercive: Migrant Mothers in New Zealand”
• Kryn Freehling-Burton, Oregon State University, “Birth Performances Changing Communities”
• Hallie Palladino, writer, “Motherhood’s Opening Chapter: The Importance of Mother Narrated Birth Stories”

C2: ROOM 2: “MOTHERS AND THE ACADEME”
CHAIR – Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College
- Andrea O’Reilly, York University, “I Should Have Married Another Man; I Couldn't Do What I Do Without Him: Intimate Heterosexual Relationships and their Impact on Mothers' Success in Academe”
- Anita Harker, Utah State University, “Beyond Wage Penalties: Mothers in Academe”

3:00pm-3:15pm BREAK

3:15pm-5:15pm KEYNOTE PANEL 1 (ROOMS 1 & 2)

CHAIR – Regina Edmonds, Assumption College
- Alyshia Galvez, Lehman College/City University of New York, “Love in a Time of Militarized Borders: Motherhood and Immigration”
- Emily Monosson, Independent Toxicologist, “Motherhood and Science: Envisioning a Different Kind of Pipeline?”
- Wendy Chavkin, Columbia University, “Globalized Motherhood: Second Generation Concerns”

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012

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

9:30am-10:00am KEYNOTE PANEL 2 (ROOMS 1 & 2)

CHAIR – Kryn Freehling-Burton, Oregon State University
- Karen Brody, BOLD, “Academics as Change Makers in Childbirth”

10:00am-10:15am BREAK

10:15am-11:45pm SESSION D

D1: ROOM 1: “ADOPTION”

CHAIR – Alana Cattapan, York University
- Lee Murray, University of Saskatchewan & Kearney, Kerri, Oklahoma State University, “Twice Shamed: Myths of the Other Mother in a Patriarchal Society”
- Penny Dowedoff, York University, “Reproductive Tourism: Where Health Care Consumerism and Personalization of Health Care Services Come Together”
- Kate Greenway, York University, “Ephemera: the Searchings of an Adopted Daughter”

D2: ROOM 2: “INFERTILITY & ABORTION”
CHAIR – Elena Neiterman, University of Toronto
• Sallie Han, SUNY College at Oneonta, “The Chemical Pregnancy: Technology and the Making of a New Reproductive Experience”
• Ann Diamond Weinstein, Preconception, Prenatal and Early Parenting Specialist, “The Experiences of Women Who Received Reproductive Endocrinology Treatment for Infertility”
• Gayle Letherby & Elizabeth Stenhouse, Plymouth University, “Fat and Infertile: Challenging Double Stigma”
• Rosemary Ricciardelli*, York University & Jenna Kelland, University of Alberta, “Mothers of Multiples’ Perspectives on Selective Reduction and Medical Abortion: Negotiating Risk”

11:45am-12:00pm BREAK

12:00pm-1:30pm SESSION E

E1: ROOM 1: “BECOMING A MOTHER”

CHAIR – Diana Gustafson, Memorial University
• Keren Epstein-Gilboa, Family Development Specialist, “The Contribution of Experiences associated with Physiological Breastfeeding Patterns to Maternal Development”
• Laura Fullerton, Memorial University, “Mothering & the WHO/UNICEF Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative: An Exploration of Baby- & Mother-Friendly Infant Feeding Practices”
• Suzanne Madison, Olmsted Medical Center, “The Impact of Depression on Mothering: Under and Overutilization of Healthcare Services”
• Aviva Rubin, Blogger/Writer, “Thin Cervix, Lost Metal Implements and Telling the Tale”

E2: ROOM 2: “PREGNANCY & BIRTH”

CHAIR – Ruth DeSouza, AUT University
• Lynn Rollison, Vancouver Island University, “Shifting and Shaping Themes of Mothering”
• Hilary Monk, University of West England, “Marketing Mothering as ‘Crisis’: Institutions Saving us From the ‘Danger’ of Becoming Mothers”
• Elena Neiterman, University of Toronto, “Pregnant Bodies in Social Context: Natural, Disruptive and Unrecognized Pregnancy”
• Jen Rinaldi, York University, “How the Fetal Debut and the Public Health Paradigm Affect Pregnancy Practice”

1:30pm-2:45pm LUNCH: ON YOUR OWN

2:45pm-4:15pm SESSION F
F1: ROOM 1: “EMPOWERING & SUPPORTING MOTHERS”

CHAIR – Linda Hunter, University of Guelph

- Deborah Davidson*, York University, Gayle Letherby*, Plymouth University & Melanie Bajko, York University, “Griefwork Online: Community Through Computer-Mediated Communication”
- Linda Hunter, University of Guelph, “Supporting the Mothers: An Exploration of Maternal Health, Well-Being and Support Service Needs for HIV Positive Mothers”
- Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College, “Transitional Housing for Pregnant and Parenting U.S. Teens: The Young Parents’ Point of View”
- Diana Gustafson, Memorial University, “Using Social Media as a Data Source for Qualitative Research on Mothering: A Meta-Analysis of Studies on Mothers’ Opinions of Infant Vaccination”

F2: ROOM 2: “KATHY MANTAS WORKSHOP”

CHAIR – Kathy Mantas, Nipissing University

- Kathy Mantas, Nipissing University, “In-Fertility (Phase III): On the Process of Becoming a Mother Through ART (Assisted Reproductive Technologies); Mothering, and ART-ing Myself/Ourselves” (**Exhibit and workshop**)

4:15pm-6:30pm  RECEIPTION & BOOK LAUNCH:

- Adoption and Mothering (Frances Latchford, ed.), Noble Orphan (Andrea Nicki), My Mother Did Not Tell Stories (Laurie Kruk) & Reproducing Women: Family and Health Across Three Generations (Marilyn Porter & Diana L. Gustafson—Fernwood Publishing)

- The Gustafson Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Conference Paper honouring Braunda L. Gustafson – mother, teacher, artist and community activist – will also be announced by long-time MIRCI/ARM supporter and motherhood scholar, Diana L. Gustafson

6:30pm-8:30pm  KEYNOTE PANEL 3 (ROOMS 1 & 2)

CHAIR – Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College

- Susan Markens, Lehman College and the Graduate Center, CUNY, “From Gendered Altruism to Gendered Empowerment: Media Framings of Transnational Surrogacy in the 21st Century”
- Rickie Solinger, Independent Scholar, “Poisonous Choice”
- Rebecca Haimowitz, Co-Director of Made in India and Vaishali Sinha, Co-Director and Co-Producer of Made in India, “Made in India: Motherhood and Outsourcing Surrogacy”
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012

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

9:00am-10:30am  KEYNOTE PANEL 4 (ROOMS 1 & 2)

CHAIR – Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College
  • Amy Mullin, University of Toronto, Mississauga, "Children, Parents and Responsibility"
  • Frances Latchford, York University, “Reckless Abandon: The Politics of Victimization and Agency in Birthmother Narratives”
  • Karleen Pendleton Jiménez, Trent University, “How to Get a Girl Pregnant: Desire and Politics in the Fertility Clinic”

10:30am-10:45am  BREAK

10:45am-12:15pm  SESSION G

G1: ROOM 1: “BIRTH & PREGNANCY”

CHAIR – Kryn Freehling-Burton, Oregon State University
  • Lynn Rollison, Vancouver Island University, “The Impact of a Difficult Birth on Mothering”
  • Patricia Miller-Shroeder, University of Regina, “Reclaiming Women’s Control of Their Own Pregnancy and Child Birth Experiences”
  • Christina Young, Memorial University of Newfoundland, “Caring in Community: The Doula Collective of Newfoundland and Labrador”
  • Robin Silbergleid, Michigan State University, “The Donor Egg Essay”

G2: ROOM 2: “MOTHERING & DISABILITY”

CHAIR – Linda Hunter, University of Guelph
  • Linda Hunter, University of Guelph, “Young Mothers in Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Posters: Underrepresentation and Concerns”
  • Patricia Clarke, Athabasca University/Girl Centered Haven, “Disabled Aboriginal Mothers in Canada”
  • Patty Douglas, University of Toronto, “The ‘Science’ of Autism Mothering”
  • Tania Jivraj, Ryerson University, “Medicalizing the Medicalizers”

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

1:30pm-3:00pm  SESSION H

H1: ROOM 1: “EMPOWERING & SUPPORTING MOTHERS”
CHAIR – Robin Silbergleid, Michigan State University

- Lee Murray, University of Saskatchewan, “Autoethnography and Ethics Approval: Maternal Advocacy and Empowerment”
- Melody Morton Ninomiya, Memorial University, “Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: (De)Moralizing Medical Diagnoses for Mothers”
- Florence Pasche Guignard, University of Lausanne, “Relationship to Technology and to "the Experts" in the Discourses of French-Speaking Mothers on Online Forums Dedicated to "Natural Parenting”“
- Shannon McGrady, York University, “The Authentic Lived Experiences of Young Mothers: How Empowered Young Women Mother Within and Against the Institutions of Childhood, Gender & Motherhood”

H2: ROOM 2: “BIRTHFIRE WORKSHOP”

CHAIR – This is an participatory event being facilitated by the organizers listed.

Please read the abstract so you know how to prepare to participate in this special event.

- Renée Mercuri, Reborn Doula Services & Annie Lacaille, Clinical Herbalist & Doula, “Birth Fire: Burning up What Didn't Work for us in Birth (And Celebrating What Did!)”

3:00pm-3:15pm BREAK
3:15pm-4:45pm SESSION I

11: ROOM 1: “MOTHERING EXPERIENCES”

CHAIR – Hilary Monk, University of West England

- Lee Murray, University of Saskatchewan, “Hearing Stories of Young, Successful and Professional Moms: What’s the Problem??”
- Dilofarid Miskinzod, Arizona State University, “Access to Reproductive Health Services and Care-Seeking Behaviors Among the Left Behind Wives of Migrant Workers in Tajikistan”
- Julia Kiernan, Michigan State University, “The Rhetoric of Motherhood: How the Words We Use Define Us”