



## CALL FOR PAPERS

One-Day Symposium

### **Demonizing Mothers/Demonized Motherhoods: Oppression and Resistance**

*Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement (MIRCI)*

October 5, 2013, 8:30 am- 10:00 pm

323 Richmond Street East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

We welcome submissions from scholars, students, activists, community workers, bloggers, mothers, and others who research in this area. We are open to a variety of submissions including academic papers from all disciplines, and creative submissions such as poetry, literature, visual and performance art. This symposium will explore how mother-shame and mother-blame are represented in popular culture, social media, the arts, mainstream journalism, academia, public policy, as well as how it impacts lived maternal experience.

#### **Topics may include but are not limited to:**

Representations and experiences of mother-shame and mother-blame in relation to racialization, homophobia, transphobia, sexism, religious prejudice, ageism, sizeism, healthism, ableism, classism, citizenship; also in relation to single motherhood, polyamorous families, infertility, adoption, child-free lifestyles, “young” mothers and “older” mothers, “working” mothers and “stay-at-home” mothers; normative discourses of ‘good’ motherhood and regulation/surveillance/judgment of mothers; ‘bad’ and ‘good’ mother myths; maternal resistances to mother blame/shame via motherhood activism, social media, feminist/empowered mothering, motherhood scholarship.

#### **Confirmed Keynotes**

Andrea O’Reilly, Professor, School of Women’s Studies, York University;

Founder/Director of Motherhood Initiative/Mother Outlaws

Dr. Kerry Fast, Independent Editor, Writer, Researcher, *Mothering Mennonite*: New Directions

Dr. Gordana Eljdupovic, Editor, *Incarcerated Mothers*

Rebecca Bromwich, Ph.D. Student, Carleton University, Department of Legal Studies and a Part-Time

Professor at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law

Kirstin S. Dane, Wood Turtle Blogger

Regina M. Edmonds, Ph.D. - Professor Emerita of Psychology, Assumption College

If you are interested in being considered as a presenter, please send a 250-word abstract and a 50-word bio by **AUGUST 15, 2013** to [aoreilly@yorku.ca](mailto:aoreilly@yorku.ca)

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