Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement (MIRCI)

Presents:

International Conference on Motherhood Activism, Advocacy, Agency
May 12-14, 2011, ROOM 706; ROOM 710; ROOM 713A
Metro Convention Centre SOUTH Building: 222 Bremner Blvd., Toronto, ON
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THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011

10:00am-11:00am   REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(COMMON AREA NEAR ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)

11:00am-12:30pm            SESSIONS A1, A2

A1: MOTHERING, EDUCATION AND ACTIVISM

(ROOM 710, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)

CHAIR – Sharon Abbey, Brock University

- Yara Doleh, Archaeologist, Canada, - The Menstruation Project
- Sharon Abbey, Brock University, Canada - Empowering Single Mothers Through On-Line Education
- Sara Jane Baskin, Florida State University, U.S.A. - Student or Mother? An Autobiographical Account of the Mothering Roles Available to Graduate Students and Student Wives

A2: WORKSHOP

(ROOM 706, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)

- Sharon Young, Mothers Program @ Women’s Health Clinic - Mothering: A Feminist Framework for Supports and Services

12:30pm-2:15pm                  LUNCH (on your own)

2:15pm-3:45pm                                 CONCURRENT SESSIONS B1, B2

B1: POPULAR CULTURE AND MATERNAL ACTIVISM

(ROOM 710, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)

CHAIR – Angela Miles, O.I.S.E, University of Toronto

- Katrina Carefoot, FickleFeline.ca, Canada - Sharing the Good, The Bad, and The Ugly of Autism Through Social Media to Effectively Influence and Advocate
- Mindy Stricke, Photographer; Artist, Canada - ‘Good Eater’: A Community Art Installation about Food and Motherhood
- Angela Miles, O.I.S.E, University of Toronto, Canada - Maternal Agency or Matriarchy? Perspectives for ‘Activism By and On Behalf of Mothers'
- Terri Hawkes, York University, Canada - The Invisibility of Motherhood in Toronto Theatre, or... 'Intensive Mothering’ Off-Off-Off Broadway

B2: EMPOWERED MOTHERING

(ROOM 706, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)

CHAIR - D. Lynn O’Brien Hallstein, Boston University

- Sara Jane Baskin, Florida State University, U.S.A. - The Post-Modern Family: Accepting a Fluid Notion of Family Without Leaving Mother to Clean the Mess Alone
- Sara Epstein, Deakin University, Australia - Mothers and Sons: The Quest for Social Transformation Through Feminist Parenting
• Lynn Christine Kuechle, Minnesota State University, Mankato; Activist, U.S.A. - The Motherhood Foundation – Celebrating Mothers by Providing Outlets for Honouring and Documenting Mother Art and Mother Work
• Gaisheda Kheawok, Whispering Song School of Energy Medicine, Canada - Conscious Parenting: A Spiritual Lifestyle

3:45pm-4:00pm BREAK
4:00pm-5:30pm KEYNOTE PANEL 1
(Room 710, South Building, Metro Convention Centre)
Chair – Linn Baran, Researcher; Activist
• Amber Kinser, East Tennessee State University, U.S.A. - Holding On by Letting Go: Personal Agency as Maternal Activism
• Fiona J. Green, University of Winnipeg, Canada - Feminist Mothering: A Conscious Political Act of Activism, Advocacy and Agency
• D. Lynn O’Brien Hallstein, Boston University, U.S.A. - Maternal Advocacy and Feminist Generations: Resisting and Rethinking Generational Differences among Feminist Waves
• Erika Horwitz, University of British Columbia; Registered Psychologist, Canada - Mothers’ Resistance as a Site of Empowerment

5:30pm-7:30pm BOOK LAUNCH AND RECEPTION
(Room 713B, South Building, Metro Convention Centre)
• JMI Vol. 1.2 “Mothering, Bereavement, Loss and Grief”
  • 21st Century Motherhood Movement: Mothers Speak Out on Why We Need to Change the World and How to do it (O’Reilly, ed.) Demeter Press

7:45pm-9:45pm KEYNOTE PANEL 2
(Room 713A, South Building, Metro Convention Centre)
Chair – Gayle Brandeis, National Staff, CODEPINK: Women for Peace
• Ariel Gore, Founding Editor, Hip Mama Magazine, U.S.A. - From Hip Mama to Rad Dad: Zines as an Organizing Tool in the Maternal Feminist Movement
• Karen Shain, Policy Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, U.S.A. - Incarcerated Mothers: Mothers First and Foremost
• D. Memee Lavell-Harvard, President, Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA), Canada and Jeannette Corbiere Lavell, President, Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC) – A Nation Is Not Conquered: Mothers, Grandmothers, and Grassroots Activism in Aboriginal Communities

Friday, May 13, 2011
8:30am-9:30am REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(Common Area Near Room 713A, South Building, Metro Convention Centre)
9:30am-12:00pm KEYNOTE PANEL 3
(Room 713A, South Building, Metro Convention Centre)
Chair – Fiona J. Green, University of Winnipeg
• Gayle Brandeis, National Staff, CODEPINK: Women for Peace, U.S.A. - (M)othering Stories: Writing Fiction of Social Change with a Mother’s Fierce and Open Heart
• Tara Brettholtz, President, Mothers and More, U.S.A. - Pocketbook Issues: Talking to Women about the Financial Risk of Motherhood
• Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College, U.S.A. - Walking the Walk, Not Just Talking the Talk: Why (Some) Feminist Professors Should Engage in Community-Based Teaching and Research
• Diana Gustafson, Memorial University of Newfoundland - Mother, Teacher, Researcher: Living and Leading Everyday Rebellions
• Donna Lester-Smith, University of British Columbia, Canada and Joyce Fossella, Executive Director and Co-Facilitator of Warriors Against Violence Society (WAVS), Canada - Honouring our Spirits: Warriors against Violence Society
• Sarah Francis, Campaign Director, MomsRising, U.S.A. - Change Powered by Moms

12:00pm-12:15pm                      BREAK
12:15pm-1:15pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS D1, D2
D1: MATERNAL EMPOWERMENT AND ACTIVISM
(ROOM 710, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)
CHAIR – Ann Douglas, Author; Journalist
• Andrea Doyle Hugmeyer, Oregon State University, U.S.A. - Moms on the Move: Acknowledging Intersections of Ableism and Feminism Through Maternal Activism
• Ann Douglas, Author; Journalist, Canada and Sharon Aschaiek, Autism Resolution Ontario, Canada - Giving Birth to Your Activist Self: Finding Your Voice as a Mother Activist

D2: SUPPORTING AND EMPOWERING MOTHERS
(ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)
CHAIR - Judith Mintz, Trent University
• Iain C Hay, University of Canberra, Australia - ‘Kids Having Kids’: The Role of Schools in Supporting Young Mothers’ (Re)Engagement with Education, Training and/or Schooling
• Judith Mintz, Trent University, Canada, - Empowering Women to Become Mothers: Midwifery Collectives in Ontario, 1990-2010
• Clare Weber, California State University Dominguez Hills, USA - Activist Mothering and Mexican Women Immigrant Struggles for Social Movement Autonomy in a Global Port City

1:15pm-2:30pm       LUNCH (on your own)
2:30pm-4:00pm   CONCURRENT SESSIONS E1, E2
E1: MATERNAL ACTIVISM
(ROOM 710, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)
CHAIR – Ann Douglas, Author; Journalist
• Amber Fatima Riaz, Canada - Parents Against Police Brutality and the Anthony Baez Foundation
• Ann Douglas, Author; Journalist, Canada - Literary Brainchild: Brain, Child: The Magazine for Thinking Mothers
• Jodi Vandenberg-Daves, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, U.S.A. - Maternal Resilience, Adaptation and Agency in the Modernizing United States

E2: MATERNAL PRACTICES
(ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)
CHAIR - Melissa A. Milkie, University of Maryland
• Tamara Mikell-Choudhury, University of Arizona, U.S.A. - Mothering a Jew or Muslim?
Melissa A. Milkie, University of Maryland, U.S.A. - Intensive Mothering, Class-based Inequalities, and Children’s Well-being: Cultural Discourse Versus Efficacy of Mother-Child Time Together

4:00pm-4:15pm         BREAK

4:15pm-5:45pm           CONCURRENT SESSION F1, F2

F1: PUBLIC/SOCIAL/HEALTH POLICY

(ROOM 706, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)

CHAIR – Gail C. Keating, Penn State Worthington Scranton

- Gail C. Keating, Penn State Worthington Scranton, U.S.A. - Fighting the ‘Mom Bomb’ with Family Friendly Policies
- Lynn Gehl, Algonquin Anishinaabe-Mnakinag Ndoodem, Canada - Unknown and Unstated Paternity and the Indian Act

F3: WRITING MOTHERHOOD

(ROOM 710, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)

CHAIR - Alison Quaggin Harkin, University of Wyoming

- Chris Klassen, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada - Maternal Struggles: An Autobiography of Caring for a Child with Disabilities
- Alison Quaggin Harkin, University of Wyoming, U.S.A. - A Will to Tell: Retelling the Experience of (Dis)abling Motherhood and Childhood
- Fiona Lee, Independent Researcher; Writer, Canada - Mother Learning: A Creative Response

5:45pm-7:30pm         DINNER

7:30pm-9:00pm           KEYNOTE ADDRESS: CINDY SHEEHAN

“ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

(ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)

CHAIR – Andrea O’Reilly, York University

SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011

8:45am-9:15am         REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

(COMMON AREA NEAR ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)

9:15am–11:30am          KEYNOTE PANEL 4

(ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)

CHAIR – Fiona J. Green, University of Winnipeg

- Cheli English-Figaro, President Emerita of Mocha Moms, Inc., U.S.A. - Black, Double Ivy and at Home
- Lorri Slepian, Leadership Advisor; Board member, National Association of Mothers’ Centers (NAMC), U.S.A. - Essential Elements of Teaching, Modeling and Producing Empowerment as Modeled in the Mothers’ Center
- Rachel Epstein, Coordinator, Sherbourne Health Centre's LGBTQ Parenting Network, Canada - Dykes Planning Tykes: Queering the Family Tree
- Glendene Grant, Educator; Activist, Founder of M.A.T.H., U.S.A. - M.A.T.H. (Mothers Against Trafficking Humans)
- Robbie Davis-Floyd, University of Texas, Austin; Board Member, International MotherBaby Childbirth Organization (IMBCO), U.S.A. - The International MotherBaby Childbirth Initiative (IMBCI): 10 Steps to Optimal MotherBaby Maternity Care
Andrea O’Reilly, York University, Canada - Maternal Activism as Matricentric Feminism: The History, Ideological Frameworks, Political Strategies and Activist Practices of the 21st Century Motherhood Movement

11:30am-11:45am    BREAK
11:45am –1:15pm    CONCURRENT SESSIONS G1, G2, G3

G1: EMPOWERING MOTHERS

(ROOM 706, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)
CHAIR - Rebecca Bromwich, University of Ottawa
- Lesley Tarasoff, LGBTQ Health Research Team at CAMH (Social Equity & Health Research Section), Canada - ‘Oh Dear’: The Pregnancy and Childbirth Experiences of Women with Physical Disabilities
- Rebecca Bromwich, University of Ottawa, Canada - Mapping Motherwork: Beyond Binaries

G2: MOTHERING AND LITERATURE/LITERACY

(ROOM 710, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)
CHAIR - Lidiane Luiza da Cunha, University of Alberta
- Stacey Crooks, OISE, University of Toronto, Canada - Empowering Mothers Or Blaming Them? Challenging Regulatory Discourses in Family Literacy
- Jo Altilia, Literature for Life, Canada - Literature for Life
- Lidiane Luiza da Cunha, University of Alberta, Canada – “Thinking Back through our Mothers”: The Impact of Mothers on Creative Daughters in Brazilian and Canadian Literatures

G3: REPRESENTING MOTHERHOOD

(ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)
CHAIR – Linda Hunter, University of Guelph
- Linda Hunter, University of Guelph, Canada - Representations of Motherhood During the French Enlightenment: Relevance to Theoretical Developments
- Melanie Dennis Unrau, University of Winnipeg, Canada - Motherhood, Performativity, and Change in ‘The City as Seen from the Air’
- Heather Brown-Hudson, Lindenwood University, U.S.A. - For Art’s Sake: Fashioning a Mother: From Obsession to Abandonment in Lois Gould’s Mommy Dressing and Jean Nathan’s The Secret Life of the Lonely Doll
- Maria L. Figueredo, York University, Canada - ‘Mother’s Song’: Feminine Revolt Surfacing In The Canto Popular Uruguayo Of The Duo Washington Carrasco And Cristina Fernández

1:15pm - 2:15pm    LUNCH (on your own)
2:15pm – 4:15pm    KEYNOTE PANEL 5

(ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)
CHAIR – Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College
- Anna Dion, Young Champion of Maternal Health (from Canada, placed in Argentina) - Navigating Maternal Health across Boundaries
- Ifeyinwa Egwaoje Madu, Young Champion of Maternal Health (from Nigeria, placed in USA) - Women and Men Standing Side by Side
- Martha Fikre Adenew, Young Champion of Maternal Health (from Ethiopia, placed in USA) - Maternal Clubs: Empowering Mothers to Reduce Maternal Mortality
• Julianne Parker, Young Champion of Maternal Health (from USA, placed in Brazil) - Lua Nova's Empreiteira Escola: Fighting Social and Legal Discrimination against Single, Adolescent Mothers in Brazil through the Building of New Homes and New Families

4:15pm – 4:30pm          BREAK
4:30pm – 6:00pm       CONCURRENT SESSIONS H1, H2, H3

H1: MATERNAL ACTIVISM II

(ROOM 706, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)

CHAIR – Marianne Filion, Concordia University

• Sarah Sahagian, York University, Canada - Saving Your Daughter From That Middle Eastern Man You Married
• Marianne Filion, Concordia University, Canada - The Mother of All Wars: Rescuing Peace from Dichotomous Discourse

H2: MATERNAL IDENTITIES

(ROOM 710, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)

CHAIR - Gary Lee Pelletier, York University

• Veronika Novoselova, York University, Canada - Single Mothers by Choice: No Time to Wait For a Perfect Partner
• Gary Lee Pelletier, York University, Canada - Meet The Manny: An Exploration of this Mythical Creature and His Radical Potential
• Angela Wignall, University of Victoria, Canada – Revolutionary Becoming: Hybrid Identity in Maternal Praxis

H3: WORKSHOP/READING

(ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)

• Kryn Freehling-Burton, Oregon State University, U.S.A. - Performing Mothers and Daughters
• Shannon Salisbury, Writer; Advocate, Canada - “Expertise,” Value, and the Accidental Activist: Finding and Owning One’s Space as a Mother of a Child with Stuff