

Mothering and the Environment: The Natural, The Social, and The Built
with embedded A (M) **Other world is Possible: Two Feminist Visions:**
Matriarchal Studies and The Gift Economy
October 22-25, 2009, York University, Toronto, Canada

Thursday, October 22, 2009

10:30am-11:30am

REGISTRATION

(Common Space near McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

JARM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING (CLOSED)

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

11:30am-1:00pm SESSION A1: GLOBAL SPACES: POLITICS OF MATERNAL IDENTITY

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR - Jasjit Kaur Sangha (University of Toronto)

Mother Virtue: A North-South Comparative Analysis -Candace Johnson (University of Guelph)

Theorizing South Asian Mothering: Interrogating Social Boundaries and Hierarchies

-Jasjit Kaur Sangha (University of Toronto)

SESSION A2: MOTHERING, RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY

(McLaughlin College Screening Room 001)

CHAIR - Theresa Suart (Writer; Researcher; Educator)

The Link between Religion and the Risk of Miscarriage in Ghana and Nigeria
-Grace Adeniyi (York University), Jones Adjei (Queen's University)

The Mother's Manual: A Spiritual and Practical Guide to Child Rearing and Motherhood: Conscious Conception, Us & Our Planet -Audrye S. Arbe (Author; Artist)

Spiritual Mothering with Mother Nature: Opening to Sacred Mystery

-Christine Jonas-Simpson (York University)

SESSION A3: WOMEN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR – Linda Hunter (University of Guelph)

Help – Our Toxic Environment is Killing our Children: What We Must Do About It! -Dorothy Goldin Rosenberg (Co-Founder, Women's Healthy Environments Network (WHEN)), Helen Pearman Ziral (Seneca College)

The Perception of the Community around the Mining Region about The Goldmine Operation Plan in North Minahasa Regency of North Sulawesi Province – Treesje K. Londa (Researcher; Community Activist), Desy Mantiri (Sam Ratulangi University of Manado)

1:00pm-1:45pm

LUNCH BREAK

1:45pm-3:15pm

SESSION B1: MOTHERING CHALLENGES

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR – Deirdre M. Condit (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Haunting Real Possibilities: Postpartum Suicide and Motherhood Explored through Collage, Autobiographical Fiction and Hauntology - Christina Foisy (York University)

Supporting the Mothers: An Exploration of Maternal Health, Well-Being and Support Service Needs for HIV Positive Mothers - Linda Hunter (University of Guelph)

SESSION B2: PREGNANCY, CHILDBIRTH AND MOTHERLINES

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR – Danica Anderson (International Criminal Court in the Hague; Trauma Expert; Consultant)

Using Hypnosis in Assisting Women In Natural Childbirth: Feminine and Feminist Perspectives

-Liana Voia (Practitioner; Instructor)

The Evolutionary Motherline - Pat Miller-Schroeder (University of Regina)

“Blood & Honey” Motherline Archaeologies of Balkan Memory: How a Small circle of Bosnian Mothers & Grandmothers- War Survivors and War Crimes Survivors- Heal Trauma to Halt Another Century of Wars - Danica Anderson (International Criminal Court in the Hague; Trauma Expert; Consultant)

SESSION B3: MOTHERING IN PUBLIC AND GLOBAL SPACES

(McLaughlin College Master’s Dining Hall Room 049)

CHAIR - Theresa Suart (Writer; Researcher; Educator)

Children’s and Parents’ Thoughts and Feelings Regarding Nature in Two Types of Locations: Comparisons and Implications - Magdalena Rudkowski (Ryerson University)

Community Mothers and Flower Workers in Colombia: Transnationalization of Social Reproduction and Production for the Global Market – Olga Sanmiguel-Valderrama (University of Cincinnati)

SESSION B4: PANEL: VISUALIZING THE UNSPOKEN

(McLaughlin College Screening Room 001)

CHAIR – Lindsay Page (Interdisciplinary Artist)

Oh, Mother –Mother Imagery – Jennifer Linton (Visual Artist), **Swallowing Ice** – Jennifer Long (Artist; Curator; Arts Administrator; Educator), **Spawn** - Lindsay Page (Interdisciplinary Artist)

2:00pm-4:30 pm JANE SATTERFIELD READING AND RECEPTION

Daughters of Empire: A Memoir of a Year in Britain and Beyond
(alternate on campus event - 214 Calumet College. light refreshments.)

3:15pm-3:30pm BREAK

3:30pm-5:00pm SESSION C1: EDUCATION, TEACHING AND MOTHERHOOD

(McLaughlin College Master's Dining Hall Room 049)

CHAIR - Jasjit Kaur Sangha (University of Toronto)

Ecoschools, Eco-Bullying and Me: Searching for an Ethical Green Pathway through My Daughter's Lunch Debris - Theresa Suart (Writer; Researcher; Educator)

Mothering and Schooling: A Critical Analysis of the "Good Mother" in Educational Environments - Jasjit Kaur Sangha (University of Toronto)

Elders, Family, Teachers: Models of Cultural Transmission in the Sto:lo Nation's Aboriginal Head Start Program - Margaret MacDonald (Simon Fraser University)

A Bridge Between Two Worlds: The Mother and The Learner: How Do Educational Institutions Assist Busy Mothers with the Role of Learning? - Lynda Paziuk (University of Manitoba), Lori Oberdorfer (University of Manitoba)

SESSION C2: EMPOWERING MOTHERING

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR - Elizabeth Soliday (Washington State University, Vancouver)

Mentoring Low-Income Teen Moms: Notes from the Field - Deborah Byrd (Lafayette College)

The Importance of Recognising Diversity in Parenting Skills within Communities when Designing Services for Children's Centres to Avoid Exclusion - Nawal El Amrani Benhallou (Researcher; Advocate)

What is Caring about Economics? A National Policy on Caregiving through the Lens of Riane Eisler's Theory - Sharon Bigger (California Institute of Integral Studies)

A Part of the Community: Conceptualizing Shelter Design for Young Pregnant Homeless Women - Paula Smith (York University)

SESSION C3: MOTHERING AND VISUAL CULTURE

(McLaughlin College Screening Room 001)

CHAIR – Deirdre M. Condit (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Greetings from Motherland - Mindy Stricke (Artist; Photographer)

Visible Labor | Working Body - Nita Sturiale (Massachusetts College of Art and Design), Amber Davis Tourlentes (Photographer; Activist; Instructor)

Joining the Dots - Martina Hynan (Feminist Artist; Co-ordinator of *Keeping Mum*)

SESSION C4: PREGNANCY AND BREASTFEEDING

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR - Caroline Peterson (Oregon Health and Science University)

Alterity and Identity in the Mother-Child Relationship– Maria Collier de Mendonça (Pontifícia Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil)

Resistance, Dependence, or Appropriation?: Lactation Consulting and the Medicalization of Breastfeeding – Aimee R. Eden (University of South Florida)

When Does Mothering Begin? The Relationship Environment of the Womb
– Caroline Peterson (Oregon Health and Science University)

5:00pm-5:15pm

BREAK

5:15pm-6:15pm

ENVIRONMENT KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1: DR. HEIDI HUTNER

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR – Andrea O’Reilly (York University)

“Contexts of Ecofeminism, Mothering and Pollution in Contemporary Film and Literature”

6:15pm-7:30pm

DINNER BREAK

7:30pm-9:30pm ENVIRONMENT KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2: DR. SANDRA STEINGRABER

(Vari Hall A – across campus/near York Lanes)

CHAIR AND WORDS OF WELCOME – Barbara Crow, Associate Dean, Research (York University)

“The Environmental Life of Children: Effects of Endocrine Disruptors on Child Health and Mothering Practices”

Friday, October 23, 2009

**8:30am-9:30am
BREAKFAST**

REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL

(Common Space near McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

9:30am-10:30am ENVIRONMENT KEYNOTE ADDRESS 3: DR. SHERILYN MACGREGOR

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR – Andrea O’Reilly (York University)

“Care, Citizenship and Climate Change: New/Old Challenges for Ecofeminist Politics”

10:30am-10:45am

BREAK

10:45am-12:15pm

SESSION D1: ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISM

(McLaughlin College Master’s Dining Hall Room 049)

CHAIR– Dorsia Smith Silva (University of Puerto Rico)

The Great Returning: Mothering the Planet – Leona Graham (Community Organizer; Conservationist)

Teaching about the Environment and Teaching about Mothers – Pat Miller-Schroeder (University of Regina)

Mercury Moms, Autism Spectrum Disorders and Environmental Activism: A Discoursal Analysis of the Media Coverage – Danielle Roth-Johnson (University of Nevada – Las Vegas)

SESSION D2: MOTHERING AND THE ACADEME

(McLaughlin College Committee Room 223)

CHAIR - Brenda A. LeFrançois (Laurentian University)

The Father/Mother Partnership: A Creative Team Approach - Andy Moerlein (Educator, Sculptor)

The Journey to Academic Tenure of Jewish Israeli Women Scholars – Miri Renert (College of Management, Israel)

SESSION D3: MOTHERHOOD AND POPULAR CULTURE

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR - Elizabeth Soliday (Washington State University, Vancouver)

A Semiotics Analysis of Print Advertisements Targeted at Pregnant Women and Mothers of Young Children – Maria Collier de Mendonça (Pontifícia Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil)

Images of Women in Environmental Ads - M. Louise Ripley (York University)

Alien M/other: Discourses of Pregnancy, Birth and Mother/hood/ing in *Alien Resurrection* - Joey Jakob (University of Manitoba)

SESSION D4: MOTHERING CHALLENGES

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR - Deborah Byrd (Lafayette College)

Mothering the ‘Outside of Normal’ Child in a Conflicted Social Context – Sabrina Connor (Ryerson University)

Intuition-Deficient, Hyper-Rational Culture: A Social Epidemiology of North American Culture and its Impact on Children – Marianne Vardalos (Laurentian University, Georgian)

The Empowerment of American Mothers who have Lost Children to Adoption – Mirah Riben (Communications, Origins-USA.org; Author)

Maternal Grief: Creating an Environment for Dialogue – Deborah Davidson (York University), Helena Stahls (Bereaved Families of Ontario)

SESSION D5: WORKSHOPS: MEDITATIONS ON MOTHERS

(McLaughlin College Screening Room 001)

The Office: Mothers Transform Environments – Ju-Pong Lin (Goddard College)

The Mother's Manual: A Spiritual and Practical Guide to Child Rearing and Motherhood©: The Ecology, Children, Possibility and US -Audrye S. Arbe (Author; Artist)

12:15pm-1:30pm

LUNCH BREAK

1:30pm-3:00pm **SESSION E1: MOTHERING AND CREATIVITY**

(McLaughlin College Screening Room 001)

CHAIR – Dorsia Smith Silva (University of Puerto Rico)

A Weary Mother: A Mother's Personal Experience of Mothering in Today's Busy World - Mitzi G. Mitchell (York University)

DRIFT (selected portions) – Kirstin Hotelling Zona (Illinois State University)

Maternal Instincts: Merging Creative Expression with One of Life's Most Profound Experiences - Ronni Komarow (Mount Ida College)

The Mystical Relationship between Human Beings and the Animal Kingdom – Donna Dodson (Artist)

SESSION E2: MOTHERHOOD AND SUSTAINABILITY

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR - Bhanumathi Natarajan (Freelancer)

Reinforcing the Motherhood Role as a Tool for MDGS, Sustainable Human Development Rights and Total Justice Attainment - Nnenna Eluwa (Executive Director of First Lady's Save Our Youths Campaign, Nigeria), Mrs Tina Yinka Oke (Nigeria), Dr Ruky Gurin (Nigeria)
Mrs Ndidi Anyaoha (Nigeria)

Women Show the Way to Sustainability – Bhanumathi Natarajan (Freelancer)

SESSION E3: MOTHERWORK, COMMUNITY AND HEALTH

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR - Deborah Byrd (Lafayette College)

Family Responsibilities Discrimination in the Americas: Transformative Potential of the Human Rights Claim – Keri Bennett (University of Toronto)

The Influence of Volunteering with a Mothering Organization upon Future Career Choices

- Janice MacAulay (Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs (FRP Canada), Jill Heckman (Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs (FRP Canada)

Factors that Enhance or Limit Access to, and Participation in, Health Promotion Programs and Activities by Low-Income, Lone Parenting Mothers in a Rural Nova Scotia Region

- Janis MacLellan-Peters (St. Francis Xavier University)

SESSION E4: REPRESENTATIONS OF THE MATERNAL

(McLaughlin College Master's Dining Hall 049)

CHAIR – May Friedman (York University)

Maternal or Mercenary?: The Wetnurse in the Cultural Imaginary Contamination, Contagion and Fear in Eighteenth Century Medical Discourses – Sonja Boon (Memorial University)

An Analytical Mapping of the Representations of Pregnant Women and Mothers in Contemporary Brazilian Print Advertisements– Maria Collier de Mendonça (Pontifícia Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil)

Visions of Birth: An Art Exhibition of Birth Stories From Women Living In Ireland - Martina Hynan (Feminist Artist; Co-ordinator of *Keeping Mum*)

3:00pm-3:15pm

BREAK

3:15pm-4:45pm **SESSION F1: MOTHERING AND ACTIVISM**

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR - Marianne Vardalos (Laurentian University, Georgian)

Skyscrapers Dotting the Virtual Landscape: Building the Mamasphere – May Friedman (York University)

Mothering in Rural New Brunswick: Young Children and Environmental Toxins - Brenda A. LeFrançois (Laurentian University), Adele LeBlanc (Public Health Nurse)

Eco-Mothering – Lauren Shaw (Elmira College)

SESSION F2: ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION AND MOTHERING AND HEALTH

(McLaughlin College Screening Room 001)

CHAIR – Danica Anderson (International Criminal Court in the Hague; Trauma Expert; Consultant)

The Myth of Nature's Most Perfect Food: The Dangers and Ethics of Breast Milk Contamination

- Erica Hesch Anstey (University of South Florida)

Where's Momma? Statistical and Research Trends in Maternal and Infant Mortality

- Elizabeth Soliday (Washington State University, Vancouver)

Mother's Health Decisions in Urban Environments – Andrea Chircop (Dalhousie University)

There Must Be Something in the Water: The Island of Vieques and Pregnant Women

- Dorsia Smith Silva (University of Puerto Rico)

SESSION F3: MOTHERING AND LITERATURE

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR - Xueqing Xu (York University)

On the Same Horizontal –Xueqing Xu (York University)

Diamela Eltit's *Los vigilantes: the Nomadic Motherhood in the City of Flux*

- Inela Selimović (St. Mary's College at Notre Dame)

The Stepmother in Cebuano Serialized Novels by Women – Hope Yu (University of San Carlos, Philippines)

4:45pm-7:20pm

BOOK LAUNCH AND RECEPTION

(food and refreshments provided in common space near room 014)

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

- *Sara Ruddick's Maternal Thinking* (O'Reilly, ed). *new DEMETER PRESS book
- *Daughters of Empire* (Satterfield) *new DEMETER PRESS book
- *Mothering and Blogging* (Friedman & Calixte, eds) *new DEMETER PRESS book
- *Societies of Peace: Matriarchies Past Present and Future* (Goettner-Abendroth)- *Inanna Press

SPECIAL RITUAL PERFORMANCE

A Mother's Rite: Song and Ritual to Tempt the Birth of New Origin Stories

– Polly Wood (Interdisciplinary Artist)

7:20pm -7:35 pm A (M)OTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE: TWO FEMINIST VISIONS

EMBEDDED CONFERENCE OPENING

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

7:20pm-7:30 pm Opening Invocation - Agnes Williams (USA, Seneca)

7:30pm-7:35pm Welcome words of Andrea O'Reilly (Canada)

7:35pm-9:05pm GIFT ECONOMY KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 1

A Maternal Humanity and the Gift Paradigm - Genevieve Vaughan (USA, Italy)

Feminist thinking in Context of African Experience in the Struggle for Space, Place and Contribution to Human Prosperity - Wahu Kaara (Kenya)

9:05pm-10:35pm MATRIARCHAL STUDIES KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 1

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

Matriarchies as Mother-centered Societies - Heide Goettner-Abendroth (Germany)

Listen to Your Mother - Barbara Mann (USA, Seneca)

Saturday, October 24, 2009

**A (M)OTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE: TWO FEMINIST VISIONS
EMBEDDED CONFERENCE (FULL DAY)**

(*ALL EMBEDDED CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND SPEAKERS IN VANIER
RENAISSANCE ROOM, VANIER COLLEGE ROOM 001)

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

9:30am-11:00am SESSION 1: GIVING AND MOTHERS

Legacy of Gift Giving Mothers - Debbie Winegarten (USA)

A Poetics of the Placenta: Placental Cosmology as Gift and Sacred Economy
- Nané Jordan (University of British Columbia)

The Future has an Ancient Mother: the African Legacy
- Lucia Chiavola Birnbaum (Italy, USA)

From Destiny to Choices - Paola Melchiori (Italy)

11:00am-11:15am BREAK

11:15am-12:45pm SESSION 2: THE GIFT IN SOCIETY AT LARGE

Restoring the Feminine in Education, Economics and All Our Institutions
- Nina Simons (USA)

**Egalitarianism and Nonviolence as Gift of Life – the KhoeSan of Southern Africa
and Lang Elsie of the Hessequa in the Overberg** - Bernedette Muthien (South Africa)

Giving, Taking, Giving Back, and Eco Centric Gift Economy
- Mechthild Hart (USA, Austria)

Feminism, Gift-Giving, Matriarchy - and Anarchism - Erella Shadmi (Israel)

11:15am-12:15pm *SPECIAL ARM/MAMAPALOOZA FILM
SCREENING*****

“The Motherhood Movement ~ You Say You Want a Revolution, The Film”

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

12:45pm-1:45pm LUNCH BREAK

12:45pm-1:45pm*SPECIAL ARM/MAMAPALOOZA FILM SCREENING*****
“The Motherhood Movement ~ You Say You Want a Revolution, The Film”

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

1:45pm-3:15pm SESSION 3: ASPECTS OF MATRIARCHAL CULTURES

The Meaning of Motherhood by the Berber of North Africa

- Malika Grasshoff (Germany, Berber-Kabyle)

The Most Sacred Ritual on Palau: Initiation of a Mother after First Childbirth

- Gudrun Frank-Wissmann (Germany)

Andean Spirituality: Maternal Thinking and Inclusive Community

- Mary Louise Stone (USA)

What Can we Learn from Matriarchal Societies? - Mariam Irene Tazi-Preve (Austria)

3:15pm-3:30pm

BREAK

3:15pm-4:15pm *SPECIAL ARM/MAMAPALOOZA FILM SCREENING*****

“The Motherhood Movement ~ You Say You Want a Revolution, The Film”

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

3:30pm-5:00pm

SESSION 4: ASPECTS OF MATRIARCHAL SPIRITUALITY

Divine Motherhood: The Case of Ancient Greece - Marguerite Rigoglioso (USA)

Peacewalk through the Mother and Daughter Bear Constellations: Bearings of Love and Indomitability for our Maternal Humanity - Kalli Rose Halvorson (USA)

Yoga Ethnochoreology: Bodily Practices/ Matriarchal Collectivizing Memory

- Nadine McNeil (Jamaica)

Priestessing on the Edge of Chaos - Decolonization as revelation to matriarchal spirituality. A brief look at the Babaylan of the Philippines - Past Present and Future - Letecia Layson (Philippines)

4:30pm-5:30pm

*****SPECIAL ARM/MAMAPALOOZA FILM SCREENING*****

“The Motherhood Movement ~ You Say You Want a Revolution, The Film”

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

5:00pm-6:30pm

DINNER BREAK

6:30pm-8:00pm

GIFT ECONOMY KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 2

Gift Giving, Mothering, and Ancient Ways - Pilwha Chang (Korea)

The Scientific Underpinnings of Matriarchal (Mother-Based) Social Organization & Gift Economy Behaviors – Vicki Noble (USA)

8:00pm-9:30pm

MATRIARCHAL STUDIES KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 2

About the Life of a Juchitecan Mother - Marina Meneses (Mexico, Juchitàn)

Khasi Matriarchal Social Structure: Tradition and Incessancy - Valentina Pakyntein (India, Khasi)

9:30pm-10:00pm

SATURDAY NIGHT CLOSING SPEAKER

World Icons of Mothers and Grandmothers - Lydia Ruyle (USA)

Sunday, October 25, 2009

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

9:30am-11:00am A (M)OTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE SPECIAL GUESTS

(Vanier Renaissance Room, Vanier College 001)

The Gift of Mothering - Sobonfu Somé (Burkina Faso, Africa)

Original Instructions Practised Today: Law of Peace and Code of Handsome Lake

- Agnes Williams (USA, Seneca)

Book Presentation – *Societies of Peace* – Heide Goettner-Abendroth (Germany)

11:00am-11:15am BREAK

**11:15am-12:45pm A (M)OTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE SESSION 5
PANEL: POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GIFT
PARADIGM FOR FEMINIST TRANSFORMATION**

(Vanier Renaissance Room, Vanier College 001)

Mothering Values as the Source of Sustainable Eco Village Building

- Angela Dolmetsch (Colombia)

**Myths of "Progress": Women, the Gift Paradigm, Gender Relations and the
Patriarchal Growth of the Modern World System (1400-2000) - Linda Christiansen-
Ruffman (Canada)**

The Demise of the Gift Giving Welfare State in Finland – Kaarina Kailo (Finland)

Political Significance of the Gift Paradigm for Feminist Transformation

– Angela Miles (Canada)

ENVIRONMENT SESSION G1: ECOLOGY AND MOTHERHOOD

(McLaughlin College Screening Room 001)

CHAIR - Pat Miller-Schroeder (University of Regina)

**Primate Mothers, Maternal Strategies and the Environment– Pat Miller-Schroeder
(University of Regina)**

Mother Nature, the Nature of Mothers, and Natural Law

– J. Clifford Fox (Virginia Commonwealth University), Deirdre M. Condit (Virginia
Commonwealth University)

**Mother-Earth, Mother-Creature, Mother-God—An Ecological Perspective on
Mothering**

- Sarah Schroerlucke (Yale Divinity School)

ENVIRONMENT SESSION G2: MOTHERS AND FOOD PROVISION

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR - Grace Bosibori Nyamongo (Dartmouth College)

The Impact of Food Security on Women's Mental Health Negatively Affects Children's Health and Development – Laura Collins (York University)

Farming and Food Provision: The Challenges of Mothering with Reduced Resources - Grace Bosibori Nyamongo (Dartmouth College)

ENVIRONMENT SESSION G4: MOTHERING AND ACTIVISM

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR - Anya C. Lapham (Family Educator, Head Start)

As If Our Roots Were Common: A Theoretical History of Alliance, Beyond Oppositional

- Anya C. Lapham (Family Educator, Head Start)

Maternal Politics and Birth Activism in Ireland - Christina Bermingham (Dublin City University)

Third World Perspective on Mothering – Myrla Baldonado (Community Organizer; Environmental Activist)

12:45pm-2:00pm

LUNCH BREAK

2:00pm-3:30pm

**A (M)OTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE
EMBEDDED CONFERENCE CLOSING PANEL**

(Vanier Renaissance Room, Vanier College 001)

A (M)otherworld is Possible – **Matriarchal Visions of a Future of Peace**
General discussion with all keynote speakers, presenters, and public

ENVIRONMENT SESSION H1: METAPHORS AND MYTHOLOGY

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR – May Friedman (York University)

“ O Mother Where Art Thou” : A Re-Examination of the Waning Metaphor 'Mother Earth' - Elizabeth Wilkinson (Yale University)

Ecomythology and the Politics of Representation: Towards Decolonization of the Eurocentric Imaginary – Kaarina Kailo (University of Oulu, Finland)

Motherhood Myth and Its Effects on Women in Contemporary Japan
- Yukiko Toda (Sugiyama Jogakuen University, Japan)

ENVIRONMENT SESSION H2: PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR – J. Clifford Fox (Virginia Commonwealth University)

Is Pregnancy Essential? – Deirdre M. Condit (Virginia Commonwealth University),
J. Clifford Fox (Virginia Commonwealth University)

‘I’d Have Rather it Had Happened to Me’: Daughter/Mother and Other Significant Relationships During Pregnancy for Women with Pre-Existing Diabetes
- Gayle Letherby (University of Plymouth, U.K)

The Cultural Performance of *Birth* – Kryn Freehling-Burton (Oregon State University)

ENVIRONMENT SESSION H3: WORKSHOPS: MOTHERING AND ART

(McLaughlin College Screening Room 001)

Induced – Liz Schrenk (Visual Artist; Photographer)

Gestating Art: A Collective Earth-Based Inquiry – Wende Bartley (Composer; Sound Artist), Barbara Bickel (Southern Illinois University Carbondale), Nané Ariadne Jordan (University of British Columbia).

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