



CALL FOR PAPERS

The editorial board is seeking submissions for Vol. 7.1 of the *Journal of the Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement (JMI)* to be published in spring/summer 2016

MOTHERS, MOTHERING, AND MOTHERHOOD IN LITERATURE (Fiction, Poetry, Drama, Life Writing, Creative Non-Fiction, Social Media)

In 1976, Adrienne Rich broke new ground with her text *Of Woman Born*, in which she challenged scholars to confront their tendency to avoid discussions of motherhood, observing: “We know more about the air we breathe, the seas we travel, than about the nature and meaning of motherhood.” Rich’s book helped to launch the academic study of mothering in literature, as evidenced by the publication of several key texts: *The Lost Tradition: Mothers and Daughters in Literature* (1980), *Mother Puzzles: Daughters and Mothers in Contemporary American Literature* (1989), *Women’s Fiction Between the Wars: Mothers, Daughters, and Writing* (1998), *This Giving Birth: Pregnancy and Childbirth in American Women’s Writing* (2000), and *Textual Mothers, Maternal Texts* (2010). The aim of this issue is to advance the study of maternal representations in literary texts throughout history, across diverse narrative genres (fiction, poetry, drama, life writing, creative non-fiction, and social media), and from various maternal perspectives (nationality, ethnicity, race, class, ability, sexuality, ability, age, etc.). Papers from a wide range of disciplines and cultural perspectives, both theoretical/scholarly and creative (stories, narrative, creative non-fiction, poetry) are highly encouraged.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Articles should be 15-18 pages (3750 words) including references. All should be in MLA style, WordPerfect or Word and IBM compatible.

Please see our style guide for complete details:

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