

**The Association for Research on Mothering (ARM)
Mothering, Violence, Militarism, War and Social Justice Conference
with embedded Motherhood Movement Conference**

October 23-26, 2008

McLaughlin College/Vanier College - York University, Toronto, Canada

We are thrilled to announce that this conference will feature the touring Motherhood Exhibit – **MOTHER: THE JOB, Building Human Capital, Building Human Beings, which puts an economic yardstick to the work of mothers. The exhibit consists of a short film, sculpture, photography, domestic artifacts, original writings and integrated art forms portraying the day-to-day life of the mother and her intricate relationship with her child, conveying the passion, intelligence and intuition that go into this, the world's most important job. The exhibit will be open throughout the conference and attendees are encouraged to put it on their agenda.

“I loved the film!” - Ann Crittenden, author of *The Price of Motherhood, Why the Most Important Job in the World is Still the Least Valued*

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

2:00pm-5:00pm CLOSED MEETING: IOF PROJECT:

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

**“Mother Centres, Feminist Pedagogy, and Young Motherhood: Creating
Empowerment Programming for Young Mothers”**

Thursday, October 23, 2008

10:00am-12:00pm CLOSED MEETING:

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

**Advisory Board for the
*Journal of the Association for Research on Mothering***

11:30am-1:30pm REGISTRATION

(Common Space near McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

1:30pm-3:30pm MOTHERS AND ACTIVISM – SESSION A1

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR — Dorsía Smith Silva (University of Puerto Rico)

The Raging Grannies: Activist Grandmothering for Peace – Jennifer Pedersen
(University of Wales, Aberystwyth)

The Anti-War Activism of the Raging Grannies – Dana Sawchuk (Wilfrid Laurier
University)

Politics of Motherhood and the Experience of the Mothers of Peace in Turkey –
Özlem Aslan (Feminist Activist, Turkey)

Virtual Justice: Online Communities and the Merits and Limits of the BlogHer Act
– May Friedman (York University)

MILITARISM, VIOLENCE AND MOTHERING – SESSION A2

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR – Diana Gustafson (Memorial University)

Militarizing Motherhood and Constructing Femininities: The Militarization of American Mothers Living in One Small Midwestern Town

– Michelle Gardner-Morkert (Concordia University)

"I Knew A Lot About Things, Long Before I Should Have": Family Violence as a Challenge to Healthy Reproductive Lives – Diana L. Gustafson (Memorial University)

YOUNG MOTHERHOOD – SESSION A3

(McLaughlin College Master's Dining Hall Room 049)

CHAIR – Anita Shaw (University of Northern British Columbia)

Adolescent Pregnancy: Missteps, Choices, and the Good Girl Life Plan

- Anita Shaw (University of Northern British Columbia)

Mothering (and Helping to Create) Activists: Reflections on Service Learning Pedagogy - Deborah Byrd (Lafayette College)

Young Mothers, Violence and Social Exclusion: An Ethnographic Study in London

– Naomi Rudoe (Open University)

3:30pm-3:45pm **BREAK**

3:45pm-5:45pm **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN – SESSION B1**

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR – Deirdre Condit (Virginia Commonwealth University)

The War on Women's Bodies in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

– Kim Stymest (University of Toronto)

Rape: A Cross-Cultural Look at the Uses of Sexual Violence – Margie Serrato (Texas A&M University)

Talking About Violence Against Women During Childbirth: A Taboo ?

– Hélène Vadeboncoeur (Childbirth Researcher)

Cyber-Soldiers and Cyber-Moms: The Deployment of Reproductive Technologies in the Prosecution of Modern War – Deirdre M. Condit (Virginia Commonwealth University)

MOTHERING, MASCULINITY AND VIOLENCE IN LITERATURE
– SESSION B2

(McLaughlin College Master's Dining Hall Room 049)

CHAIR -Susan Mayberry (Alfred University)

Forced to Enjoy? An Analysis of Representations of Mothers Who Commit Infanticide in Dutch Literary Fiction – Josje Weusten (Maastricht University)

Putting down Parking Lots out there in Unpaved *Paradise*: Toni Morrison [En]counters Frontier Masculinity – Susan Mayberry (Alfred University)

The Biafran War, Nigerian Nationalism, and Mothering in Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's *Half of a Yellow Sun* – Jocelyn Fenton Stitt (Minnesota State University)

Performing Totalitarian Masculinities: Violence against Mothers and Children in Ramabai Espinet's *The Swinging Bridge* and Patricia Powell's *Mi Dying Trail* – Dannabang Kuwabong (University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras)

MOTHERS AND VIOLENCE – SESSION B3

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR – Brenda McGadney-Douglass (Social Work Educator, Researcher, Writer)

Domestic Violence Against Women: A Comparative Assessment of Differential News Accounts in Print Media of Abused Mothers from Industrialized and Developing Countries – Rebecca Kitcher (Washington University)

'Why is Daddy Hitting Mommy?': The Epidemic of Domestic Violence in Puerto Rico – Dorsía Smith Silva (University of Puerto Rico)

Mothers in Mind: *Issues and Intervention for Abused Women and their Young Children* – Angelique Jenney (University of Toronto), Josephine Mazzuca (University of Toronto), and Ramona Alaggia (University of Toronto)

MOTHERING AND FEMINISM – SESSION B4

(McLaughlin College Screening Room 001)

CHAIR – May Friedman (York University)

Ambivalence, Paradox, and Mothering in Postfeminist Times – Amber E. Kinser (author of *Mothering in the Third Wave*; Eastern Tennessee State University)

Expanding Politics: Private and Public Motherhood - Alicia Claire Gauch (University of Dublin, Trinity College, Ireland)

Palestinian Versus Western Mothering: Reconsidering Dichotomies in Representation - Cortney Pasternak (York University)

***All Day*, (Movie) Screening** – Alexia Nye Jackson (Mother: The Job)
<http://www.motherthejob.org/AllDayMovie.html>

5:45pm-7:00pm

DINNER (on your own)

..... Motherhood Exhibit – MOTHER: THE JOB.....

**7:00pm-9:00pm VIOLENCE, MILITARISM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
KEYNOTE PANEL 1 (*MOTHER OUTLAWS*)**

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

WORDS OF WELCOME and CHAIR – Jessica Burstrem (Conference Committee Member)

Seeds for the Planting: Generative Mothering as a Figure of Peace– Sara Ruddick
(Author of *Maternal Thinking: Toward a Politics of Peace*)

Gender Based Violence against Women in Military Occupation and Conflict in the Caribbean – Flavia Cherry (Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action)

I am a Lawyer: I am a Mother - Am I a Lawyer? Black Feminist Thoughts on Lawyering and Mothering, a Paradigm Shift from Southern Africa to the West
– Tiisetso Russell (OISE/University of Toronto)

9:00pm-10:30pm RECEPTION

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

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Friday, October 24, 2008

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

(Common Space near McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

**9:00am-11:00am MOTHERING IN THE MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY
-SESSION C1**

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR – Fiona J. Green (University of Winnipeg)

'Missing White Woman Syndrome': An Investigation of Perinatal Uxoricide and Colonial Violence, 2002-2004– Jennifer Musial (York University)

War and Motherhood in Television Drama – Anne MacLennan (York University)

MOTHERHOOD AND LITERATURE – SESSION C2

(McLaughlin College Master's Dining Hall Room 049)

CHAIR – Josje Weusten (Maastricht University)

Mothering in the Midst of Violence: Two Perspectives on Infanticide
– Kim Fordham (University of Alberta)

Telling Lies and Finding Forgiveness: Locating Lacan and Derrida in We Need to Talk about Kevin – Kate Doyle (York University)

Women in the Literature of *Hadith*: Legal and Sociological Ramifications
– A. O. Shuriye (International Islamic University, Malaysia)

Écrivaine Engagée in Lieu of Motherhood in Julia Álvarez's Works
– Karen Floeckher (University of Cincinnati)

MOTHERING CHALLENGES – SESSION C3

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR – Brenda McGadney-Douglass (Social Work Educator, Researcher, Writer)

Breastfeeding in Cyberspace: Electronic Embodiment and the Gender Politics of Mobility – Rebecca N. Ruhlen (University of North Carolina, Charlotte)

DisAbled Mothering—Building a Safe and Accessible Community - Jewelles Smith, (DAWN-RAFH Canada)

Australian Motherhood: From Gallipoli to Iraq, Raising Boys in a Culture of Mateship – Kitty Carra (Editor of the Brisbane Feminism Online newsletter)

**CRIMINALIZED MOTHERS AND PATHOLOGIZED FAMILIES
– SESSION C4**

(McLaughlin College Screening Room 001)

CHAIR – Deborah Byrd (Lafayette College)

Voices of Resistance: Stories of Psychological and Emotional Violence Against Mothers Behind Bars - Bonnie M. Winfield (Lafayette College) and Amanda Pisetzner (Lafayette College)

Gun Violence and Pathologized Families: A Critique of the Single Mother/Absentee Father Discourse in Toronto – Erica Lawson (University of Western Ontario)

11:00am-11:15am BREAK

11:15am-1:15pm MOTHERING, REVOLUTION AND WAR – SESSION D1

(McLaughlin College Screening Room 001)

CHAIR - Jody Lisberger (University of Rhode Island)

Internally Displaced Women in Northern Ghana: Stories of Indigenous Conflict Strategies and Personal Experiences of Survival During the 1994 Guinea Fowl War
– Brenda McGadney-Douglass (Social Work Educator, Researcher, Writer)

“Payback is a mother fucker”: Women and the Vietnam War--A Story
-Jody Lisberger (University of Rhode Island)

Mothers of Sacrifice: Public Pride and Private Pain – Suzanne Evans (Writer)

MOTHERING, GENDER, PEACE AND VIOLENCE– SESSION D2

CHAIR – Anne MacLennan (York University)

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

A Feminist Approach to Mothering Boys – Jessica B. Burstrem (University of Arizona)

Mighty Hearts, Mighty Wombs: Relating to Mariane Pearl from the Perspective of a Journalist/Mother-to-Be – Lisa Chiu (Case Western Reserve University)

MATERNAL IDENTITIES – SESSION D3

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR – Fiona Green (University of Winnipeg)

Intercountry Adoption: The Strength of Emotional Attachment between Mother and Child in Relation to Resilience – Marlene Pomrenke (University of Manitoba)

Virtual Mothering: Korean Birthmothers' Mothering on the Website
-Hosu Kim (Fordham University at Lincoln Center)

Static in Motion: Queer Mothering Identities

Jennifer Ajandi (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education/University of Toronto)

MOTHERING AND POVERTY – SESSION D4

(McLaughlin College Master's Dining Hall Room 049)

CHAIR - Anat Maor (The Open University, Ruppin Academic Center)

Mothering on the Edge of Chaos: The Challenges of Motherhood in Nigeria's Niger Delta - Charles Ukandu (University of Liverpool)

The Un Justice of the Globalization For most Women - Anat Maor (The Open University, Ruppin Academic Center)

Poor Women's Health-Seeking Behaviour in Pregnancy: A Case in Urban Mexico – Teresa E. Cueva-Luna (El Colegio de la Frontera Norte)

1:15pm-2:30pm LUNCH (on your own)

..... **Motherhood Exhibit – MOTHER: THE JOB.....**

2:30pm-4:30pm QUEERING THE FAMILY I – SESSION E1

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR - Serena Patterson (North Island College)

What is Same Sex Marriage For? – Doreen Fumia (Ryerson University)

Fitting In and Standing Out: Two Generations of Rural Lesbian Mothers Talk about Lived Experience – Serena Patterson (North Island College)

Performing Lesbian (M)Othering in 5 Acts of (Re)Presentation – Joani Mortenson (University of British Columbia)

Negotiating Motherhood in GLTB Families – Melina McConatha Rosle (YWCA)

MOTHERING AND MILITARISM – SESSION E2

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR – Rebecca N. Ruhlen (University of North Carolina, Charlotte)

Gendered Militarized Maternalized Behaviours and the Politics of Everyday Life in Communist Romania - Oana Petrica (York University)

Mothering in the Aftermath of War: Korean Diaspora and U.S. Militarism
– Grace M. Cho (College of Staten Island)

New Humanitarianism and the Nuclear Family - Megan MacKenzie (Harvard University)

FILM SCREENINGS AND DISCUSSION– SESSION E3

(McLaughlin College Screening Room 001)

CHAIR - Jill Evans Petzall (University of Missouri, Honors College)

Just Another War – Lorna Ann Johnson (Filmmaker)

Breaking the Bough: Mothers and Their Children Fall First AND Veronica's Story
– Jill Evans Petzall (University of Missouri, Honors College)

MOTHERING, REVOLUTION AND WAR – SESSION E4

(McLaughlin College Master's Dining Hall Room 049)

CHAIR - Eveline Milliken (University of Manitoba)

The War Zone within Education for Aboriginal Social Work Students
– Eveline Milliken (University of Manitoba)

War Widows in Kosovo-Dominika Cieřlikowska (Warsaw School of Social Psychology)

The Duel of Selves: Reconfiguring Nationalism on the Journey to Motherhood
– Elena Neiterman (McMaster University)

4:30pm-4:45pm **BREAK**

4:45pm-6:30 **PERFORMANCE/WORKSHOP – SESSION F1**

(McLaughlin College Senior Common Room 140)

CHAIR – Mitzi Mitchell (York University)

Living Battlefield – Mitzi Mitchell (York University)

Photoseries Title: My Fault: depicts the psycho-emotional and physical terror of repetitive violence – Flavia Testa-Lytle (Mother/Artist)

MOTHERING AND PEACE – SESSION F2

(McLaughlin College Master's Dining Hall Room 049)

CHAIR – Deirdre Condit (Virginia Commonwealth University)

The Maternal Is Political: "On Raising Small Boys in a Time of War"
– Shari MacDonald Strong (Writer; Columnist, *Literary Mama*)

Ultrasound: An Examination of the Birth of Mother's Peace Movements

Around the Globe – Sara Jordan (Utah State University)

Supporting Peace for Mothers in Transition – Melina McConatha Rosle (YWCA)

VIOLENCE AND CHILDREN – SESSION F3

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR – Regina Edmonds (Assumption College)

Accidental Soldiers and Silent Hostages: Mothering an Autistic Child during the “War on Autism” – Norma Buydens (University of Saskatchewan)

What Has Become of Our Children?: The Transformative Impact of Profound Loss
- Regina Edmonds (Assumption College)

Vietnamerican Warchildren: Identity Politics and Identity Development
- Saskia Hooiveld (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)

Matrilineal and Christian Traditions: Moral Resources Against Ghanaian Female Subjugation – Patrick Tighe (University of Notre Dame)

MOTHERS AND ACTIVISM II – SESSION F4

(McLaughlin College Committee Room 223, 2nd floor)

CHAIR – Gisela Norat (Agnes Scott College)

“Flags of Our Mothers”: When Women Reenact Civil War Soldiers
– Roni Hoffman (York University)

Up in Arms! Latin American Women’s Militancy – Gisela Norat (Agnes Scott College)

6:30pm-8:00pm

DINNER (on your own)

..... **Motherhood Exhibit – MOTHER: THE JOB.....**

8:00pm-10:00pm

**THE MOTHERHOOD MOVEMENT
AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF MOTHERS 1:
KEYNOTE PANEL 2**

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR - Bettina Bradbury (Chair, School of Women’s Studies, York University)

“A room of one's own”: The Association for Research on Mothering and the Creation of a Feminist Community for Mother Academics and Activists
– Andrea O’Reilly (Association for Research on Mothering)

MOTHERS Uniting & Organizing For Change – The Next Step in Building a Mothers Movement – Linda Lisi Juergens (Mothers Out to Have Equal Rights [MOTHERS])

The Family in Balance – Melody L. Drnach (National Organization for Women [NOW])

Saturday, October 25, 2008

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

(Common Space near McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

**9:00am-11:00am MOTHERHOOD MOVEMENT: GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES
KEYNOTE PANEL 3**

(Vanier College Renaissance Room 001)

CHAIR – David Murray (Director, Graduate Programme In Women's Studies York University)

Mother Centers - An International Response to a Historic Need – Monika Jaeckel
(Mother Centres International Network for Empowerment [MINE])

Societies of Peace. Re-thinking Matriarchy - Heide Goettner-Abendroth (Academy for Matriarchal Studies and Matriarchal Spirituality, Germany)

Matriachal and Maternal Values can Change the World - Gudrun Frank-Wissmann
(MatriaVal eV – Matriarchal Values, Germany)

Constructions, Contradictions, Constraints and Challenges of Motherhood within the African/South African Context – Gertrude Fester (University of the Western Cape)

11:00am-11:15am BREAK

**11:15am-1:15pm THE MOTHERHOOD MOVEMENT
AND REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE
KEYNOTE PANEL 4**

(Vanier College Renaissance Room 001)

CHAIR – Linda Hunter (University of Guelph)

Safe Motherhood as the Starting Point for all Development - Ron Burdock (Save the Mothers)

“NO REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE, NO PEACE!?”: The War on Mothers in Communities of Color – Laura Jiménez (SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective)

How Law, Culture and Politics are Shaping a Pregnant Woman's Right to Decide and Control the Course of Pregnancy, Delivery and Birth – Tiloma Jayasinghe, Esq.
(National Advocates for Pregnant Women)

1:15pm-2:15pm LUNCH (on your own)

..... **Motherhood Exhibit – MOTHER: THE JOB.....**

**2:15pm-4:15pm THE MOTHERHOOD MOVEMENT AND CHILDREN:
ENDING VIOLENCE, SEEKING JUSTICE
KEYNOTE PANEL 5**

(Vanier College Renaissance Room 001)

CHAIR – Regina Edmonds (Assumption College)

Mothering and the Human Future – Enola Aird (The Motherhood Project)

Extending Mothering to the Bigger Picture: The Gift Economy - Genevieve Vaughan
(International Feminists for a Gift Economy)

Raising a Ruckus with CODEPINK: Women for Peace – Gayle Brandeis
(CODEPINK)

Mothers Opposing Violence Everywhere – Audette Sheppard (United Mothers
Opposing Violence Everywhere [UMOVE])

4:15pm-4:30pm

BREAK

4:30pm-6:30pm

**THE MOTHERHOOD MOVEMENT:
CREATIVITY, EXPRESSION, AND AGENCY
KEYNOTE PANEL 6**

(Vanier College Renaissance Room 001)

CHAIR – Andrea O’Reilly (York University)

Find your “M” Spot

- Joy Rose (President and Founder, Mamapalooza, Inc.), and Lynn Kuechle (Coordinator,
Mamapalooza Festival 2008)

LiteraryMama.com and the Politics of Maternal Publication – Amy Hudock
(Founder and Co-Editor of *Literary Mama*)

Well-Behaved Women – Jennifer Niesslein (*Brain, Child: The Magazine for Thinking
Mothers*)

A Magnificent Revolution – Juliana Forbes (Mothers Acting Up [MAU])
and Beth Osnes (Mothers Acting Up [MAU])

“Still Just Writing”: How an Imaginary Conversation with Anne Tyler Started
Mamazine – Amy Anderson (Co-Founder/Co-Editor Mamazine)

6:30pm-8:30pm BOOK/JOURNAL LAUNCH AND RECEPTION

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

- *Mothering in the Third Wave* (Kinsler, ed). *new DEMETER PRESS book
- *Captive Bodies* (Marotte) *new DEMETER PRESS book
- JARM Vol. 10.2 “*Mothers and Daughters*”

..... **Motherhood Exhibit – MOTHER: THE JOB.....**

**8:30pm-10:30pm THE MOTHERHOOD MOVEMENT AND THE
EMPOWERMENT OF MOTHERS II: ADVOCACY AND ACTIVISM
KEYNOTE PANEL 7**

(Vanier College Renaissance Room 001)

CHAIR – Andrea O’Reilly (York University)

Building a Mothers Movement From the Ground Up - A 35 Year Mothers' Center Journey – Lorri Slepian (National Association of Mothers’ Centres [NAMC])

Resistance in the US War on Single Mothers in Poverty and a Vision of the Future
– Pat Gowens (Welfare Warriors / Mother Warriors Voice)

Change Powered by Moms: Combining e-Advocacy with Ground-Based Organizing Strategies- Mary Olivella (MomsRising.org)

Opting In-- Can Women Have it All – Amy Richards (Author, Co-Founder Third Wave Foundation)

Sunday, October 26, 2008

9:00am-10:00am REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

(Common Space near McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

10:00am-11:45am MOTHERS, NATION AND NATIONALISM– SESSION G1

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

CHAIR - Rachel Simon-Kumar (The University of Waikato, New Zealand)

Aspiring Teachers’ Perceived Self and Mother Differences on 22 Prosocial Attributes – Jupian J. Leung (University of Wisconsin)

The Politics of Pain: Gender, Mourning, and the Punjab Crisis - Kamal Arora (Institute of Development Studies/University of Sussex)

Mothers as Productive Reproducers: Gender Subjectivities in the Population Policy of India – Rachel Simon-Kumar (The University of Waikato, New Zealand)

Perceived Mother and Father Differences on 22 Prosocial Attributes
– Jupian J. Leung (University of Wisconsin)

Violence Against Children in Uganda – Fredrick Charles Guluma and Hon MP Oleru Huda (Foundation for Development of Needy Communities NGO)

11:45am-12:00pm BREAK

**12:00pm-2:00pm WRAP UP – CONCLUDING SESSION H1
MOTHERHOOD MOVEMENT ROUNDABLE:
NEXT STEPS, FUTURE DIRECTIONS:
CREATING AN INTERNATIONAL MOTHERHOOD MOVEMENT**

(*light lunch will be provided)

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

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