

**Demonizing Mothers/Demonized Motherhoods:
Oppression and Resistance**
October 4th and 5th, 2013
323 Richmond Street East, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2013 (ALL SESSIONS: 1ST FLOOR COFFEE ROOM)

6:00pm-7:00pm MEET AND GREET

7:00pm-9:00pm KEYNOTE

CHAIR – Andrea O'Reilly, York University

- Rebecca Bromwich, Carleton University/University of Ottawa, “When Motherhood is the Crime”
- Dr. Kerry Fast, Independent Editor, Writer, Researcher, *Mothering Meonnonite: New Directions*, “Whither Mothering Mennonite: Themes and Directions”
- Dr Gordana Eljdupovic, Editor, *Incarcerated Mothers*, “External and Internal ‘Demons’ in the Lives of Incarcerated Mothers”
- Kirstin S. Dane, Creator and Writer of Wood Turtle blog, “Gendered Islamophobia: Radicalizing the Image of Muslim Mothers”
- Regina Edmonds, Assumption College, “Casting Out our Demons: Debunking the Advice of "Experts" While Finding Affirmation in Other Voices”

9:00pm-11:00pm BOOK LAUNCH/RECEPTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2013 (ALL SESSIONS: 14th FLOOR)

9:30am-10:00am REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

10:00am-11:30am SESSION A

SESSION A1: MATERNAL REPRESENTATIONS 1

CHAIR – Catherine Bourland Ross, Southwestern University

- Florence Pasche Guignard, University of Toronto/York University, “Demonizing the “Bad Natural Mom”: A Comparison of Representations of Natural Parenting in Francophone Media”
- Merose Hwang, Hiram College, “The Colonial Roots to Racism and Motherhood: Depictions of Mothers in 1920-30s Korean Print Media”
- Sarah Sahagian, York University, “Why Is Everyone so Angry at Amy? A Critical Discourse Analysis of Western Media Responses to Amy Chua’s Memoir *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*”
- Tracy Crowe Morey, Brock University, “Terrorist Mothers Mothering Terrorists: The Critical Reception of Carmen Aguirre’s *Something Fierce: A Memoir of a Revolutionary Daughter*”

SESSION A2: MOTHERHOOD, TRAUMA AND BLAME

CHAIR – Diana L. Gustafson, Memorial University

- Christiana MacDougall Fleming, Memorial University, “Madness, Trauma, and Childbirth”
- Jennifer Fraser, University of Northern British Columbia, “Murdering Mothers? A Look at Infanticide within the Canadian Legal System”
- Terri Lee Miller, University of Toledo, “Mother Blame: Western Society’s Need for a Scapegoat”
- Alison Quaggin Harkin, University of Wyoming, “Sycorax and Her Sisters: 'Demon' Mothers and Their Children with Disabilities”

11:30am-11:45am **BREAK**

11:45am-1:15pm **SESSION B**

SESSION B1: MATERNAL REPRESENTATIONS 2

CHAIR – Betty Baba, University of Ottawa

- Christina Santos, Brock University, “Rescuing La Malinche from the Margins: From Demonic to "Good Enough" Mother”
- Catherine Bourland Ross, Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, “The Blame Game: Lucía Etxebarria’s Beatriz y los cuerpos celestes”
- Dr. Deborah Herman, York University, “The Good, Dead Mother and the Evil Stepmother: Splitting “Ashputtle, or the Mother’s Ghost in Two””
- Linn Baran, Independent Scholar, ““Drunk Mom' and Other Mothers Under the Influence: An Exploration of "Not Judging a Book by its Cover””

SESSION B2: MARGINALIZED MOTHERHOODS

CHAIR – Dr Gordana Eljdupovic, Editor, *Incarcerated Mothers*

- Melinda Vandenbeld Giles, University of Toronto, “Making Invisible: The Eradication of “Homeless Mothers” from Public Policy in Ontario, Canada”
- Vanessa Reimer, York University, “From Dirty Rejects to Promiscuity Pills: How Discursive Intersections of Slut-Shame and Mother-Blame Frame the “Problem” of Teen Pregnancy”
- Linda Hunter, University of Guelph, “Blaming Mother: Healthism, Stigma and HIV”
- Brianna Turgeon, Kent State University, “Poor Women, Poor Workers, Poor Mothers: Using Critical Discourse Analysis to Examine Status among Welfare Mothers”

1:15pm-2:30pm **LUNCH: ON YOUR OWN**

2:30pm-4:00pm **SESSION C**

SESSION C1: MATERNAL REPRESENTATIONS 3

CHAIR – Diana Gustafson, Memorial University

- Julie Singleton, York University, “The Good, the Bad and the Rest of Us: Privilege and Proclamations of Bad Motherhood in Three Motherhood Memoirs”
- Diana L. Gustafson, Memorial University, “Autonarratives About Maternal Absence: Epistemological and Methodological Musings”
- Sumerlee Samuels, University of Calgary, “Motherhood Begs to be Understood Differently: A Rationale for the Marriage of Motherhood and Hermeneutics”
- Hijin Park, Brock University, “Racializing Mother-blame in Acts of Violence Towards Children”

SESSION C2: MOTHERS, MOTHERING AND THE STATE

CHAIR – Linda Hunter, University of Guelph

- Tiffany Taylor, Kent State University, “Institutionalize Rhetoric and Tough Love: How Caseworkers Cope with Contradictions and Dilemmas of Mothering Ideology and Welfare-to-Work”
- Janine Collier, The University of Oklahoma, “The Ethnocentric Constraints of Motherhood”
- Betty Baba, University of Ottawa, “Polygamy: Criminalizing and Reconciling Sexual Inequality for Polygamous Families in Canada”
- Saara Greene, Allyson Ion (Presenter), Dawn Elston, Jill Chettiar, Gladys Kwaramba, Fatimatou Barry, Kerrigan Beaver, and Mona Loutfy, HIV Mothering Study Team, “(M)othering with HIV: How HIV-Positive Mothers Reconstruct Experiences of Health and Social Surveillance”
- Nicolette Lee, Cornell University, “Derrida's Maternal Hospitality”

4:00pm-4:15pm

BREAK

4:15pm-4:45pm

MOSIAC MAMAS CALICO BABIES: THE UNSPOKEN PIECES, PERFORMED BY JANINE COLLIER

6:30pm-9:30pm

CONFERENCE DINNER AT LOCAL RESTAURANT (ATTENDEES COVER COST OF THEIR MEAL)