

# **Mothers, Mothering and Motherhood From Ancient to Contemporary Times**

May 23-24, 2014, Athens, Greece

Hellenic Education & Research Center (HERC)

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## **FRIDAY, MAY 23 2014**

**9:30am-10:00am                      REGISTRATION**

**10:00am-12:00pm                  SESSION A**

### **SESSION A1: WORK AND MOTHERING**

**CHAIR** – Bruna Alvarez Mora, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

- Lea Caragata, Wilfrid Laurier University, “Juggling the Work/Care Nexus: The Experiences of Canadian Single Mothers”
- Jennifer Heisler, Oakland University, ““Not Now, Honey! I Have to Study!” Student-Mothers Managing Role Conflicts in Higher Education”
- Lee Murray, University of Saskatchewan, “Mothering and Academia: A Recipe for Disaster??”
- Terri Hawkes, York University, “Performing Breastfeeding: An Autoethnographic Narrative of Theory and Practice or Milkshake Lovers Unite!”

**12:00pm-12:30pm                  BREAK**

**12:30pm-2:30pm                  SESSION B1: MOTHERING CHILDREN**

**CHAIR** – Rachel Robertson, Curtin University

- Sophia Brock, The University of Sydney, “The Impact of the ‘Good Mother’ Concept on Identity Perception for Mothers With Children With Disabilities”
- Shari Orders, University of Ottawa, “M/othering Giftedness: How Mothers of Canadian Children Assessed as Gifted Make Meaning of the Gifted Construct and Participate in Educational Decision-Making.”
- Tola Olu Pearce, University of Missouri-Columbia, USA, “Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Providing for Children Under Economic Globalization in Nigeria”
- Rita Cameron-Wedding, Sacramento State University and Shaline Hunter, California Board of Community Corrections, “Grandmothering: Motherhood’s Second Shift”

### **SESSION B2: MATERNAL IDENTITIES**

**CHAIR** – Maria Andreoulaki, Greek Doula Orgnaization

- Faith Galliano Desei, Sofia University, “Transpersonal Experiences and the Emergence of Transpersonal Motherhood”
- Shauna Wilton, University of Alberta, “Family Policy and the Construction of the ‘Good Mother’”
- Einat Peled, Tel Aviv University & Hagit Sinai Glazer, McGill University, “The Perception of Motherhood Among Family Workers In Social Services Departments”
- Deirdre M. Donoghue, Independent Artist / Witte de With Centre for Contemporary Art, The Netherlands. “(M)Other Voices: The Maternal as an Attitude, Maternal Thinking and the Production of Time and Knowledge.”

**2:30pm-4:00pm**                      **LUNCH: ON YOUR OWN**

**4:00pm-6:00pm**                      **SESSION C**

**SESSION C1: MOTHERS, MOTHERING AND HISTORICAL LITERATURE**

**CHAIR** – Sarah Crook, Queen Mary, University of London

- Lynda R. Ross, Athabasca University, “Reading Ursula Bowlby’s Letters (1939-1940): First Time Motherhood in Theory and in Practice”
- Naomi Stadlen, Existential Psychotherapist, “‘A Grand Quarrel’: Mrs. Gaskell and Florence Nightingale”

**SESSION C2: MOTHERS AND MOTHERING IN POPULAR CULTURE**

**CHAIR** – Diana Gustafson, Memorial University

- Sarah Sahagian, York University, “Why is Everyone Mad at Amy? A Critical Analysis of Popular Reception to *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*”
- Jane Tolmie, Queen’s University, “Mommy-Blaming, Consent, & Choice in Twilight, 50 Shades”
- Patti Duncan & Kryn Freehling-Burton, Oregon State University, “Embedding Mother Studies across a Women and Gender Studies Curriculum”
- Nancy Barbour, Oregon State University, “The Spectacle of Monstrous Motherhood: Assisted Reproductive Technology and the Media”

**6:00pm-8:00pm**                      **RECEPTION: INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION**

**SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2014**

**9:30am-10:00am**                      **REGISTRATION**

**10:00am-12:00pm**                      **SESSION D**

**SESSION D1: MOTHERS & HEALTH & WELLBEING**

**CHAIR** – Lynda Ross, Athabasca University

- Sarah Crook, Queen Mary, University of London, ““This Terrible Tenderness: Intersections of Motherhood and Medicine in Mid-Twentieth Century Britain”
- Keira V. Williams, “Defending Depression: The Politics of Postpartum Mental Illness”
- Orna Donath, Tel-Aviv University, “A Sociopolitical Analysis of Regretting Motherhood”

## **SESSION D2: MOTHERS IN RELIGION & HISTORY**

**CHAIR** – Tola Olu Pearce, University of Missouri-Columbia, USA

- Kaley Ames, York University, “Medea as Mother”
- Valerie Heffernan, National University of Ireland Maynooth, “The Cultural Construction of Motherhood in Contemporary Germany”

**12:00pm-12:30pm**                      **BREAK**

**12:30pm-2:30pm**                      **SESSION E**

## **SESSION E1: MOTHERLINES, LITERATURE & NARRATIVE**

**CHAIR** – Gina Ko, Athabasca University & Naomi Stadlen, Existential Psychotherapist

- Gina Ko, Athabasca University, “Matroreform and Motherlines: Stories of Connection and Disconnection in passing on the Chinese Language”
- Anita Saini, Athabasca University, “Exploring Matroreform in Bicultural Mothers”
- Rachel Robertson, Curtin University, “Interruption and Repetition in Australian Motherhood Memoirs”
- Diana Gustafson, Memorial University, “Narrating maternal histories: Examining the relative merits of an intergenerational life history approach”
- Lee Murray, University of Saskatchewan, “Mothering and Sexual Abuse”

**2:30pm-4:00pm**                      **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**4:00pm-6:00pm**                      **SESSION F**

## **SESSION F1: MOTHERS, ACTIVISM & AGENCY**

**CHAIR** – Debbie Byrd, Lafayette College

- LO Shuk-ying, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, “Choice of Infant Feeding: Maternal Agency in Republican Shanghai, 1920s-1930s”
- Debbie Byrd, Lafayette College, “Young Moms in Canada, the U.S. and Great Britain: An Overview of Recent Research”
- Inneke F M Rumengan, University Manado, Treesje K Londa, Manado State University, and Desy M Mantiri, University Manado, “Minahasan Women as Powerful Agents of Change”

## **SESSION F2: REPRODUCTION**

**CHAIR** – Jane Tolmie, Queen’s University

- Maria Andreoulaki (Presenter), Greek Doula Organization and Laura Livierakos, Birth Voice, “Doula: From an Ancient Greek Word to a Modern Greek Reality”
- Bruna Alvarez Mora, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, “The Meaning of Motherhood in Contemporary Spain”
- Shatema Threadcraft, Rutgers University, “Reproductive and Caretaking Freedom in Marginalized Communities—Choice, Barriers and Context”
- Susan Hogan, University of Derby, “Exploring Birthing Identities: Transitions to Motherhood”