

**International Conference on Mothers and History: Histories of Motherhood**  
May 10-12, 2012, Pantages Hotel Toronto Centre, 200 Victoria Street

**THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012**

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

**9:00am-10:30am                    CONCURRENT SESSIONS A1, A2**

**A1: ROOM 1: “REPRESENTING MOTHERHOOD”**

**CHAIR** – Ruth Skilbeck, University of New South Wales

- Simone Kennedy, University of South Australia, “Absence in Childhood - a Symbolic Representation Through the (Dis) Order of Dreaming”
- Gaisheda Kheawok, Whispering Song School of Energy Medicine, “Ancestral Wisdom: A Tribal Perspective”
- Josie Elizabeth Davis, VIA Collective, “Documenting the Super: Portfolios of the Working Body: Mother, Machine, and the Self”

**A2: ROOM 2: “REGULATING MOTHERS”**

**CHAIR** – Melinda Vandenberg, University of Toronto

- Tanya Cassidy, National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM) – “Making Moral Mothers: Homes for Inebriates in Early Twentieth Century Ireland”
- Grace Bosibori Nyamongo, Kenyatta University, Kenya, “Childless Mothers: Challenges and Strategies for Redress”
- Patty Douglas, University of Toronto, “From Refrigerator Mothers to Feminine Warriors: Re/Educating Mothers in Late Modernity”

**10:30am-10:45am                    BREAK**

**10:45am-12:15pm                    CONCURRENT SESSIONS B1, B2**

**B1: ROOM 1: “MOTHERS WRITING: WRITING MOTHERHOOD”**

**CHAIR** – Tanya Cassidy, National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM)

- Linda Hunter, University of Guelph, “Maternal Politics: Representations of Motherhood During the Era of Classical Sociological Theory”
- Sonja Boon, Memorial University, “Tétans ... D’un Mauvais Lait: Bodily Memories of Wetnursing in Eighteenth-Century Life Writings”
- Katarina Carlshamre, Stockholm University, “Motherhood in Paradise? Mothers as Narrators in Contemporary Swedish Fiction”

**B2: ROOM 2: “MOTHERWORK”**

**CHAIR** – Jennifer Heisler, Oakland University

- Dorothy Chunn, Simon Fraser University, “Choosing Lone Motherhood: Historical Perspectives”
- Jennifer (Jenny) Jones, Queensland University of Technology, “Being a Mother With Young Adult-Children: Moral Horizons, Orientations and Occlusions”

- Diana Gustafson, Memorial University of Newfoundland, “Mothers, Daughters and Granddaughters: Activism as Show, Not Tell”

**12:15pm-1:30pm                    LUNCH: ON YOUR OWN**

**1:30pm-3:00pm                    CONCURRENT SESSIONS C1, C2**

**C1: ROOM 1: “REPRESENTING MOTHERS”**

**CHAIR** – Matthew Stewart, Simmons College

- Aidan Moir, York University, “Fashion, Celebrities, and Motherhood: Examining the Construction of the Celebrity Mother in Fashion Advertising”
- Laura Endacott, Concordia University, “The Mother Image”
- Matthew Stewart, Simmons College, “Mothering in Motion: Beauvoir, Irigaray and the Performative Maternal Situation”

**C2: ROOM 2: “THROUGH A DAUGHTER’S EYES: A NEW KIND OF MOTHERHOOD”**

**CHAIR** – Alexa Perez, VIA Collective

- Mariana Benites, VIA Collective, “Single Empowerment”
- Gaby Coloma, VIA Collective, “A Doctor Back Home, A Nanny in the United States”
- Alexa Perez, VIA Collective, “A Woman of Many Faces”

**3:00pm-3:15pm                    BREAK**

**3:15pm-4:15pm                    CONCURRENT SESSIONS D1, D2**

**D1: ROOM 1: “MOTHERLINES”**

**CHAIR** – Tanya Cassidy, National University of Ireland, Maynooth (NUIM)

- Gina Wong, Athabasca University, “Chinese Canadian Mothering: Bicultural Issues and Tensions”
- Eveline Milliken, Katherine Jessiman Tingley, and Hilary Taylor University of Manitoba, “Three Generations of Feminisms”

**D2: ROOM 2: “MOTHERING & BLOGGING”**

**CHAIR** – May Friedman, Ryerson University

- May Friedman, Ryerson University, "On Mommyblogs: Notes to a Future Feminist Historian"
- Kristin Yates Thomas, Northwestern University, “(Re)mediating Motherhood: How Mommy-Bloggers Have Reclaimed Mothering Expertise”

**4:15pm-4:30pm                    BREAK**

**4:30pm-6:00pm                    KEYNOTE PANEL 1**

**CHAIR** – Fiona J. Green, University of Winnipeg

- Lynn Kennedy, University of Lethbridge, “Birth and the Construction of Identity in the Old South”
- Stephanie J. Shaw, Ohio State University, “Grandmothers, Granny Women, and Old Aunts: The Antebellum Expansion of Slavery and its Consequences for Family Life”

- Patrizia Albanese, Ryerson University, “What Mothers Need But We May or May Not Get: A Historical Overview of Family Life and Policies Affecting Mothers with Young Children in Rural Ontario and Quebec”
- Kim Anderson & Jennifer Brant, University of Guelph, “Native Women and Mothering: Stories from Mid-Twentieth Century Algonquian Communities”

**FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2012**

**8:30am-9:00am                      REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**9:00am-10:30am                    KEYNOTE PANEL 2**

**CHAIR** – Rima Apple, University of Wisconsin, Madison

- Jodi Vandenberg-Daves, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, ““The Science of Motherhood”: Expert Advice and the Modern Mother in the Early Twentieth Century”
- Susan B. Boyd, University of British Columbia, “Regulating Maternal Autonomy”
- Jadwiga E. Pieper Mooney, University of Arizona, “The Politics of Motherhood and Women’s Rights in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Chile”

**10:30am-10:45am                  BREAK**

**10:45am-12:15pm                  CONCURRENT SESSIONS E1, E2**

**E1: ROOM 1: CANCELLED**

**E2: ROOM 2: “MATERNAL NARRATIVES”**

**CHAIR** – Becky R. Lee, York University

- Rebecca Bromwich, University of Ottawa, “Mothers/Motherhood and Oral Histories/Family Histories”
- Pauline E. Bullen, Brooklyn College, CUNY, “Motherlove: My Mother. Excerpts From a Black Womanist, Feminist Diary”
- Virginia Engholm, University of Kentucky, ““A Great Disappointment:” Miscarriage, Stillbirth, and Infant Loss in the Writings of Nineteenth Century Women”
- Gary Lee Pelletier, York University, “Happy Birthday Mom!”

**12:15pm-1:15pm                    LUNCH: ON YOUR OWN**

**1:15pm-2:45pm                    CONCURRENT SESSIONS F1, F2**

**F1: ROOM 1: “MEDIA & MOTHERHOOD”**

**CHAIR** – Youngae Lee, Louisiana State University

- Asemeh Ghasemi, University of Nottingham, UK, “Muslim Women, Motherhood and the Challenges of Working in Iranian Broadcast Media”
- Anne MacLennan, York University, “Shaping Views of Mothers Past: American Television, Collective Memory and Mothers in Historical Context on Television”
- Kathleen Pape, Antioch University Seattle, “To Be “Not Learned, Save in Gracious Household Ways:” A Hermeneutical Analysis of How the Consumer-Market Parenting Manuals Have Defined Women’s Roles as Mothers”

- Youngae Lee, Louisiana State University, “Adoptive Motherhood Discourse in the Media”

**F2: ROOM 2: “MOTHER TEXTS”**

**CHAIR** – Becky R. Lee, York University

- Cory Struder, Simmons College, “The Maternal Vampire: Reading Sheridan LeFanu’s ‘Carmilla’”
- Gail Keating, Penn State, “Alice Walker: In Praise of Maternal Heritage”
- Crystal Clark, Columbus State Community College, “Ethnic Consumption and Gene Trading: Mothering the Other in the Speculative Fiction of Octavia Butler”

**2:45pm-3:00pm**                      **BREAK**

**3:00pm-4:30pm**                      **CONCURRENT SESSIONS G1, G2**

**G1: ROOM 1: “NORMATIVE MATERNAL DISCOURSES OF 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURIES”**

**CHAIR** – Qiana Mestrich, ICP-Bard College

- Linda Ennis, York University, “Intensive Mothering: Imperfect Madness”
- Lori Johnstone, York Region Social Worker, “The Construction of Young Mothers Involved with Child Welfare”
- Qiana Mestrich, Michi Jigarjian, ICP-Bard College, Nona Faustine, “When We Do Both: Three Artists Balance Motherhood and Graduate School”
- Melinda Vandenbeld Giles, University of Toronto, “From Home to House: Neoliberalism, Maternal Pedagogy and the De-domestication of the Private Sphere?”

**G2: ROOM 2: “REPRESENTING MOTHERS”**

**CHAIR** – Roblyn Rawlins, The College of New Rochelle

- Roblyn Rawlins, The College of New Rochelle, “Negotiating, Reappropriating, and (Re)presenting Expert Knowledge of Motherhood: The Mothers’ Club of Cambridge, 1878-1904”
- Elizabeth Podnieks, Ryerson University, ““But the Other Problem—That of the Woman With Children”: Feminist Approaches to Mothering in the Inter-War Journalism of Vera Brittain”

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

**4:45pm-6:15pm**                      **CONCURRENT SESSIONS H1, H2**

**H1: ROOM 1: “EMPOWERING MOTHERS”**

**CHAIR** – Fiona J. Green, University of Winnipeg

- Wanda Thomas Bernard & Claudine Bonner, Dalhousie University, “An Ethic of Protection and Care: African Nova Scotian Mothers”
- Ruth Skilbeck, University of New South Wales, “Remembering Australia’s Forgotten Mothers: Identity and Colonial History”

**H2: ROOM 2: “REGULATING MOTHERS”**

**CHAIR** – Roblyn Rawlins, The College of New Rochelle

- Becky R. Lee, York University, “Unwed Mothers in Medieval England”
- Sophia Johnson, University of Sydney, “The Power of the Maternal Imagination: Envisioning the Corruptibility of the Womb from the Sixteenth Century to Contemporary Experiences”

- Alison Quaggin Harkin, University of Wyoming, ““Fit,” “Unfit,” and “Resistant” Mothering of Children with Developmental Disabilities: The Eugenics Movement to the Present”

**6:15pm-7:30pm**

**RECEPTION** (Includes a narrative performance by Amber E. Kinser, East Tennessee State University, entitled “Crafting Maternal Truths in Three Persons”)

**7:30pm-9:00pm**

**KEYNOTE PANEL 3**

**CHAIR** – Jodi Vandenberg-Daves, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

- Fiona J. Green, University of Winnipeg, “Practicing Feminist Mothering: Reflections by Mothers and Daughters”
- Rima D. Apple, University of Wisconsin, Madison, “Medicalization of Motherhood: Modernization and Resistance in an International Context”
- Rebecca Jo Plant, University of California, San Diego, “The Transformation of Motherhood in Modern America”

**SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012**

**8:30am-9:00am**

**REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

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

**KEYNOTE PANEL 4**

**CHAIR** – Andrea O’Reilly, York University

- Shari Thurer, Boston University, “Motherhood Update, 1995-Present”
- Wanda Thomas Bernard, Dalhousie University, “Black Women In Service: Lessons on Mothering and Othermothering from their Experiences Working in Post 1945 Halifax”
- D. Memee Lavell-Harvard, President, Ontario Native Women’s Association and Jeannette Corbiere Lavell, President, Native Women’s Association of Canada, “Aboriginal Herstory: The Equation of Native Mothers and Bad Mothers Throughout”
- Molly Ladd-Taylor, York University, “Mothers’ Rights and Human Rights: Activism and History”

**10:30am-10:45am**

**BREAK**

**10:45am-12:15pm**

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS I1, I2**

**I1: ROOM 1: “MOTHERHOOD & FEMINISM”**

**CHAIR** – Marie Porter, University of Queensland

- Terri Hawkes, York University, “Herstorically Speaking: ‘Mother-Subject’ or ‘Mother Object’? Theories of the Maternal in the Anglo-European and North American History of Feminist Theory”
- Marie Porter, University of Queensland, “Feminism and Motherhood”
- Andrea O’Reilly, York University. “Ain’t I a Feminist?: Matricentric Feminism, Feminist Mamas and Why Mothers Need a Feminist Movement/Theory of Their Own”

**I2: ROOM 2: “MOTHERWORK”**

**CHAIR** – Patrizia Albanese, Ryerson University

- Michala Hvidt Breengaard, University of Copenhagen, “Mater Matters”

- Patrizia Albanese, Ryerson University – “A Historical Overview of Family Life and Policies Affecting Mothers with Young Children in Rural Ontario and Quebec”
- Kim Anderson, author of *A Recognition of Being: Reconstructing Native Womanhood* and *Life Stages and Native Women: Memory, Teachings and Story Medicine*, & Jennifer Brant, Brock University, “Native Women and Mothering: Stories from Mid-Twentieth Century Algonquian Communities”
- Jennifer Heisler, Oakland University, “Mom...Are You a *Real* Teacher?": Examining the Dialectical Tensions of Identity in the Experiences of Homeschooling Mothers”

**12:15pm-12:30pm**                      **BREAK**

**12:30pm-2:00pm**                      **CONCURRENT SESSIONS J1, J2**

**J1: ROOM 1: “REPRESENTING MOTHERS”**

**CHAIR** – Tanja Tudhope, Wilfrid Laurier University

- Amanda Kane Rooks, CQ University, CQ University, Queensland, “Allied Performances: Motherhood and Female Sexuality in *Madame Bovary*”
- Karen Slattery & Ana C. Garner, Marquette University, “News Coverage of Patriotic Mothers of U. S. Soldiers During the Vietnam War: The Evolution of an Archetypal Image”
- Tanja Tudhope, Wilfrid Laurier University, “Escaping the Fetish: Understanding the Maternal”

**J2: ROOM 2: “MATERNAL ACTIVISM”**

**CHAIR** – Andrea O’Reilly, York University

- Jewelles Smith, MA, DAWN-RAFH Canada (DisAbled Women's Network), “The Right to Mother- DAWN-RAFH Canada-25 years of Activism for Reproductive Control of Our Bodies”
- Andrea O’Reilly, York University, “Maternal Activism as Matricentric Feminism: The History, Ideological Frameworks, Political Strategies and Activist Practices of the 21st Century Motherhood Movement