

**‘YOU SAY YOU WANT A REVOLUTION’:
THE MOTHERHOOD MOVEMENT OF THE 21st CENTURY
ARM embedded conference Oct 24-26, 2008**

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*

Friday, October 24

**8:00pm-10:00pm THE MOTHERHOOD MOVEMENT AND
THE EMPOWERMENT OF MOTHERS 1: ACTION AND CHANGE
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)

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

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

Saturday, October 25, 2008

**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 (International
ACADEMY HAGIA: 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

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

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

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

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 (Mamapalooza, Inc.), and Lynn Kuechle (Mamapalooza Festival 2008)

LiteraryMama.com and the Politics of Maternal Publication

– Amy Hudock (*Literary Mama*)

Welcome to the Club – 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 (*Mamazine*)

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

- *Mothering in the Third Wave* (Kinser, 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: Layering e-Advocacy with Traditional Ground-Level
Organizing Strategies-** Mary Olivella (MomsRising.org)\

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

Sunday, October 26, 2008

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)

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