

**“What Do Mothers Need?” Motherhood Scholars and Activists
Speak out on Maternal Empowerment for the 21st Century**
May 9, 2012, 8:00 am-10:00 pm, Pantages Hotel Toronto Centre, 200 Victoria Street

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012

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

9:00 am-10:40 am WORDS OF WELCOME & PANEL ONE: EMPOWERING MOTHERS

CHAIR – SUSAN BOYD, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLOUMBIA

- Paula Caplan, Ph.D., Fellow, Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, “Mothers and the Military: What It's Like, and How It Needs to Be”
- Sangha, Jasjit, Visiting Scholar, Centre for Women’s Studies in Education, OISE / University of Toronto, “South Asian Mothering: Negotiating Culture, Family and Selfhood”
- Lavell-Harvard, Dawn Memee President, & Corbiere Lavell, Jeannette, Ontario Native Women's Association, “What More Do You People Want: The Unique Needs of Aboriginal Mothers in a Modern Context”
- Gowens, Pat, Director Welfare Warriors, “Mothers Need Money--Motherwork IS Work”

10:40 am-10:55 am BREAK

10:55 am-12:20 pm PANEL TWO: MOTHERS, FAMILY & CHILDREN: HEALTH & WELL-BEING

CHAIR – FIONA GREEN, UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

- Ross, Loretta J., National Coordinator of the SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective, “African American Women Fight for Human Rights”
- Katz Rothman, Barbara, City University of New York, “What Mothers Need? Midwives!”
- Smith, Jewelles, MA, Researcher, Writer, Consultant, Activist, “DisAbled Mothers and the 21st Century: Finding Empowerment through Activism”
- Hewett, Heather, State University of New York at New Paltz, “What Mothers Need: Support for Caregiving During Chronic Disease and Disability”

12:20 pm-1:30 pm LUNCH

1:30 pm-2:55 pm PANEL THREE: MOTHERS, EDUCATION & SOCIAL CHANGE

CHAIR –ESTELLE SOBEL ERASMUS, MOTHERS & MORE

- Mattox, Kuae Kelch, National President of Mocha Moms, Inc., “Mothers on a Tightrope: Finding Balance with Everything on the Line”
- Slepian, Lorri, National Association of Mothers’ Centers, “National Association of Mothers' Centers: A Way to Get What Mothers' Need”

- Anderson, Kim, Wilfrid Laurier University, “Indigenous Mothers: Nurturing the Seventh Generation”
- Lewis, Gwen, Publisher, Hip Mama Zine, “A Culture That Does Not Support Parenting”

2:55 pm – 3:10 pm BREAK

3:10 pm- 4:40 pm PANEL FOUR: MOTHERS, PARTNERS & PARENTING

CHAIR – PATRIZIA ALBANESE, RYERSON UNIVERSITY

- Doucet, Andrea, Canada Research Chair in Gender, Work and Care, Professor of Sociology / Women's and Gender Studies, Brock University and author of "Do Men Mother?, “Breadwinning Mothers and Caregiving Fathers: Making a Case for Gender symmetry (and not Gender Equality) in Parenting”
- O'Brien Hallstein, Lynn, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, College of General Studies, Boston University “What do Mothers Need?: Not to Give up on Their Own Ambitions and Persistence in Securing Partner Participation in Family Life”
- Thomas Bernard, Wanda, Dalhousie University, “Beyond Baby Mama Drama: What Black Single Mothers Expect from the Fathers of their Children”
- Boyd, Susan, University of British Columbia, "Shared Parenting and Challenges for Maternal Autonomy"
- Epstein, Rachel, LGBTQ Parenting Network, “LGBTQ Parenting: Pushing the Boundaries of Sex, Gender and Family”

4:40 pm-4:50 pm BREAK

4:50 pm-6:30 pm PANEL FIVE: REDEFINING MOTHERHOOD

CHAIR – AMBER KINSER, EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

- Green, Fiona Joy, author of Practicing Feminist Mothering, "Moms under Surveillance: Noticing and Challenging the Idea of Legitimate Mothers"
- Erasmus, Estelle Sobel, Journalist and Director, Mothers & More, “Rebelling against ‘Mom’: Finding Fulfillment Beyond the Media's Myths of Motherhood”
- Wong, Gina, Athabasca University, “*Matroreform*: Empowering Mothers & Reforming Motherhood”
- Nelson, Margaret K. (Peggy), Middlebury College, author of Parenting Out of Control, “What Do Mothers Need: For Parenting to Get Under Control”
- O’Reilly, Andrea, York University, Director MIRCI, “Outlaw(ing) Motherhood: A Theory and Politic of Maternal Empowerment for the 21st Century”
- Warner, Judith, author of Perfect Madness: Motherhood in the Age of Anxiety, “Bait and Switch: Moving on from ‘Mommy Madness’”

6:30 pm-8:00 pm RECEPTION (Includes a musical performance by Laura Repo and launch of the book, *Academic Motherhood in a Post-Second Wave Context: Challenges, Strategies and Possibilities*)

8:00 pm-10:00 pm PANEL SIX: MOTHERS & WORK

CHAIR – BARBARA KATZ ROTHMAN, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

- Kinser, Amber, author of *Motherhood and Feminism*, East Tennessee State University, “At the Core of the Work/Life Balance Myth”
- Stone, Pamela, Professor, Department of Sociology, Hunter College and Graduate Center of the City University of New York, “Opting Out and Motherhood”
- Albanese, Patrizia, Ryerson University, “What Mothers Need But Don't Always Get: Overview of Family Life and Policies Affecting Mothers with Young Children in Rural Ontario and Quebec”
- Crowley, Jocelyn Elise, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, “What Mothers Want: Workplace Flexibility”