## Performing Feminist Motherhood: Outlaw Mothers in Music, Media, Arts and Cultural Expression May 16, 2008 - New York City, NY NOLA STUDIOS, 250 W.54th St. (Between Broadway and 8<sup>th</sup>)

8:30-9:15

#### **REGISTRATION AND WELCOME**

# 9:15am-11:15am REPRESENTING MOTHERHOOD AND THE VISUAL ARTS

## PANEL A

(STUDIO C: 11<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR – Rachel Epp Buller (Artist; Scholar)

Photographing the Future: The Convergence of Victorian Photographs and a 1976 Photographic Book Reveal Mother Daughter Relationships Denise Ferris (The Australian National University)

#### **Sally Mann and the Maternal Fetish** Berkeley Kaite (McGill University)

**The Kindness of Human Milk: Jess Dobkin's** *Lactation Station Breast Milk Bar* Charles Reeve (Ontario College of Art and Design)

**The Evolution of a Mother's Artwork, and What to do after the Babies Have Left Home** Myrel Chernick (Artist)

## PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP A

# (STUDIO 1: 10<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR - Rosie Rosenzweig (Brandeis University)

# MotherWriting II: Healing the Wounds

Rosie Rosenzweig (Brandeis University)

**Improvising and Re-visioning Mother-Child Encounters** Regina Edmonds (Assumption College)

Leaving Galilee: A Multi-Vocal Performance of a Black Mother's Northern Migration Evette Hornsby-Minor (Scholar; Performance Artist)

## MOTHERHOOD AS SOCIAL/CULTURAL ACTIVISM AND CRITICISM PANEL B

# (STUDIO 2: 10<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR- Paula Caplan (Harvard University)

**Rocking the Public Schools: How a Community of Mothers Take Back Their Neighborhood School** Tanya Anton (Writer)

**The Maternal Is Political: Sharing Our Stories** Shari MacDonald Strong (Editor, *Literary Mama*; Writer) Helaine Olen (Writer; Author)

**Presence, Paradox, and Process: Principles of the Feminine** Alana Ruben Free (Writer, Editor of *The Mom Egg*)

**Raising our Kids to be Peace Activists** Laura Finley (Western Michigan University)

#### FILM SCREENINGS AND DISCUSSION WORKSHOP B

# (STUDIO B: 11<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR- Kathleen Cummins

#### Latched

Jessica Numminen (Filmmaker)

*"Martyred Mom Cracks her Shackles!"* Elena TaJo (Psychologist; Filmmaker)

*The Seduction of Mary Day*: An Historical Representation of a Resisting Maternal Figure Kathleen Cummins (York University)

11:15am-11:30am

BREAK

11:30am-1:30pm

#### MOTHERHOOD AND VISUAL ARTISTS PANEL C

# (STUDIO B: 11<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR – Kathleen Cummins (York University)

**Expressing the End: A Visual Breastfeeding Chronicle** Rachel Epp Buller (Artist; Scholar)

## **The Maternal Figure in Almodóvar's Filmography** Maria R. Matz (University of Massachusetts, Lowell)

Carole Salmon (University of Massachusetts, Lowell)

**Becoming: Engaging in Cultural Dialogues for Authentic Transformative Motherhood** Amanda Emsley (Simon Fraser University)

**Spoilt Milk: Ambivalence and the Language of Casein** Denise Ferris (Australian National University)

## REPRESENTING MOTHERHOOD PANEL D

# (STUDIO C: 11<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR- Beth O'Connor

Mothers On- and Offline Lisa Chiu (Writer)

"You have to take it and own it": Teenage Mothers' Self-Representation as Cultural Activism in Yo' Mama Magazine Beth O'Connor (York University)

## Human versus Image – Mother and Child: Constructing Gender in Public Space by Means of Nonverbal Communication of Manikins

Tom Bieling (Design Research Lab, Deutsche Telekom Laboratories. Berlin/Germany)

## THE SOCIOLOGY OF MOTHERHOOD PANEL E

# (STUDIO 1: 10<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR- Andrea O'Reilly (York University)

**Scapegoating? The Making of the Teenage Mother** Sandra May (Memorial University of Newfoundland)

**Polluting Mama: Ecofeminism and the Maternal Body** Heidi Hutner (SUNY Stony Brook)

**Mothering and Disability: Producing New Paradigms of Normal** Ona Gritz (Writer; Author)

I'm gonna show you that I'm good and I can do the work, but you're gonna get this whole package deal": The Maternal Wall and Strategies of Resistance in Academe Andrea O'Reilly (York University)

## ACTIVISM WORKSHOP C

## (STUDIO 2: 10<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR - Laura Finley (Western Michigan University)

**Mommy Loudest: The Art of Self Promotion** Judy Davids (Author; Guitarist)

Having a Child without Losing Yourself? Amy Richards (Author; Co-Founder, Third Wave Foundation)

**Nurturing our Children, Nurturing our Art** Alana Ruben Free (Writer, Editor of *The Mom Egg*)

**Feminist Skip-Hop: Out in the Playgrounds, Out in the Streets** Jane Gavin-Hebert (St. Mary's University) Holly Taylor (St. Mary's University)

1:30pm-2:30pm

LUNCH (on your own)

2:30pm-4:30pm

## EXPERIENCING MOTHERHOOD PANEL F

# (STUDIO B: 11<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR – Denise Ferris (The Australian National University)

Living with and Transforming Loss for Mothers who Experience the Loss of a Baby Christine Jonas-Simpson (York University) Ann Bayly-Bruneel (Registered Art Psychotherapist) Eileen McMahon (Advanced Practice Nurse)

#### **Maternal Ambivalence: Motherhood and Authenticity** Joan Garvan (Australian National University)

**Mother and Teenaged Daughter in Light and Shadow** Jodi Vandenberg-Daves (University of Wisconsin-La Crosse)

**The Poetics of Pregnancy** Jesse Lee Curran (SUNY Stony Brook)

## CREATIVE WORK WORKSHOP D

# (STUDIO C: 11<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR- Paula Caplan (Harvard University)

**Bikini Monster and the '79 Chevy: The Cacophonic Chronicles of One Nefarious Punk Mutha** Erin Finley (University of Toronto)

**Mourning Memory: A Testimony of a Fragmented Body** Tamara Toledo (Visual Artist; Curator)

**Thank you Grandma D: An Artist Experiences Adoption and Motherhood** Mary Weidner (Carnegie Mellon University)

**What's Love Got To Do With It? Telling a Mother's Story In Poetry** Nan Byrne (Feminist Poet)

## MOTHERHOOD AND POPULAR CULTURE PANEL G

## (STUDIO 1: 10<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR – Charles Reeve (Ontario College of Art and Design)

**'The Bump is Back': Celebrity Moms, Entertainment Journalism, and the "Media Mother Police"** Elizabeth Podnieks (Ryerson University)

**Mothering, Postfeminism, and Gilmore Girls** Ritch Calvin (SUNY Stony Brook)

From the Personal to the Political: Towards a New Reading/Writing of Maternal Narrative Andrea O'Reilly (York University)

**From Supermom to Alpha Mom: How Feminist Notions of Choice and Control are Being Re-worked to Support a New Form of Intensive Mothering** Lynn O'Brien Hallstein (Boston University)

#### READINGS WORKSHOP E

## (STUDIO 2: 10<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR- Arielle Greenberg

Writing Motherhood: Poetry and National Disaster Nicole Cooley (CUNY, Queen's College)

Home/Birth: A Lyric Essay Arielle Greenberg (Columbia College) Rachel Zucker (Poet; Scholar)

Essay for Elsa Leah Souffrant (CUNY, New York)

4:30pm-4:45pm

BREAK

4:45pm-6:30pm

#### CREATIVE WORK ON MOTHERING AND IDENTITY WORKSHOP F

# (STUDIO B: 11<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR- Regina Edmonds (Assumption College)

## To Write, To Heal: A Mother's Journey

Ruth Panofsky (Ryerson University)

**Who's Your Daddy? Evolving Definitions of Motherhood in "Lotus Land"** Barbara Smith (Educator) Gen Creighton (University of British Columbia)

*Extraordinary Ordinary*: Motherhood in the Face of Outdated Ideology and Unrealistic Stereotypes Lynn Christine Kuechle (Minnesota State University Mankato)

## WRITING MOTHERHOOD PANEL H

## (STUDIO 1: 10<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

CHAIR- Marguerite Maria Rivas

(Re)Writing Motherhood: Bad Mother Chronicles and the Mama Zine Movement Raye Tibbitts (Writer; Instructor)

Morag Gunn: Canadian Literature's Original "Portrait of an Artist as a Pregnant Skivy" Nicole Berard (University of Saskatchewan)

**Riding the Rails: Motherhood, Creativity and Academia** Marguerite Maria Rivas (Borough of Manhattan Community College)

## CREATIVE WORK WORKSHOP G

## (STUDIO 2: 10<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

**CHAIR -** Rosie Rosenzweig (Brandeis University)

Myths and Ms: A Feminist Play Reading with Audience Feedback Rosie Rosenzweig (Brandeis University) **Freud's Mother Speaks Out** Paula Caplan (Harvard University)

## PERFORMING MOTHERHOOD PANEL I

## (STUDIO C: 11<sup>th</sup> FLOOR)

**CHAIR-** Joanne Minaker (MacEwan College)

**Performing Feminist Motherhood: Am I a Mother Outlaw?** Joanne Minaker (MacEwan College)

**Performing Motherhood: The Drama of Motherhood (What Hallmark Left Out)** Nurit Eini-Pindyck (Brandeis University)

**Mamafesto: The Agonies and Ecstasies of Performing Mother in the Academy** Deanna Shoemaker (Monmouth University)