



**CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS**  
Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement (MIRCI)

**MATERNAL SUBJECTIVITIES:  
PSYCHOLOGY/PSYCHOANALYSIS,  
LITERATURE, CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

**Rome, Italy**

**April 23-24, 2015**

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We welcome submissions from scholars, students, artists, mothers and others who research in this area. Cross-cultural and comparative work is encouraged. We are open to a variety of submissions including academic papers from all disciplines and creative submissions including visual art, literature, and performance art.

**Topics may include but are not restricted to:**

Maternal subjectivities in intersectional, global contexts; maternal ambivalence; mothers/mothering in literature; mothers and sons/daughters; representations of the maternal; mother love; psychoanalytic theory on/of mothers; mothers and psychotherapy; counselling approaches specific to mothers; maternal mental health and wellness; psychological processes in becoming a mother; mother's panopticon, attachment to and separation from mother; developmental stages as seen by classic theorists and the constraints of those models; feminist developmental models; feminist critique of the 'psy' discourses in relation to maternal subjectivities; feminist critiques of psychoanalysis/psychology/psychotherapy; mothering as reflexive practice; matroreform, feminist counselling; the social construction of mothers; images of mothers; mother blame/mother guilt; countertransference therapist-mother to client-mother; object relations theory; theories and theorists of maternal subjectivities (Melanie Klein, Helene Deutsch, Karen Horney, Luce Irigaray, Julia Kristeva, Nancy Chodorow, Jessica Benjamin, Joan Raphael-Leff, Daphne de Marneffe, Lisa Baraitser, Alison Stone); queering/queer maternal subjectivities; 'bad' mothering; feminist/empowered mothering; maternal subjectivities and disabilities; and maternal subjectivities in an historical context.

If you are interested in being considered as a presenter, please send a 200 word abstract and a 50-word bio by December 1, 2014 to [aoreilly@yorku.ca](mailto:aoreilly@yorku.ca)

**\*\* TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT FOR THIS CONFERENCE,  
ONE MUST BE A 2015 MEMBER OF MIRCI  
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