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**Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement (MIRCI)**

*Presents:*

**YOUNG MOTHERS AND EMPOWERMENT FORUM**

May 11-12, 2011, Toronto, Canada

**Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> DAY ONE: KING THEATRE II**

**Hyatt Regency Hotel on King:** 370 King Street West, Toronto ON

<http://www.torontoregency.hyatt.com> (416) 343-1234

**Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> DAY TWO: ROOM 713A**

Metro Convention Centre SOUTH Building: 222 Bremner Blvd., Toronto, ON

<http://www.mtccc.com/home.cfm> (416) 585-8000

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2011**

**9:00am-10:00am REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**(KING THEATRE II, HYATT REGENCY)**

**10:00am-11:30am YOUNG MOTHERS FORUM: SESSION 1: ADVOCACY**

**(KING THEATRE II, HYATT REGENCY)**

**CHAIR -** Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College

**1900: What Does Stable, Safe Affordable Housing for Young Families Mean to the Tenants of 1900 Sheppard?**

Louise Moody, Executive Director of Humewood House

Kinda Rodriguez and Grace Good, Tenants of 1900 Sheppard, Toronto

**Practical Strategies for Feminist, Anti-Oppressive Advocacy Work with Young Parents**

Heather Bergen, Housing Access Counsellor, June Callwood Centre for Women and Families

Gabrielle Collett, Housing Program Coordinator, June Callwood Centre for Women and Families

**Essential Elements of Teaching, Modeling and Producing Empowerment as Modeled in the Mothers' Center**

Lorri Slepian, Founder; Board Member, National Association of Mothers' Centers (NAMC)

**11:30am-11:45am BREAK**

**11:45am-1:15pm YOUNG MOTHERS FORUM: SESSION 2: AGENCY**

**(KING THEATRE II, HYATT REGENCY)**

**CHAIR -** Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College

**Mother is Her Child's First Teacher**

Jo Altilia, Founding Executive Director of Literature for Life

**Collaboration, Not Control: Working with Young Mothers in a Culture of Judgment**

Peggy Arcadi, Teen Pregnancy/Parenting Program, Tompkins County, New York

**The Generational Impact of Effective Mothering: Locating Resilience in Young Mothers within their Relationships with their own Mothers**

Dr. Regina M. Edmonds, Psychology Department; Women's Studies Program Coordinator, Assumption College

**1:15pm-2:30pm LUNCH (on your own) AND FILM SCREENING**

**"Setting the Record Straight: Teen Moms on Teen Motherhood" (25 min)**

**2:30pm-4:00pm**                    **YOUNG MOTHERS FORUM: SESSION 3: EDUCATION**

**(KING THEATRE II, HYATT REGENCY)**

**CHAIR** – Gina Wong, Athabasca University

**Partnering to Help Pregnant and Parenting Teens Go to College**

Dr. Deborah Byrd, Associate Professor of English and Women's and Gender Studies, Lafayette College

**Empowering Mothers through Feminist Praxis and Matroreform in Health Education, Support and Advocacy**

Fiona Joy Green, PhD, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, University of Winnipeg

Sharon Young, Acting Team Leader, Mothers Program Women's Health Clinic, Winnipeg, MB

**'I Discovered More than Book Knowledge': York University's Bridging Course for Young Mothers**

Andrea O'Reilly, York University and Students from 1900 Sheppard Bridging Course on Young Mothers

**4:00pm-4:15pm**                    **BREAK**

**4:15pm-5:45pm**                    **YOUNG MOTHERS FORUM: SESSION 4: HEALTH**

**(KING THEATRE II, HYATT REGENCY)**

**CHAIR** - Regina M. Edmonds, Assumption College

**Psychological Resistance to Marginalization among Young Black Mothers: Exploring the Contours of Wellness and Support**

Karen T. Craddock, Ph.D., Education Development Center, Inc.; Brandeis University

**Learning to Mother: Care Work and Identity Work**

Diana L. Gustafson, Associate Professor, Social Science and Health, Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University

**Grounded Theory Insights about the Health and Wellbeing of Young Immigrant Mothers**

Judith MacDonnell, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Health, York University

**Rethinking Prenatal Care for Young Mothers**

Wendy Peterson RN, PhD, School of Nursing, University of Ottawa

Jessica Reszel RN, BScN, School of Nursing, University of Ottawa

**THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2011**

**8:30am-9:15am**                    **REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**(ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)**

**9:15am-10:45am**                    **YOUNG MOTHERS FORUM: SESSION 5: ADVOCACY**

**(ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)**

**CHAIR** – Fiona Joy Green, University of Winnipeg

**Messages of Morality in MTV's "16 and Pregnant": Seeking Social Support**

May Friedman, Ph.D., School of Women's Studies, York University

**Reflexivity and Resistance in Young Mothers' Constructions of Identity**

Tanya Darisi, Doctoral Student, Applied Social Psychology, University of Guelph

**Empowering Young Mothers against Eating Disorders**

Dr. Gina Wong, Associate Professor; Chair, Graduate Centre for Applied Psychology, Athabasca University

**10:45am-11:00am**                    **BREAK**

**11:00am-12:30pm**                    **YOUNG MOTHERS FORUM: SESSION 6: AGENCY**

**(ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)**

**CHAIR** – Diana L. Gustafson, Memorial University

**Through Words and Action, Zines and Activism: How this Former Teenage Mother Overcame the Statistics, Abuse, and Prospects of Assumed Doomed Failure**

Heather Joy Jackson, Graduate Student, Counseling, University of North Dakota; Zine-Maker/Writer

**“You’re Not Sexy, You’re a Mom” Young Mothers Writing about Sex and Empowerment in Zines**

LaMesha Melton, Graduate Student, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota; Zine-maker/Writer

**Resilience: Stories of Single Black Mothers**

Lana Lovell, Documentary Filmmaker, Painted Media Production

**“Don’t Look Down on Me Because I Have One” Young Mothers Empowered in Contexts of Support**

Dr. Rachel Berman, School of Early Childhood Education, Ryerson University; Co-Director of Centre for Children, Youth and Families

**12:30pm-2:15pm**

**LUNCH (on your own)**

**2:15pm-3:45pm**

**YOUNG MOTHERS FORUM: SESSION 7: HEALTH**

**(ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)**

**CHAIR** - Regina M. Edmonds, Assumption College

**Mothering and the Recovery of an Ethical Self: Young Women’s Accounts of Disengaging from Injecting Drug Use During Pregnancy and the Early Post-Partum Period**

Fiona S. Martin, Sociologist, Department of Sociology, Dalhousie University

**Examining the Psychosocial Experiences of Social Exclusion and Adolescent Pregnancy and Mothering**

Sandy M. May, Graduate Student, Department of Women’s Studies, Memorial University

**“I Didn’t Know Back Then What I Do Now: I Still Can be Part of My Kids’ Lives.”**

Phyllis Montgomery, PhD, RN, Professor, School of Nursing, Laurentian University

Shannon Dowdall-Smith, PhD, RN, Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, Sudbury Regional Hospital

Pat Bailey, PhD, RN, Professor, School of Nursing, Laurentian University

**3:45pm-4:00pm**

**BREAK**

**4:00pm-5:30pm**

**YOUNG MOTHERS FORUM ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**(ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)**

**“YOUNG MOTHERS AND EMPOWERMENT: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?”**

**5:30pm-7:30pm**

**BOOK LAUNCH AND RECEPTION**

**(COMMON SPACE BY ROOM 713A; SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)**

- JMI Vol. 1.2 “*Mothering, Bereavement, Loss and Grief*”
- *21<sup>st</sup> Century Motherhood Movement: Mothers Speak Out on Why We Need to Change the World and How to do it* (O’Reilly, ed.) Demeter Press

**7:45pm-9:45pm**

**MOTHERHOOD ACTIVISM, ADVOCACY, AGENCY**

**KEYNOTE**

**(ROOM 713A, SOUTH BUILDING, METRO CONVENTION CENTRE)**

**CHAIR** – Gayle Brandeis, National Staff, CODEPINK: Women for Peace

**From Hip Mama to Rad Dad: Zines as an Organizing Tool in the Maternal Feminist Movement**

Ariel Gore, Founding Editor, *Hip Mama Magazine*

**“DHS Give US Back Our Children:” Low-Income US Moms Organizing to Stop Government Child Trafficking**

Pat Gowens, Founder, Welfare Warriors; Editor, *Mother Warriors Voice*

**Incarcerated Mothers: Mothers First and Foremost**

Karen Shain, Policy Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

**A Nation is Not Conquered: Mothers, Grandmothers, and Grassroots Activism in Aboriginal Communities**

D. Memee Lavell-Harvard, President, Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA)

Jeannette Corbiere Lavell, President, Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC)