

**The Maternal Wall of Academe:
Academic Mothers and Strategies of Resistance and Empowerment
February 27, 2009
Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University
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(Lecture Hall, Epstein)**

8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION/COFFEE**

8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. **Tour of Brandeis Women's Studies Research Center**

SESSION I

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. **CONFRONTING THE MATERNAL WALL**

CHAIR – Andrea O'Reilly (York University)

"The Maternal Wall in Academe"

Amy Barone Phillips (Syracuse University)

Kelly Concannon Mannise (SUNY Canton)

"Scaling the Maternal Wall with School Age Children"

Lucia McMahon (William Paterson University)

"Being Dr. Mama: Choice, Risks, and Resistance"

Sekile Nzinga-Johnson (Nazareth College)

"Labouring for Tenure: Social Work Values in Practice?"

Brenda A. LeFrançois (Laurentian University)

11:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m. **BREAK**

SESSION II

11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. **SURVIVAL STRATEGIES**

CHAIR - Deborah Byrd (Lafayette College)

"Family Friendly Workplace Policies in the Academe: Opportunities and Obstacles"

Heather Wyatt-Nichol (University of Baltimore)

"Bouncing Off the Wall! Or, Maneuvering, Meandering, Mentoring and Mutating! Band-Aid Strategies for Survival"

Deirdre M. Condit (Virginia Commonwealth University)

“Knowing When to Pretend and When to Refuse; Exploring the Complex Struggle of Refusing to be an Ideal Academic”

Lynn O’Brien Hallstein (Boston University)

“Single Mothers with Differently Raced Adopted Children”

Deborah Byrd (Lafayette College)

“Mothers and Mentors: Psychological Resistance to Marginalization and Black “Mothering” in the Academy”

Karen Craddock (Brandeis University)

1:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

LUNCH BREAK

SESSION III

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

FORGING DIFFERENT PATHS

CHAIR - Rosie Rosenzweig (Brandeis University)

“Insights into Resistance and Empowerment from a Stay-at-Home Mom Turned Academic”

Joyce Lynn Mandell (Worcester State College)

“In a Mother's Voice: On Transformation and Graduate Education”

Yulit Price (University of Calgary)

“A Stay-at-Home Professor: Being a Mother and a Distance Education Academic”

Gina Wong-Wylie (Athabasca University)

“Sustainable Scholar and Mother”

Laura J. Davies (Syracuse University)

“What? A Baby *After* Becoming a Full Professor?”

Leesa Streifler (University of Regina)

4:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

BREAK

SESSION IV

4:45-6:45 p.m.

**REFLECTIONS AND DREAMS, OR
WHERE WE’VE BEEN AND WHERE WE’RE GOING**

CHAIR: Lisa Krissoff Boehm (Worcester State College)

“I Stand Here Teaching: Tillie Olsen and Maternity in the Classroom”

Julia Lisella (Regis College)

"In Dreams Begin Possibilities, Or, Anybody Have Time for a Change?"

Judith Sanders (Shady Side Academy)

"Latched: Mothering, Graduate Teaching and Undoing Poverty"

Carolina Crewe (York University)

**"Combining an Academic Career and Motherhood in a Liberal arts College:
Ensuring Models of Success"**

Suzanne Cox (Beloit College)

Laura Parmentier (Beloit College)

6:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

RECEPTION

8:15 p.m.-9:15 p.m.

**CLOSING SESSION V
CREATIVITY PANEL/WRAP-UP**

CHAIR - Rosie Rosenzweig (Brandeis University)

"Mother Artists in the Academe"

Ruth Nemzoff, Writer, (Brandeis University and Bentley College)

Shula Reinharz, Memoirist, (Chair, Brandeis University WSRC)

Nancy Salzer, Film maker (Brandeis University and Emerson College)

Leesa Streifler, Visual Artist (University of Regina)