

Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement (MIRCI)
Mothers and the Economy: The Economics of Mothering Conference
October 21-23, 2010, Toronto, Canada

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010

9:00am-10:00am

REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Location: SCC 115 Courtyard

10:00am-11:30am

SESSIONS A1, A2

SESSION A1: Mothering and Social Services and Policy

Location: Thomas Lounge

Chair: Kerri Kearney

- Elise J. Matthews, University of Saskatchewan – “Navigating and advocating for services: Partnership experiences of mothers of children with disabilities in Saskatchewan”
- Karen Bridget Murray, York University – “Disciplining Children and Mothers in East End Vancouver”
- Sydney Weaver, University of British Columbia – “‘Left out’: Father exclusion in harm reduction maternal health services”

SESSION A2: Transnational Mothering

Location: Room G

Chair: Cheryl Gosselin

- Anna Kuroczycka Schultes, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee – “I’m Not a Maid! – A Critical Look at Au Pairs vis-à-vis Migrant Domestic Workers”
- Catherine Bryan, Dalhousie University – “Casting and Recasting: Migrant Care Labour and the Redistribution of Social Reproduction under Global Capitalism”

11:30am-12:45pm

LUNCH BREAK

12:45pm-2:15pm

SESSIONS B1, B2

SESSION B1: Gender and Paid and Unpaid Work

Location: Thomas Lounge

Chair: Margunn Bjørnholt

- Medora W. Barnes, John Carroll University in Cleveland – “Sleepless Nights, Splitting Work, And Spitting Up: Changes in the division of paid and unpaid labor by young dual earner couples during the transition to parenthood”
- Linda Ennis, Psychoanalytic Therapist, Lecturer, York University – “To Work Or Not To Work: That Is The Choice”
- Margunn Bjørnholt, Independent Researcher, Oslo – “Paradoxes of breadwinning and care in a Scandinavian state feminist welfare state”
- Christina Reymer, National Council of Women of New Zealand – “Creating Economic Structures for the Recognition of Parenting as Work: A New Zealand Case for Tax Reform to Allow for Income Sharing”

SESSION B2: Breastfeeding

Location: Room G

Chair: Abigail L. Palko

- Abigail L. Palko, University of Notre Dame – “Breastmilking the situation Bonding through Nursing in Sherley Anne Williams’s Dessa Rose”
- Gayle Letherby, University of Plymouth, UK – “Infant Feeding, Diabetes and ‘Good Motherhood’: knowledge, choices and experiences”

- Chris Mulford, Breastfeeding Advocate – “Breastfeeding: ‘Extreme’ Caregiving?” (poem/song)
- Annemie Dillen and Judith Cockx, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven – “Breastfeeding, self-sacrifice and mutuality in a child-centered culture”

2:15pm-2:30pm

BREAK

2:30pm-4:00pm

SESSIONS C1, C2

SESSION C1: Counting Motherhood

Location: Thomas Lounge

Chair: Diana Gustafson

- Lorna Turnbull, University of Manitoba – “Women’s Economic Inequality”
- Ailsa McKay, Glasgow Caledonian University – “Gender Neutral or Gender Bias? – Making the case for gender budget analysis”

SESSION C2: Moral Regulation Of Motherhood

Location: Room G

Chair: Cheryl Gosselin

- Melanie K. Bayly, University of Saskatchewan – “The HIV+ mother: Intensive mothering and compromised motherwork”
- Pamela Downe, University of Saskatchewan – “Moral Regulations of Mothers and Informal Economies of Motherhood: Mothering in the Context of HIV/AIDS, Addictions, and the Circulation of Illicit Drugs”

4:00pm-4:15pm

BREAK

4:15pm-5:45pm

SESSIONS D1, D2

SESSION D1: Law, Public Policy and Motherhood

Location: Thomas Lounge

Chair: Sue Wright

- Lorna Turnbull, University of Manitoba – “Mothers in Court”
- Colleen Mack-Canty, Independent Scholar and Sue Wright, Eastern Washington University – “U.S. Social Welfare Development from the New Deal through the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA): Effects on Poor Mothers

SESSION D2: Empowering Mothers

Location: Room G

Chair: Rosa Cintrón

- Helen O’Brien, Monmouth University – “Social Capital and its influence on Parenting Styles”
- Mitzi Grace Mitchell, York University – “Mommy And Money”
- Zanna Pillars, University of Michigan Medical School – “The Resilience of Women”
- Rosa Cintrón, University of Central Florida – “Grandmothers as a natural, sustainable family system: Our abuelas raised us all”

6:00pm-8:00pm

RECEPTION, LAUNCH OF DEMETER PRESS TITLES:

Giving Breastmilk, Mothering Canada.

Location: Oakham Lounge

8:00pm-9:30 pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Location: Thomas Lounge

Chair: Margunn Bjørnholt

- **Martha Albertson Fineman**, Emory University, author of *The Autonomy Myth: A Theory of Dependency* – “Motherhood and Entitlement”

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2010

8:30am-9:00am

REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Location: SCC 115 Courtyard

9:00am-10:30am

SESSIONS E1, E2 E3

SESSION E1: Maternal Strategies

Location: Oakham Lounge

Chair: Kerri Kearney

- Iwu Dwisetyani Utomo, Australian Demographic and Social Research Institute, Australian National University – “Household economic strategies among young mothers in Greater Jakarta”
- Jenna Hawkins, Memorial University of Newfoundland – “Easing the Transition Into and Out of Parental Leave: Recommendations for a Three-Stage Process”

SESSION E2: Mothering and Empowerment: Challenges And Possibilities

Location: Thomas Lounge

Chair: Diana Gustafson

- Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College and Terry Roman, Easton Area Neighborhood Centers, Inc. – “‘Lord, Grant us some Grants’: Partnering to Sustain a Mentoring Program for Low-Income Teen Moms”
- Diana Gustafson, Memorial University – “‘*There is nothing wrong with me. I am a product of your system*’: The mental health of lone moms living on social assistance in NL”

SESSION E3: Pregnancy and Childbirth

Location: Room A/B

Chair: Danielle Roth-Johnson

- Joani Mortenson, University of British Columbia Okanagan – “She Gesticulated Wildly: Maternal Eroticism and the Function of Gesture in Articulating Embodied Knowledge of Queer Birth”
- Louise Marie Roth, University of Arizona – “Unequal Motherhood: Racial-Ethnic and Socio-economic Disparities in Cesarean Sections in the United States”

10:30am-10:45am

BREAK

10:45am-12:15pm

SESSIONS F1, F2 F3

SESSION F1: Maternal Reproductive Health

Location: Thomas Lounge

Chair: Abigail L. Palko

- Manavi Handa, Ryerson University – “Cesarean Section on Demand: Ethical and Global Economic Issues”
- Pamela Fox and Elizabeth Velez, Georgetown University – “Marketing Motherhood in the Third Wave: Selling the ‘Biological Clock’”
- Alana Cattapan, York University – “Vulnerable Subjects: Agency, Authority and Assisted Reproduction in Canada”

SESSION F2: Neo-Liberalism and Motherhood

Location: Room A/B

Chair: Deborah Byrd

- Patty Douglas, OISE, University of Toronto – “Mothering, Neo-liberalism and the Enforcement of Inclusion”
- Rachel Treloar, Simon Fraser University – “The Neoliberal Context of Mothers’ Carework after Separation/Divorce in Canada: Responsibilization, Reform and Real Choice?”
- Mary Rita Holland, Carleton University – “Framing and funding families: the discursive foundations of Family Allowance and the Universal Child Care Benefit”
- Margaret Little, Queen’s University – “Who Cares About Mothers in Neoliberal Times?: The Increasing Invisibility of Low-Income Mothering”

SESSION F3: Mothering and Art

Location: Oakham Lounge

Chair: Mary Weidner

- Leesa Streifler, University of Regina – “The Economics of the Mothering Body: A Visual Art Presentation”
- Mary Weidner, Carnegie Mellon University – “Motherhood is no Place for Sissies: The Dynamics of Families, Feminism and the Impact on Women Artists and their Art”
- Monica Bock, University of Connecticut in Storrs & Soho 20 Gallery Chelsea – “Home Sick: Maternal Obsession, Maternal Exposure”

12:15pm-1:30pm

LUNCH BREAK

1:30pm-3:00pm

SESSIONS G1, G2 G3

SESSION G1: Diverse Voices: Exploring the complexity of South Asian Mothering

Location: Room A/B

Chair: Jasjit Sangha

- Jasjit Kaur Sangha, Brock University – “Reclaiming Faith: South Asian Mothering and Spirituality”
- Farishta Dinshaw, COSTI Immigrant Services – “Dust Storms and Hurricanes: In-law Abuse in South Asian Communities in Toronto”
- Mandeep Kaur Mucina, OISE, University of Toronto – “Lessons of Izzat”

SESSION G2: Mothering and Education

Location: Thomas Lounge

Chair: Rosa Cintrón

- Adwoa Onuora, OISE, University of Toronto – “Ma’at: The Catalyst For My Remembering”
- Danielle Roth-Johnson, University of Nevada – “Las Vegas: Cleaning Our Own House: Economics, ‘Mothering’ and the (Re)production of Oppression in the Academy”
- Elisabeth Harrison, York University and Samantha Walsh, University of Toronto – “‘If I Had A Normal Job I Couldn’t Do This’: Exploring The Economics of Advocacy Motherhood and Education”
- Liana Voia, Hypnosis Healing Centre – “Mindful Mothering: Teaching Meditation and Mindfulness to Our Children”

SESSION G3: Economics of Mothering

Location: Oakham Lounge

Chair: Michelle Wyndham-West

- Cheryl Gosselin, Bishop’s University – “Mothering in the New Rural Economy: the socio-economic realities of working mothers and their families”
- Yael Hasson, University of Haifa and Valeria Seigelshifer, Hebrew University in Jerusalem – “Motherhood under a Gender-Responsive Lens: Examining the National Budget of Israel”
- Sarah Reid, University of Toronto – “The Costs of Motherhood Revisited: Job Exits, Labour Market Intermittency, and Women’s Occupational Status Attainment”

- Michelle Wyndham-West, York University – “Negotiating the traffic between motherhood, mothering and economics in Ontario’s HPV vaccination programming”

3:00pm-3:15pm

BREAK

3:15pm-4:45pm

SESSIONS H1, H2 H3

SESSION H1: Social Movements/Activism/Advocacy

Location: Thomas Lounge

Chair: Christine Kelly

- Judith MacDonnell, York University – “Exploring Activist Practices in Relation to Mothering
- Catherine Nantongo, WIRDA, Uganda – “Making motherhood safer at Community level using paired groups of Private Midwives (PMWs) and Village Health Teams (VHTs) in Rural Uganda”
- Christine Kelly, Carleton University – “Mother advocates and direct/individualized funding for people with disabilities in Ontario”

SESSION H2: Motherwork and the Economy

Location: Oakham Lounge

Chair: Peggy Arcadi

- Peggy Arcadi, Advocate for Teenage Mothers – “Carrying our children uphill: The economics of teen motherhood”
- Sharon Abbey, Brock University – “Why our mothers work? Children’s Assumptions”
- Bitu Amani, Queen’s University – “An (Im)Modest Proposal: Breast Milk as Gross Domestic Product”

SESSION H3: Mothering and Popular Culture

Location: Room A/B

Chair: Liz Podnieks

- Liz Podnieks, Ryerson University – “Mediating Moms: An Overview of Mothers in Popular Culture”
- Heidi N. Abbey, Penn State Harrisburg – “Buying into a Designer Childhood: Fashionista Moms Creating Community and Identity Online”
- Lisa Sandlos, York University – “Mothers of Sexy Dancing Daughters: Maternal Influence in the Hypersexual World of Competitive Dance”

4:45pm-6:00 pm

SESSIONS I1, I2, I3

SESSION I1: Mothers, Literature, Writing and Art

Location: Thomas Lounge

Chair: Linda Hunter

- B. Lee Murray, University of Saskatchewan – “An Epilogue of an Autoethnography”
- Linda Hunter, University of Guelph – “Making Connections: Representing Motherhood Through Art of the 18th and 19th Centuries”
- Grace Bosibori Nyamongo, Dartmouth College – “Our Mothers’ Handbook: A Personal Practical Experience of Learning the Art of Mothering from the Mothers of the Economy”

SESSION I2: Motherwork

Location: Oakham Lounge

Chair: Medora W. Barnes

- Deborah Davidson, York University “Griefwork: Still More Work Missing from the GDP!”
- Louise Marie Roth, University of Arizona – “Paid Labor and Lactation: The Effects of Labor Force Re-Entry and Workplace Practices on Breastfeeding”

- LaShawnDa L. Pittman-Gay, Northwestern University and Hiram College – “When Ends Don’t Meet? Economic Survival Strategies for African American Grandmothers Raising their Grandchildren”

SESSION 13: Contesting/Contested Meanings of Motherhood

Location: Room A/B

Chair: Heidi N. Abbey

- May Friedman, York University – “Life in Real Time: The Impact of Twitter on myths of the ‘good mother’”
- Sophia Korb, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology – “Mothering Fundamentalism: The Transformation Of Modern Women Into Fundamentalist Mothers”
- Sarah Sahagian, York University – “What’s in a Last Name? Patriarchy, Inter-Ethnicity and Maternal Training”

6:00pm-8:00pm

DINNER BREAK

8:00pm-9:30pm

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Location: SCC 115

Chair: Andrea O’Reilly

- **Marilyn Waring**, Auckland University of Technology, author of *If Women Counted: A New Feminist Economics* – “The Human Rights and Unpaid Care Interface”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2010

9:00am-10:00am

REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Location: SCC 115 Courtyard

10:00am-11:40am

KEYNOTE PANEL

Location: Thomas Lounge

Chair: Deborah Byrd

- **Bonnie Fox**, University of Toronto, author of *Becoming Parents, Creating Gender* – “Payback: how Women’s and Men’s Experiences in the Labour Market Shape their Parenting”
- **Andrea Doucet**, Carleton University, author of *Do Men Mother: Fathering, Care & Domestic Responsibility* – “Bread and Roses...and the Kitchen Sink: Breadwinning Mothers in Canada and the United States”
- **Patricia Gowens**, Welfare Warriors – “Mothers Fighting the Myth of Welfare Dependency: Who’s Dependent? Moms and Kids...or Dads, Non-profits and Welfare-to-Work Multinationals?”

11:40am-11:50am

BREAK

11:50 am-12:45pm

WORKSHOPS J1, J2

WORKSHOP J1

Location: Thomas Lounge

- Kathy Mantas, Nipissing University – “On Soma, Oiko(s)-nomics and the Process of Becoming a Mother: Phase I”

WORKSHOP J2

Location: Room A/B

Chair: Kryn Freehling-Burton

- Margaret Lazarus, Filmmaker – “Screening and discussion of film, ‘BirthMarkings’”

12:45pm-2:00pm

LUNCH

2:00pm-3:30pm

SESSIONS K1, K2

SESSION K1: Reproduction

Location: Thomas Lounge

Chair: Judith Mintz

- M. Cristina Alcalde, University of Kentucky – “The Woman in Bed: Towards an Understanding of Women’s Experiences of Pregnancy Bed Rest”
- Robyn Lee, York University – “Why Buy the Cow When You Can Get the Milk For Free? Breast Milk Exchange and New Forms of Social Relations”
- Elizabeth Gregory, University of Houston – “The Long-Term Transformative Effects of Birth Control and Delay of Family on the Economic Status of All Women’s Work”
- Judith Mintz, Trent University – “The Canadian Birthing Industry in Historical Perspective: Maternal and ‘Professional’ Labouring Voices, 1875-1920”

SESSION K2: Mothering: Loss and Grief

Location: Room A/B

Chair: Laura Pennington

- Kryn Freehling-Burton, Oregon State University – “Lost Mothering”
- Kerri Kearney and Lucy Bailey, Oklahoma State University – “Reconsidering Mothering and Grief in Adoption: A Transformative Meeting between a Birth and Adoptive Mother”
- Sydney Weaver, University of British Columbia – “Healing Ourselves: Mothers’ recovery from grief and loss”
- Laura Pennington, Virginia Tech, Randolph-Macon Woman’s College – “Navigation, Adaptation, and Challenge: Lives of Non-Custodial Mothers After Divorce”

3:30pm-3:45pm

BREAK

3:45pm- 5:15pm

SESSIONS L1

SESSION L1: Empowering and Supporting Mothers

Location: Thomas Lounge

Chair: Tzu-Hui Chen

- Tzu-Hui Chen, Arizona State University – “Motherhood, social capital, and cultural capital: “A case study on “foreign brides” in Taiwan”
- Olivia Scobie, York University – “Child Care Needs: Mother, Child, and Community Exclusion within a Proposed National Child Care Program”
- Melinda Vandenberg Giles, University of Toronto – “Disjuncture: Mothers Experiencing Homelessness in Toronto, Loss of Child Custody, and Canada’s Social Welfare System”
- Amy Romagnoli, Wilfrid Laurier University – ““I *Know* I’m a Good Mom’: Young, Low-Income Mothers’ Experiences with Intensive Parenting Advice”