

International Conference on Mothering, Education and Maternal Pedagogies
featuring an embedded conference on
**Motherhood Studies: Developing and Disseminating a New Academic Discipline for
a New Century**
and a symposium celebrating the work of **Sara Ruddick**

October 19-22, 2011, Pantages Hotel, 200 Victoria Street, Toronto, Canada

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011

5:30-7:00 pm: MEZZANINE; REGISTRATION , MEET AND GREET

7:00 pm-9:30pm: HALL 1/2: MOTHER OUTLAWS SPEAKER SERIES

(Free and Open to the Public!)

**“Feminist Mothering and Maternal Pedagogies:
Both In and Outside the Classroom”**

Welcoming Remarks: Andrea O’Reilly, MIRCI/York University

Chair: Linn Baran, MIRCI, Coordinator-Mother Outlaws

Fiona Green, University of Winnipeg - Queering Feminist Mothering: Reflections of a Feminist Mother Living With and Learning From a Queer Son.

Kathy Witterick and David Stocker, Toronto Parents; Educators; Activists – “It’s a Boy! It’s a Girl! It’s a Travesty!” Questioning Sex Disclosure and Gender Assignment.

Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College - Teen Moms: How They Have Enriched My Personal and Professional Life.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2011

**8:30am-9:30am: MEZZANINE; REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST**

9:30am-11:00am **SESSION A1**

SESSION A1 REHEARSAL BALLROOM 2: REPRESENTING MOTHERHOOD

CHAIR - Dorsía Smith Silva, University of Puerto Rico

- Florence Pasche Guignard, Université de Lausanne, Switzerland - Is Yashoda a Role-Model for Mothers?: Representations of Motherhood in Hindu Devotional Poetry.
- Justyna Włodarczyk, Warsaw University, Poland - Cross-Cultural Deliveries: The Influence of North American Popular Culture on Women's Birthing Expectations in Post-1989 Poland.
- Margaret MacDonald, Simon Fraser University, Janine Hostettler Schärer and Maggie Rudkowski - Lingering Discourses: Jean Jacque Rousseau’s 18th Images of Mothers, Fathers and Children.

• **11:00am-11:15am**

BREAK

11:15am-12:45pm

SESSIONS B1, B2

SESSION B1: REHEARSAL BALLROOM 2 MATERNAL PEDAGOGIES

CHAIR –Dorsía Smith Silva, University of Puerto Rico

- Gayle Letherby, University of Plymouth, U.K and Deborah Davidson, York University - Stepford Wives, Mothers, and Academics?
- Abigail L. Palko, University of Notre Dame - “It’s Everything I Should Have Read in Grad School”: Designing My First Motherhood Studies Course
- Jane Chelliah, British Civil Service, U.K. with her daughter Maelo - Empowered Mothering and Teaching
- Veena Balsawer, University of Ottawa - Mothering Via Storytelling and Literar(c)y Encounters.

SESSION B2: RESEARSAL BALLROOM 3; REPRESENTING MOTHERHOOD II

CHAIR - Tatjana Takševa , Saint Mary’s University

- Nina Adel, Belmont University - The Berenstain Bears: The Influence of Prescribed Storybook Motherhood/Fatherhood Representations on Early and Developing Literacy.
- May Friedman, Ryerson University - Madonna/Whore: Exploring Maternity through Madison Young’s *Becoming MILF*.

12:45pm-2:15pm

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

FILM SCREENINGS; REHEARSAL BALLROOM 2

2:15pm-3:45pm

SESSIONS C1, C2

SESSION C1: RESEARSHAL BALLROOM 2; MOTHERING CHALLENGES

CHAIR - Marianne Filion, Concordia University

- Tatjana Takševa, Saint Mary’s University – Educating Mothers.
- Sarah Reid, University of Toronto - The Costs and Benefits of Maternal Employment: Family Perspectives.
- Janet E. Smith, Writer; Poet, University of Alberta, (retired) - What is it to be a Grandmother, Today?
- Jenna Kelland, University of Alberta - Learning to be a MoM (Mother of Multiples): The Challenges of Educating Mothers of Twins, Triplets, Quadruplets or More.

SESSION C2: REHEARSAL BALLROOM 3; ART EXHIBIT AND DISCUSSION

- Kathy Mantas, Nipissing University - On the Process of Becoming and Being a Mother, In-Fertility and Education: Phase II.

3:45pm-4:00pm

BREAK

4:00pm-5:30pm

SESSIONS D1, D2

SESSION D1: REHEASAL BALLROOM 2; MOTHERING AND HEALTH

CHAIR - Dorsía Smith Silva, University of Puerto Rico

Marianne Filion, Concordia University – Mothering in the Medical System: An Investigation of Self and Formal Education.

Dorsía Smith Silva, University of Puerto Rico –Educating Mothers: Puerto Rico and Premature Babies

SESSION D2: REHEARSAL BALLROOM 3; MOTHERING AND THE ACADEME

CHAIR - Andrea O'Reilly, York University

- Melinda Vandenberg Giles, University of Toronto - Educating Our Children for the Future? The Shifting Tides of Maternal Pedagogy.
- Pat Miller-Schroeder, University of Regina - Teaching About Maternal Life-Writing and Empowerment.
- Andrea O'Reilly, York University - Being and Thinking as an Academic Mother in a Post-Second Wave Context: Framing the Discussion
- Rachel Epp Buller, Feminist Art Historian; Printmaker - Tenure is Overrated: The Alternate Career Path of One Academic Mama.

5:30pm-5:45pm

BREAK

5:45pm-7:15pm REHEARSAL BALLROOM 2 ;KEYNOTE PANEL ONE

CHAIR – Fiona J. Green, University of Winnipeg

- Patrizia Albanese, Ryerson University – Early Childhood Education and Care – Clearly not a ‘Mother’s Issue’: Assessing the Coverage of ECEC in Canadian Newspapers during the 2004 and 2006 Federal Elections.
- Malinda Smith, University of Alberta – Navigating Dividing Practices: Women and the 'other Others'
- D. Memee Lavell-Harvard, President, Ontario Native Women’s Association (ONWA) – Changing Diapers and Changing the World: Academic Achievement, Aboriginal Mothering, and the Academy
- Wanda Thomas Bernard, Dalhousie University - Othermothering in the Academy: Challenges and Rewards

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011

8:30am-9:30am MEZZANINE: REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:30am-11:00am; REHEARSAL BALLROOM 2; KEYNOTE PANEL TWO

CHAIR –Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College

- Dolana Mogadime, Brock University – Challenging and Transforming the Equity Landscape in Canada by Inserting Critical Awareness of Othermothering Sensibilities for Empowered Academic Women across Races
- Jane Ward, University of California, Riverside - What a Queer Way to Raise a Child.
- Kim Anderson, Laurier Brantford -Many Mothers: Land Based Aboriginal Mothering as it Applies to Urban Mothering Today.
- Leigh M. O'Brien, State University of New York, Geneseo - Mother as Teacher Educator: Edging Toward Speech, Always Mother and Teacher Becoming.

11:00am-11:15am

BREAK

11:15am-12:45pm

SESSIONS E1, E2

SESSION E1: REHEARSAL BALLROOM 2: MOTHERING AND ONLINE COMMUNITIES

CHAIR - Diana L. Gustafson, Memorial University

- Deborah Davidson, York University and Gayle Letherby, University of Plymouth, U.K. - Use of the Internet and Griefwork in Perinatal Loss: Raising Some Issues. AV
- Jenna Kelland, University of Alberta - “I Don’t Have to be a Superhero, Gracefully Managing every Aspect of my Life with Poise”: Exploring the Tensions Faced by Mothers Learning Online. AV
- Krista Whitehead, University of Toronto - The IF Community: Infertility Blogging, “Body Inequality” and Women’s Corporeal Negotiation of the Motherhood Imperative

SESSION E2: REHEARSAL BALLROOM 3; MATERNAL PEDOGOGIES III

CHAIR - Jennifer Watt, University of Manitoba

Rannveig Haga, Uppsala University, Sweden - Love and the Language of Science.

- Martha Satz, Southern Methodist University - The Baffled Mother: Maternal Perplexity in Narrative and in Pedagogy
- Pat Breton, York University – Teaching about Violence against Mothers and Children; Emotionality in a Feminist Matrocentric Pedagogy.
- Adwoa Onuora, OISE, University of Toronto - Resistance Through Reclamation: Reflections in Praise of the Epistemic Saliency of Mothers of Africa-Canadian Mothers

- Joanne S. Frye, The College of Wooster - Learning as a Mother: Race, Gender, and Social Change in the Memoirs of Jane Lazarre

12:45pm-2:15pm

**LUNCH ON YOUR OWN:
FILM SCREENINGS; REHEARSAL BALLROOM 2**

2:15pm-3:45pm

SESSIONS F1, F2

SESSION F1: REHEARSAL BALLROOM 2; MATERNAL IDENTITIES

CHAIR - Teresa Ottewell, Natural Childbirth Activist; Educator

- Lara Descartes, Brescia University College – Single Lesbian Mothers.
- Orly Corem, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel - Construction of Maternal Identity in Non-Biological Parenthood in Lesbian Families.
- Maria P. Tajés, William Paterson University – Educated mothers or Submissive Subjects? Immigrant Mothers and the Questioning of Established Patriarchal discourses in Angeles Caso's *Contra el viento*.
- Hyekyung Kim, University of Alberta - Wild Geese: Korean Mothers' Involvement in Children's Education
- Elizabeth Podnieks, Ryerson University - “But the other problem—that of the woman with children”: Feminist Approaches to Mothering in the Inter-War Journalism of Vera Brittain

SESSION F2: REHEARSAL BALLROOM 3; LABORING ON: BLACK MOTHERING IN THE ACADEMY

CHAIR - Sekile Nzinga-Johnson, Nazareth College

- Sekile Nzinga-Johnson, Nazareth College - Knocked up, Knocked Down in the Academy: Black Mother Academics' Pregnancy and Motherhood as Paradox
- Tokeya C. Graham, Monroe Community College - When Professor Equals Mama: The Plight of the Black Female Academic as Surrogate Mother

3:45pm-4:00pm

BREAK

4:00pm-5:30pm

SESSIONS G1, G2

SESSION G1: REHEARSAL BALLROOM 2; MOTHERING CHALLENGES II

CHAIR - Regina Edmonds, Assumption College

- Diana L. Gustafson, Memorial University and Janice Parsons, Memorial University - Government Public Consultations on Poverty and Community-University Research with Lone Moms: Identifying Shared Perspectives on Education and Opportunities for Action.
- Reena Shadaan, York University - Flames, not Flowers: Women Activists in the International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal
- Megan Butryn, Ryerson University and Patrizia Albanese, Ryerson University - Educated Moms, Unemployed Dads: Changing Roles and Relations in Rural Ontario and Quebec?
- Venitha Pillay, University of Pretoria, South Africa – Rethinking Motherhood

SESSION G2: REHEARSAL BALLROOM 3; MOTHERING, EDUCATION AND ACTIVISM

CHAIR - Stacey Crooks, OISE

- Teresa Ottewell, Natural Childbirth Activist; Educator - The Natural Childbirth Project: How a Virtual Community Challenges Dominant Childbirth Educational Practices.
- Camille M. Wilson, University of North Carolina, Greensboro - Mothering a Movement: The Unsung Leadership of African American Mothers during U.S. Public School Desegregation, 1954-1971.
- Summer R. Cunningham, University of South Florida and Benjamin Letourneau-Cunningham - Introducing the MotherFucker Campaign.
- Stacey Crooks, OISE, University of Toronto - Notes Home from School: a Mother's Experience with School Communications.

5:30pm- 7:30pm RECEPTION, LAUNCH OF DEMETER PRESS TITLES

Maternal Pedagogies; Latina-Chicana Mothering

PANTAGES HOTEL BAR, FIRST FLOOR

7:45pm-9:30pm: REHERASAL BALLROOM 2; KEYNOTE PANEL 3

CHAIR - Andrea O'Reilly, York University

- Nancy Naples, University of Connecticut -Sexual Citizenship and Reproductive Rights in Transnational Context: Creating a Dialogue between Feminist and Queer Perspectives
- Maya Roy, Executive Director of Newcomer Women's Services Toronto – The Ripple Effect: Supporting Social Change for Mothers
- Alison Griffith, York University – Mothering Work and Educational Policies
- Elisabeth Harrison, York University and Samantha Walsh, OISE, University of Toronto - “If I Had A Normal Job I Couldn't Do This: Exploring The Economics of

Disability Advocacy Motherhood and Inclusive Education

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2011

8:30am-9:30am: Mezzanine REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:30am-11:00am, REHERASAL BALLROOM 2: KEYNOTE PANEL 4

CHAIR - Regina Edmonds, Assumption College

- Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College and Fiona J. Green, University of Winnipeg - Maternal Pedagogies as a Field of Intellectual Enquiry: Possibilities and Pitfalls.
- Kaila Story, University of Louisville - Embodying Diversity: The Consequences of “Other Mothering” for Black Women in the Academy

11:00am-11:15am

BREAK

11:15am-12:45pm

SESSIONS H1, H2, H3

SESSION H1: REHEARSAL BALLROOM 2; THEORIZING/REPRESENTING MOTHROOD

CHAIR - Linda Hunter, University of Guelph

- Linda Hunter, University of Guelph - Representations of Motherhood during the German Expressionism Period: Relevance to Theoretical Developments.
- Jennifer Watt, University of Manitoba - Re-searching Mommy: Narrating my Inquiry of Maternal Pedagogies.
- Laura Kalmes, University of Wisconsin-Madison - Raising White Men: The Pedagogy of Feminist Mothering.

SESSION H2: REHEARSAL BALLROOM 3; MOTHERHOOD STUDIES

CHAIR - Cora- Lee Conway, McGill University

- Jennifer Brant, Brock University - Honouring Our Experiences: Aboriginal Mothers in the Academy.
- Jennifer Chisholm, University of Western Ontario - Teaching Motherhood Studies: Reflecting on Fetal Positions.
- Joonok Huh, University of Northern Colorado - Silence on the Fringes: Locating a Woman’s Space in History

SESSION H3, DRAMA 9: SARA RUDDICK SYMPOSIUM PANEL ONE

CHAIR (AND WORDS OF WELCOME) – Andrea O’Reilly, York University

Andrea O'Reilly, York University – Maternal Authenticity and the Social Acceptability of Children: Feminist Mothering as Maternal Practice
Joanne Frye, The College of Wooster - Parental Thinking: What Does Gender Have to do with it?
Regina Edmonds, Assumption College - Inspired and Challenged by Sara Ruddick's Insights on Mothering

12:45pm-1:45pm

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
FILM SCREENINGS; REHEARSAL
BALLROOM 2

1:45pm-3:15pm

SESSIONS I1, I2, I3

SESSION I1: REHEARSAL BALLROOM 2; MOTHERING AND HEALTH II

CHAIR - Christina Cudahy, Migrant Worker Justice

- Cynthia Murray, Memorial University - The 'Good' and 'Bad' Mother in the Context of Low Gestational Weight Gain
- Mirjam Quinn, Argosy University Chicago - Mothers' Experiences and Postpartum Adjustment.
- Karlene Pendleton Jimenez, Trent University - How to Get a Girl Pregnant: Chicana Butch Fertility

SESSION I2; REHEARSAL BALLROOM 3; REPRESENTING MOTHERHOOD III

CHAIR - Janet Smith, Writer; Poet, University of Alberta (retired)

- Christa Downer, Texas Woman's University - Disrupting Motherhood: Toward a Feminist Social Ontology of Mothering.
- Beatriz Caamaño Alegre, Franklin and Marshall College - Motherhood Lessons for the Spanish Woman in Early 20th Century: The New Single "Buena Madre."

SESSION I3: DRAMA 9; SARA RUDDICK SYMPOSIUM PANEL TWO

CHAIR – Linn Baran, MIRCI

- Ferzana Chaze, York University - Acceptable to Which Society? South Asian Immigrant Women Raising Children in Canada
- Lisa Sandlos, York University - Stage Mothers: Maternal Practice in the Hypersexual World of Competitive Dance.
- Sarah Sahagian, York University - Is Betty Draper A Bad Mother?

3:15pm-3:30pm

BREAK

3:30pm-5:00pm

SESSIONS J1, J2, J3

SESSION J1: DRAMA 9: WORKSHOP DEVELOPMENT AND FACILITATION

- Cora-Lee Conway, McGill University – Monetizing Mommy

SESSION J2: REHEARSAL BALLROOM 2; MOTHERING CHALLENGES III

CHAIR - Yvonne RB-Banks, Northwestern College

- Yvonne RB-Banks, Northwestern College - Mothering in Academia as A Widow: The Impact of Grief along the Journey.
- Linda Ennis, York University – Contract Faculty Mothers
- Neunghathai Khopolklang, Suranaree University of Technology, Thailand - Stay Strong Despite the Obstacles: Lesson learned by a Teen Mother in Thailand.

**SESSION J3; REHEARSAL BALLROOM 3; SARA RUDDICK SYMPOSIUM
PANEL THREE**

CHAIR – Andrea Doucet, Brock University and Natasha Mauthner

- Jean Keller, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University - Reflections on South Korean Adoption, on the Eve of Its Possible Demise
- Joani Mortenson, University of British Columbia, Okanagan - Tipping the Velvet Cereal Bowl: Queering Ruddick's 'Maternal Power' as Erotic
- Andrea Doucet, Brock University and Natasha Mauthner - Maternal Thinking in a Digital Age:
Mommy Blogging and the Blurring of Care, Work, and Consumption