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The Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement (MIRCI) presents:
International Conference on Motherhood Activism, Advocacy, Agency

May 12-14, 2011 Toronto, Ontario
Metro Convention Centre SOUTH Building:
222 Bremner Blvd., Toronto, ON
<http://www.mtccc.com/home.cfm>

FEATURING

Cindy Sheehan, Peace and Social Justice Advocate

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES BY:

Gayle Brandeis, National Staff, CODEPINK: Women for Peace

Tara Brettholtz, President, Mothers and More

Deborah Byrd, Lafayette College, co-editor of *Teaching Against the Isms*

Cheli English-Figaro, President Emerita of Mocha Moms, Inc.

Rachel Epstein, Coordinator, Sherbourne Health Centre's LGBTQ Parenting Network

Robbie Davis-Floyd, University of Texas, Austin, author of *Birth as an American Rite of Passage*

Joyce Fossella, Executive Director and Co-Facilitator of Warriors Against Violence Society

Sarah Francis, Campaign Director, MomsRising

Ariel Gore, founding editor of *Hip Mama*, author of *Whatever, Mom: Hip Mama's Guide to Raising a Teenager*

Glendene Grant, Educator; Activist, Mothers Against Trafficking Humans (M.A.T.H)

Fiona J. Green, University of Winnipeg, author of *Feminist Mothering in Theory and Practice, 1985-1995*

Diana Gustafson, Memorial University, author of *Unbecoming Mothers*

Pat Gowens, founder of Welfare Warriors, editor of *Mother Warriors Voice*.

Erika Horwitz, author of *Mothers' Resistance to the Western Dominant Discourse on Mothering*

Amber Kinser, East Tennessee State University, author of *Motherhood and Feminism*

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

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

Donna Lester-Smith, University of British Columbia

D. Lynn O'Brien Hallstein, Boston University, author of *White Feminists and Contemporary Maternity*

Andrea O'Reilly, York University, Founder/Director, Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community

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

Lorri Slepian, National Association of Mothers' Centers (NAMC)

Young Champions of Maternal Health (Argentina; Brazil; India; U.S.A.)

Also Featuring:

100+ presenters and 35 panels over 3 exciting days

The aim of this conference is to explore activism, advocacy, and agency by and on behalf of mothers from a variety of perspectives and in a multitude of contexts. These include (but are not limited to): the motherhood movement, community activism and engagement, politics, law, public policy, education, mental and physical health, maternal practice, family, workplace, personal identity, cultural expression, arts, the media and popular culture. We are particularly interested in presenters whose work examines ways in which issues of race, class, nationality, sexuality, age, religion, or ethnicity affect (positively or negatively) the ability of mothers to advocate for and/or achieve authority, agency, respect, and empowerment.

For registration forms, preliminary program and other important information:

<http://www.motherhoodinitiative.org/motherhoodactivism.html>

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