



**The Association for Research on Mothering (ARM)/University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras  
Mothering and Migration:  
(Trans)nationalisms, Globalization, and Displacement Conference  
February 19-21, 2010, Puerto Rico Convention Center  
100 Convention Boulevard, San Juan, Puerto Rico**

**Friday, February 19, 2010**

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

10:00am-11:30am       **SESSION A1: TRANSNATIONAL MOTHERING, MIGRATION AND  
COMMUNICATION**

(Room 202A, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** – Gail Mummert, El Colegio de Michoacán

**Mothering Across Borders: Immigrant Parenting Beliefs About Adolescence**

Heather Mangione, State University of New York at New Paltz

Tabitha R. Holmes, State University of New York, New Paltz

**ALMA Y PUEBLO: Latinas Constructing a Transnational Feminist Identity**

Rosalina Diaz-Mirada, Medgar Evers College

**Migrant Students and the Mother Tongue: Tales from the U.S. Academy**

Nancy Effinger Wilson, Texas State University

**SESSION A2: MOTHERING, MIGRATION, AND LITERATURE**

(Room 202C, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** –Mark Wekander, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras

**Rememory of *Motherlands*, *Mother Country*, and *Mother* in Toni Morrison's *Beloved* and Jamaica  
Kincaid's *At the Bottom of the River***

Rosetta Codling, Independent Researcher

**Mothering Violence: Postcolonial Trauma in William Trevor's *Felicia's Journey***

Steve Wilson, Texas State University

11:30am-11:45am           **BREAK**

11:45am- 1:15pm       **SESSION B1: MOTHERING IN HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL  
CONTEXTS**

(Room 202A, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** - Elizabeth Challinor, CRIA/UM - Centre for Research in Anthropology/University of Minho

**Mothering in New York City during the Spanish Civil War**

Daphne Martínez, University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras

**Relocating Motherhood, Reconstructing Identities: Latin American Migrant Mothers in  
Pittsburgh**

Yolanda Hernández-Albújar, University of Pittsburgh

**The Choices and Processes of Cross-cultural Mothering**

Maria Josefa Yax-Fraser, York University

## SESSION B2: MOTHERING AND REPRESENTATIONS

(Room 202C, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** - Violet M. Showers Johnson, Agnes Scott College

**Living the American Nightmare: Immigrant Single Mothers in the U.S.**

Ellen Hauser, Carthage College

**Bordering Chaos: Mothers, Daughters, and Neoliberalism**

Erin Graham, University of Houston

**Fostering, Mothering, and the Making of Transnational Families in the Afro-Caribbean Diaspora in the United States in the First Half of the Twentieth Century**

Violet M. Showers Johnson, Agnes Scott College

1:15pm-2:30pm

**LUNCH**

2:30pm-4:00pm

**SESSION C1: MIGRANT MOTHERS AND COMMUNITY**

(Room 202A, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** - Umut Erel, Open University

**On the Move: Women's Community Organizing and Motherhood in Contemporary New York City**

Ariella Rotramel, Rutgers University

**Transnational Mothering: The Meaning of Immigrant African Women's Daily Lives**

Florence Kyomugisha, California State University Northridge

**Mothering and Migration: An Analysis of Mothering Behaviors and Decisions among Selected Somali Refugees Resettled in Metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia**

Sabrina Lampley Jordan, Bethune-Cookman University

## SESSION C2: MOTHERHOOD AND LITERATURE

(Room 202B, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** - Erin Kingsley, University of Colorado at Boulder

**"Like the Founders of Early Races:" Maternity and Nativist Discourse in Willa Cather's *My Antonia***

Madeleine A. Vala, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

**Displaced Mothers, Fortunate Sons: Gender Roles and the Burden of Assimilation in Mario Puzo's *The Fortunate Pilgrim***

Mike Dell'Aquila, Brooklyn College

**Contesting the Mother-as-Pathogen Myth: Counterstories in Chicana/o Literature**

Paloma Martinez-Cruz, North Central College

4:00pm-4:15pm

**BREAK**

4:15pm-5:45pm

**SESSION D1: MOTHERING ISSUES**

(Room 202A, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** - R. Dianne Bartlow, California State University, Northridge

**Supporting Families Created Through Transnational/Transracial Adoption: What Mothers Want**

Sonya Corbin Dwyer, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Memorial University of Newfoundland  
Lynn Gidluck, University of Regina

**Mothers and Children in Limbo: When Migrant Fathers Shirk Family Responsibilities**

Gail Mummert, El Colegio de Michoacán

**Justice Denied: Mothering, Divorce, and Child Custody**

R. Dianne Bartlow, California State University, Northridge

5:45pm-6:00pm

**BREAK**

6:00pm-7:30pm

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Dr. Velma Pollard**  
**“Mothering and Migration: The Ones They Left Behind”**

(Room 203, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR AND WORDS OF WELCOME** - Dorsía Smith, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

7:30pm-9:00pm

**LAUNCH AND RECEPTION**  
(food provided / cash bar)

(Terrace Room, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

- **Journal of the Association for Research on Mothering Vol. 11.2 “Mothering and Poverty” issue**
- *Maternal Thinking: Philosophy, Politics, Practice* (O’Reilly, ed). \*new DEMETER PRESS book

**Saturday, February 20, 2010**

9:00am-10:00am

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION**

10:00am-11:30am

**SESSION E1: TRANSNATIONAL FAMILIES, MIGRATION  
AND CHILDREARING**

(Room 202B, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** - Marisol Pérez Casas, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

**Refashioning Masculinity: Transnational Fathering among Ecuadorian Men that Stay Behind**

Ruth Trinidad Galván, University of New Mexico

**Better Babies, Beri-Beri, and Basket-weaving: Interventions into Filipino Child-Rearing Practices  
in the American-Occupied Philippines**

Bonnie McElhinny, University of Toronto

**Motherhood Deficiency? Palestinian Mothers and War, Colonialism, and Resistance**

Rabab Ibrahim Abdulhadi, San Francisco State University

**SESSION E2: MIGRATION, FILM, AND PERFORMANCE**

(Room 202A, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** - Madeleine A. Vala, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

**Migrant Motherhood from the Backlands to the Metropolis in Four Twentieth-Century Brazilian  
Films**

Catherine M. Bryan, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

**Louisa Mae Leaves the Black Belt – a Performance Poetry Series about Motherhood and  
Migration**

Celeste Doaks, North Carolina State University

### **SESSION E3: MIGRATION AND LANGUAGE**

(Room 202B Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** - Daphne Martínez, University of Puerto Rico-Río Piedras

***Utang na Loob: Understanding Post-Reunification Sacrifice among Pinay Migrant Mothers and Adult Daughters in Canada***

Conely De Leon, York University

***Seguir Adelante: A Paradoxical Analysis of a Transnational Mother's Narrative***

Mariana Alexza Clark, University of Utah

11:30am-11:45am

**BREAK**

11:45am-1:15pm **SESSION F1: MIGRATION AND CHILDREN**

(Room 202B, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** - Susana C. DeJesús, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

**Contexts Affecting the Length of Immigrant Mother-Child Separations**

Norma Stoltz Chinchilla, California State University Long Beach

**Resisting the Dominant Culture at Home: Raising Puerto Rican Children in the USA**

Susana C. DeJesús, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

### **SESSION F2: MIGRANT MOTHERS AND CHILDCARE**

(Room 202A, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** - Chia Longman, Ghent University

**Migrant Mothers and Children - Reframing Citizenship**

Umut Erel, Open University

**Migrant Domestic Work and Changes in the Ideas of Childcare**

Magdalena Díaz Gorfinkiel, University Carlos III de Madrid

**Revisiting Maternalism: Parenting as a Citizenship Practice among Undocumented Migrant Mothers and Adoptive Parents**

Chia Longman, Ghent University

Tine Brouckaert, Ghent University /University of Saint-Etienne

Katrien De Graeve, Ghent University

### **SESSION F3: MOTHERING AND TRANSNATIONAL HEALTH AND REPRODUCTION**

(Room 202C, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** – Dorsía Smith, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

**Mothering and Transnational Health Care: The Case for Marriage Migrants in Taiwan**

Fang-tzu Yen, National Defense Medical Centre

**“Immaculate Conception”: Outsourcing Reproductive Labour and Questions for Feminist Analysis**

Modhumita Roy, Tufts University

1:15pm-2:30pm

**LUNCH**

2:30pm-3:45pm      **SESSION G1: TRANSNATIONAL MOTHERHOOD**

(Room 202B, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** - Catherine M. Bryan, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

**The Continuity of Global Crossings: African-Caribbean Women and Transnational Motherhood**

Charmaine Crawford, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados

**New Life in New Lives: Walking through the Labyrinth of Migrant Mothering**

Elizabeth Challinor, CRIA/UM - Centre for Research in Anthropology/University of Minho

**La Ceiba: The Role of the Mother in Early Mexican Immigration Literature in the United States**

Craig Dennison, Westminster College

**SESSION G2: IMMIGRANT SINGLE MOTHERS**

(Room 202A, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** - Nilda Flores-Gonzalez, University of Illinois at Chicago

**Single Motherhood and Migration in the Neoliberal Age**

Maura I. Toro-Morn, Illinois State University

**Floresiste: When Economic Necessity Turns to Political Struggle**

Nilda Flores-Gonzalez, University of Illinois at Chicago

Ruth Gomberg-Munoz, University of Illinois at Chicago

**Mothering and Migration: South Asian Single Mothers in Ethnic Enclaves**

Pallavi Banerjee, University of Illinois at Chicago

Amy Brainer, University of Illinois at Chicago

**Sunday, February 21, 2010**

8:00am-9:00am      **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION**

9:00am-10:30am      **SESSION H1: MOTHERING, MIGRATION, AND ETHNICITY**

(Room 202A, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** – Marisol Pérez Casas, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

**Snapshots of Motherhood after Puerto Rican Migration to the US: Juan Sánchez, Esmeralda Santiago and Judith Ortiz Cofer**

Ivette Guzmán-Zavala, Lebanon Valley College

**Reproductive Tourism in the Nordic Countries**

Lise Kanckos, Åbo Akademi University

**SESSION H2: MOTHERING AND MIGRATION IN LITERATURE**

(Room 202B, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** - Erin Kingsley, University of Colorado at Boulder

**When a Promise Land Becomes a Broken Promise: Mothering and Migration**

Dorsía Smith, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

**Gestation, Parturition, and the Spectacle of Displacement in Jean Rhys's *Good Morning, Midnight***

Erin Kingsley, University of Colorado at Boulder

**Second-Class Feminism? Mothering, Diaspora, and Agency in Monica Ali's *Brick Lane***

Jocelyn Fenton Stitt, Minnesota State University, Mankato

10:30-10:45 am

**BREAK**

10:45am-12:15pm **SESSION II: MOTHERING MOVEMENTS, DISTANT HOMELANDS, AND**

**MATERNAL HEALTH**

(Room 202A, Puerto Rico Convention Centre)

**CHAIR** –Dorsía Smith, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

***Todos somos Elvira?: The representation of immigrant motherhood in the pro-immigrant movement***

Almita Miranda, Northwestern University

**An “Other” Mother in “Another World”: Mothering in *Flowers From Another World***

Lori Oxford, Western Carolina University

**Maternity Care, Legislation, and Undocumented Mothers: Cultural Citizen-Making in Oklahoma’s Latin American Immigrant Community**

Regina Gordon, University of Oklahoma, Norman

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