



**The Association for Research on Mothering (ARM)
the International Academy HAGIA
and the Gift Economy Network**

are pleased to announce, as part of ARM's 13th Annual Conference
"Mothering and the Environment: The Natural, The Social, and The Built",
the embedded conference:

**A (M)otherworld is Possible: Two Feminist Visions
Matriarchal Studies
The Gift Economy
October 23-25, 2009, York University, Toronto, Canada**

Schedule

Friday, October 23, 2009

4:45pm-7:20pm BOOK LAUNCH AND RECEPTION
(food and refreshments provided in common space near room 014)

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

- *Sara Ruddick's Maternal Thinking* (O'Reilly, ed). *new DEMETER PRESS book
- *Daughters of Empire* (Satterfield) *new DEMETER PRESS book
- *Mothering and Blogging* (Friedman & Calixte, eds) *new DEMETER PRESS book
- *Societies of Peace: Matriarchies Past Present and Future* (Goettner- Abendroth- *Inanna Press

SPECIAL RITUAL PERFORMANCE

A Mother's Rite: Song and Ritual to Tempt the Birth of New Origin Stories
– Polly Wood (Interdisciplinary Artist)

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

7:20pm-7:30 pm Opening Invocation - Agnes Williams (USA, Seneca)
7:30pm-7:35pm Welcome words of Andrea O'Reilly (Canada)

7:35pm-9:05pm GIFT ECONOMY KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 1

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

A Maternal Humanity and the Gift Paradigm - Genevieve Vaughan (USA, Italy)

Feminist thinking in Context of African Experience in the Struggle for Space, Place and Contribution to Human Prosperity - Wahu Kaara (Kenya)

9:05pm-10:35pm MATRIARCHAL STUDIES KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 1

(McLaughlin College Junior Common Room 014)

Matriarchies as Mother-centered Societies - Heide Goettner-Abendroth (Germany)

Listen to Your Mother - Barbara Mann (USA, Seneca)

Saturday, October 24, 2009

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

**A (M)OTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE
EMBEDDED CONFERENCE FULL DAY**

(*ALL SESSIONS AND SPEAKERS IN VANIER RENAISSANCE ROOM, VANIER COLLEGE ROOM 001)

9:30am-11:00am SESSION 1: GIVING AND MOTHERS

Legacy of Gift Giving Mothers - Debbie Winegarten (USA)

A Poetics of the Placenta: Placental Cosmology as Gift and Sacred Economy
- Nané Jordan (Canada)

The Future has an Ancient Mother: the African Legacy
- Lucia Chiavola Birnbaum (Italy, USA)

From Destiny to Choices - Paola Melchiori (Italy)

11:00am-11:15am BREAK

11:15am-12:45pm SESSION 2: THE GIFT IN SOCIETY AT LARGE

Restoring the Feminine in Education, Economics and All Our Institutions
- Nina Simons (USA)

Egalitarianism and Nonviolence as Gift of Life – the KhoeSan of Southern Africa and Lang Elsie of the Hessequa in the Overberg - Bernedette Muthien (South Africa)

Giving, Taking, Giving Back, and Eco Centric Gift Economy
- Mechthild Hart (USA, Austria)

Feminism, Gift-Giving, Matriarchy - and Anarchism - Erella Shadmi (Israel)

12:45pm-1:45pm LUNCH BREAK

1:45pm-3:15pm SESSION 3: ASPECTS OF MATRIARCHAL CULTURES

The Meaning of Motherhood by the Berber of North Africa
- Malika Grasshoff (Germany, Berber-Kabyle)

The Most Sacred Ritual on Palau: Initiation of a Mother after First Childbirth
- Gudrun Frank-Wissmann (Germany)

Andean Spirituality: Maternal Thinking and Inclusive Community
- Mary Louise Stone (USA)

What Can we Learn from Matriarchal Societies? - Mariam Irene Tazi-Preve (Austria)

3:15pm-3:30pm BREAK

3:30pm-5:00pm SESSION 4: ASPECTS OF MATRIARCHAL SPIRITUALITY

Divine Motherhood: The Case of Ancient Greece - Marguerite Rigoglioso (USA)

Peacewalk through the Mother and Daughter Bear Constellations: Bearings of Love and Indomitability for our Maternal Humanity - Kalli Rose Halvorson (USA)

Yoga Ethnochoreology: Bodily Practices/ Matriarchal Collectivizing Memory
- Nadine McNeil (Jamaica)

Priestessing on the Edge of Chaos - Decolonization as revelation to matriarchal spirituality. A brief look at the Babaylan of the Philippines - Past Present and Future
- Letecia Layson (Philippines)

5:00pm-6:30pm DINNER BREAK

6:30pm-8:00pm GIFT ECONOMY KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 2

Gift Giving, Mothering, and Ancient Ways - Pilwha Chang (Korea)

The Scientific Underpinnings of Matriarchal (Mother-Based) Social Organization & Gift Economy Behaviors – Vicki Noble (USA)

8:00pm-9:30pm MATRIARCHAL STUDIES KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 2

About the Life of a Juchitecan Mother - Marina Meneses (Mexico, Juchitàn)

Khasi Matriarchal Social Structure: Tradition and Incessancy - Valentina Pakyntein (India, Khasi)

9:30pm-10:00pm SATURDAY NIGHT CLOSING SPEAKER

World Icons of Mothers and Grandmothers - Lydia Ruyle (USA)

Sunday, October 25, 2009

9:30am-11:00am A (M)OTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE - SPECIAL GUESTS

(Vanier Renaissance Room, Vanier College 001)

The Gift of Mothering - Sobonfu Somé (Burkina Faso, Africa)

Original Instructions Practised Today: Law of Peace and Code of Handsome Lake - Agnes Williams (USA, Seneca)

Book Presentation – *Societies of Peace* – Heide Goettner-Abendroth (Germany)

11:00am-11:15am BREAK

11:15am-12:45pm SESSION 5 PANEL:POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GIFT PARADIGM FOR FEMINIST TRANSFORMATION

(Vanier Renaissance Room, Vanier College 001)

Mothering Values as the Source of Sustainable Eco Village Building - Angela Dolmetsch (Colombia)

Myths of "Progress": Women, the Gift Paradigm, Gender Relations and the Patriarchal Growth of the Modern World System (1400-2000) - Linda Christiansen-Ruffman (Canada)

The Demise of the Gift Giving Welfare State in Finland – Kaarina Kailo (Finland)

Political Significance of the Gift Paradigm for Feminist Transformation – Angela Miles (Canada)

12:45pm-2:00pm LUNCH BREAK

2:00pm-3:30pm A (M)OTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE - CLOSING PANEL

(Vanier Renaissance Room, Vanier College 001)

A (M)otherworld is Possible – Matriarchal Visions of a Future of Peace
General discussion with all keynote speakers, presenters, and public

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