MATRICENTRIC FEMINISM: THEORY, ACTIVISM, POLITICS, PRACTICE AND REPRESENTATION
May 2-4, 2018, Syracuse University
Piazza Savonarola 15, 50132, Florence, Italy

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018

11:00 am-12:00 pm REGISTRATION (ROOM 14, GROUND FLOOR) & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (VILLA ROSSA GARDEN*)

12:00 pm-1:15 pm WORDS OF WELCOME BY SASHA PERUGINI, DIRECTOR OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, FLORENCE, KEYNOTE ONE: PETRA BUESKENS, "MODERN MOTHERS’ DUAL IDENTITIES AND THE NEW SEXUAL CONTRACT," CHAIRED BY ANDREA O’REILLY (ROOM 12 & 13/GROUND FLOOR)

1:15 pm-1:30 pm BREAK

1:30 pm-3:00 pm CONCURRENT SESSION A1-A3

SESSION A1: MOTHERS AND MOTHERING IN ACADEME (ROOM ‘LA LOGGIA’/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR – Lori Chambers
• Victoria Bailey, “Turned Away at the Door: Challenges to Entering Feminist Academia as a Mother”
• Lisa Bednar, “Speaking of Motherhood, I Need to Leave Early to Pick up my Child Today: The role of Matricentric Feminism in Supporting Indigenous Students”
• Erin Graybill Ellis, “Pregnancy and Birth in the Ivory Tower”
• Adwoa N. Onuora, “M(othering) and Violence on Sacred Ground”

SESSION A2: MOTHERS IN LITERATURE (ROOM 35/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR – Karen Lane
• Sheila Rabillard and Karen Bamford, “’I Have Kept You Inside From the Beginning’: Marie Clements’s Maternities”
• Melissa Gjellstad, “Millennial Mothers in Norwegian Literature”
• Ürün Şen-Sönmez and Beyhan Uygun Aytemiz, “From Sacred to Feminist Motherhood: A Survey of the Modern Turkish Novel”

**SESSION A3: SUPPORTING AND EMPOWERING MOTHERS (ROOM 31 & 32/TOP FLOOR)**

**CHAIR – Meaghan Brady Nelson**

• Andrea O’Reilly, “‘Have Your Cake and Eat It Too’: Challenging and Changing Normative Gender Roles Through Partnerships”
• Nitza Berkovitch (Presenter) and Shlomit Manor, “Grandmothers Providing Childcare: Between Familism and Neoliberalism”
• Eva Doherty Gremmert, “Empowering Mothers of Special Needs Children”

**3:15 pm-3:30 pm**  **COFFEE BREAK (VILLA ROSSA GARDEN*)**

**3:30 pm-5:00 pm**  **CONCURRENT SESSION B1-B3**

**SESSION B1: MATERNAL RELATIONS (ROOM ‘LA LOGGIA’/TOP FLOOR)**

**CHAIR – Lisa Bednar**

• Myra Sabir, “The Mother Controls the Nature of Perception & Perception Controls Everything”
• Joan Garvan, “Mothers and the Play of Meaning in Time and Place”
• Hayley Edwardson, “A Mother’s Story”
• Veeksha Vagmita, “Family (and) Intrigues: Coping With/Through Mothering”

**SESSION B2: Matriarchal Politics and Myth (ROOM 35/TOP FLOOR)**

**CHAIR – Michelle Hughes Miller**

• Kaarina Kailo, “Terra Feminarum—Myth or Reality? New Evidence on Ancient Northern Mother-Cultures”
• Dr. Heide Goettner-Abendroth, “Matriarchal Politics and the Vision of a New Society”
• Karen Walasek, “Rematriation Through the Lens of a Time Traveling Super Hero”

**SESSION B3: MOTHERING, MOTHERHOOD AND FEMINISM (ROOM 31 & 32/TOP FLOOR)**

**CHAIR – Fiona Green**

• Bruna Alvarez Mora, “Feminism and Motherhood in Spain”
• Fiona Joy Green, “Practicing Matricentric Feminist Mothering”
• Annika Ljung-Baruth, “A Motherly Society: Scandinavian Feminisms and the Welfare State”
• Candace Johnson, “Responsibility, Affective Solidarity, and Transnational Maternal Feminism”
THURSDAY, MAY 3, 2018

8:30 am-9:00 am  REGISTRATION (ROOM 14, GROUND FLOOR) & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (VILLA ROSSA GARDEN*)

9:00 am-10:15 am  KEYNOTE TWO: GENEVIEVE VAUGHAN, “THINKING A MATRICENTRIC FUTURE INTO BEING,” CHAIGNED BY MICHELLE TARNOPOLSKY (ROOM 12 & 13/GROUND FLOOR)

10:15 am-10:30 am  REFRESHMENT BREAK (VILLA ROSSA GARDEN*)

10:30 am-12:00 pm  CONCURRENT SESSION C1-C3

SESSION C1: MATRIARCHAL POLITICS AND MYTH (ROOM ‘LA LOGGIA’/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR – Eva Doherty Memmer

• Peggy Reeves Sanday, “The “Matrixial”, the “Matrilineal,” and “Me Too”"
• Vicki Noble, “Female Cycle Central to Human Evolution”
• Ereka Shadmi, “From Fractals of Insecurity to Full Safety: Applying the Maternal Gift Paradigm”
• Kirre Koivunen, “Women at Risk: Gift Economy’s Possibilities and Matriarchal Social Systems Worldwide”

SESSION C2: MOTHERING AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (ROOM 35/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR – Jamie Day

• Lori Chambers and Nadia Verrelli, “Motherhood Denied: R. v. Ryan and Child Custody”
• Wachana Sermsathanasawat, “Changing Landscapes in Domestic Violence Research: A Case Study of (and by) a Thai Family”
• Nicole Hill, “When Becoming a Mother is Violent: Understanding Obstetric Violence as Violence Against Mothers”
• Catarina Barata, “The Normalization of Violence in Childbirth: Pathologization, Authoritative Knowledge and Internalized Technologies of Gender at Play in the Biomedical Context”

SESSION C3: MOTHERING AND REPRODUCTION (ROOM 31 & 32/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR – Myra Sabir

• Haile Eshe Cole, “The Life and Death of Black Motherhood”
• Elena Skoko, “Addressing Obstetric Violence From the Perspective of Maternal Gift Economy”
• Susan Hogan, “To What Extent are Hospital Practices, That are Iatrogenic in Nature, Implicated in Post-natal Distress?”
• Eva-Maria Müller-Markfort, “A Strong Mother Births a Healthy Baby Who Becomes a Strong Mother…. Not Any More! About the Loss of Self Confidence, Autonomy and Ability of Today’s Mothers to Bring Children Into the World”
12:00 pm–1:00 pm  LUNCH: PROVIDED (VILLA ROSSA GARDEN*)

1:00 pm–2:30 pm  CONCURRENT SESSION D1-D3

D1: MOTHERS, AGENCY, AND RESISTANCE (ROOM ‘LA LOGGIA’/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR –
• Katie Bodendorfer Garner, “Letting Lady Luck Get the Credit: How Modern US Mothers Conceptualize Race and Class as Being “Lucky””
• Ashley Balsom, “Heave Away: Women’s Experience With Mobile Work and Family Planning in Atlantic Canada”
• Jessica Spring Weappa, “Re-membering The Mother Way”
• Joan Garvan, “Transition to Parenthood: Critical Tipping Point on the Road to Gender Equality?”

D2: FEMINIST RESISTANCES (ROOM 35/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR –
• Rachel Lamdin Hunter, ‘The Customer is Always Right’: Mothers and Welfare Services”
• Avigail Erenkrantz Hotzen, “I Did Not Want to Buy Barbie dolls - A Standpoint of a Feminist Lesbian Mother, Raising a Transgender Daughter”
• Andrea Fleckinger, “Child Protection Social Work in the Context of Gender Based Violence–Which Factors Favorize or Protect Mothers From a Secondary Victimization?”
• Simone Bohn, “Promoting Men’s Rights, Advancing a Matricentric Feminist Agenda. The Case of Daddy Institute in Brazil”

D3: MOTHERS, MOTHERING, FILM, AND POPULAR CULTURE (ROOM 31 & 32/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR – Nicole Hill
• Michelle Hughes Miller, “Hollywood’s Matricentric Feminism in Bad Moms and A Bad Moms Christmas”
• Kira Hussing, “Young Single Motherhood in Contemporary German Film”
• Lynn O’Brien Hallstein, “Beyoncé’s Second Maternal Performance: Birthing Questions for Matricentric and Intersectional Feminisms”

2:30 pm–2:45 pm  BREAK

2:45 pm–4:15 pm  CONCURRENT SESSION E1-E3

E1: MOTHERS; OPPRESSION AND RESISTANCE (ROOM ‘LA LOGGIA’/TOP FLOOR) (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**)

CHAIR –
• Karen Lane, “What Lies Beneath: Mothering, Migration and Social Inclusion”
• Michelle Tarnopolsky, “From Childless to Childfree: Italian Documentarians Flipping the Motherhood Narrative”
• Tracy-Smith Carrier (*Presenter), Andrea Lawlor (*Presenter), and Sarah Benbow, “Engendering Economic Stability: Exploring a Matricentric Feminist Approach to Poverty Reduction for Mothers in Ontario”

• Sinith Sittira, “My Mother and (Me and) Trees: Revisiting My Mother’s Backyard Knowledge through a Postcolonial Feminist Lens”

E2: MOTHERING AND ART (ROOM 35/TOP FLOOR) (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**)

CHAIR – Astrid Joutseno
• Hadara Scheflan Katzav, “Mamartist - the voice of the mother in contemporary Israeli art
• Kirsten Stromberg, “With-In Mothering”
• Meaghan Brady Nelson and Jennifer Combe, “Mothering-ArtAdemics: Intersecting Identities of Strength”

E3: MOTHERHOOD STUDIES (ROOM 31 & 32/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR – Lynn O’Brien Hallstein
• Tatjana Takševa, “Motherhood Studies and the Motherhood Movement in the Context of Women’s and Gender Studies”
• Jessica Spring Weappa, “The Mother of the Dream: Re-embodying the Serpents, the Scepter, and the Stars”

4:15 pm-5:45 pm WINE RECEPTION (VILLA ROSSA GARDEN*)

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2018

8:30 am-9:00 am REGISTRATION (ROOM 14, GROUND FLOOR) & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST (VILLA ROSSA GARDEN*)

9:00 am-10:00 am KEYNOTE THREE: ANDREA O’REILLY, “THE BABY OUT WITH THE BATHWATER: THE DISAVOWAL AND DISAPPEARANCE OF MOTHERHOOD IN 20TH AND 21ST CENTURY ACADEMIC FEMINISM,” CHAIED BY PETRA BUESKENS (ROOM 12 & 13/GROUND FLOOR)

10:00 am-10:15 am COFFEE BREAK (VILLA ROSSA GARDEN*)

10:15 am-11:45 am CONCURRENT SESSION F1-F3

SESSION F1: MATRICENTRIC NARRATIVES (ROOM ‘LA LOGGIA’/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR – Joan Garvan
• Mariana Thomas, “Cave Research: The Rise of the Matricentric Narrative”
• Olivia Heal, “One Speaks as a Mother...”
• Ortal Slobodin, “Between the Eye and the Gaze: Maternal Shame in the Novel “We Need to Talk about Kevin””
• Elizabeth Podnieks, “Matrifocal Voices in Literature”
SESSION F2: MOTHERING, PUBLIC POLICY, THE ECONOMY, AND WORK (ROOM 35/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR – Rachel Lamdin Hunter
  • Amy Westervelt, “Putting the Policy Cart before the Culture Horse: Lessons from Japan”
  • Robyn Lee, “Mothers on the Market: Economies of Human Milk Exchange”
  • Kristin Marsh, “Professors as Other-Mothers: The Changing Landscape of Higher Education and Increased Burden of Care”

11:45 am-12:00 pm COFFEE BREAK (VILLA ROSSA GARDEN*)

12:00 pm-1:30 pm CONCURRENT SESSION G1-G2

SESSION G1: MOTHERS AND POPULAR CULTURE (ROOM ‘LA LOGGIA’/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR –
  • Astrid Joutseno, “Mothering Online: Subjectivity as Technology and Practice”
  • Maki Motapanyane, “Standing Up to Shut it Down: Maternal Humour and its Uses for Matricentric Feminism”

SESSION G2: MOTHERS RE-STORYING AUTISM: BEYOND THE CARE-OPPRESSION BINARY (ROOM 35/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR –
  • Patty Douglas and Katherine Runkswick-Cole, “Re-storying Mothering Stories of Autism”
  • Margaret F. Gibson, “Paperwork as Spectacle: Autism and Motherhood in the First Person”
  • Estée Klar, “Moving Inclusion: Rethinking Autism, Support and Access”

SESSION G3: FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION (ROOM 31 & 32/TOP FLOOR)

CHAIR –
  • Susan Hogan, “Mothers Make Contemporary Art”

*If raining, coffee/refreshment breaks, lunch, and reception will be held in “The Limonaia”
**People attending the public talks must check in with the registration desk beforehand (Room 14, ground floor)