

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR DOUBLE ISSUE:
*JOURNAL OF THE MOTHERHOOD INITIATIVE (JMI)***

TOPIC: Building Racial Equity in and Across Motherhood

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Established in 1998, *JMI* is a peer-reviewed journal with two issues published annually and is available on-line in open access format (no print issues will be published):

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Extending on the 2021 International Association of Maternal Action and Scholarship (#IAMAS2021) annual conference theme, this *JMI* issue will examine the ways race and ethnicity influence motherhood, mothering practices, motherhood research/scholarship, and activism by and about mothers. Particularly in the context of COVID-19 and heightened police and state violence against racialized communities, as well as the critical responses in both social media and activist realms, including #BLM #DefundthePolice #MMIGW #StopAAPIHate, it is imperative that we come together in solidarity in and across our mothering scholarship and practices.

Through this special issue, we invite submissions from non-dominant groups, in the various ways you identify as a mother and / or scholar, particularly scholar-mother-activists from racially marginalized communities. We also encourage submissions from presenters at the #IAMAS2021 conference. In addition to conventional research articles, we invite poetry, creative nonfiction, fiction, and visual presentations.

Some possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Access to maternal health and maternal health disparities across races.
- Government policies that have hindered or supported growth.
- Immigration, migration, and diasporas.
- Anti-racism parenting, mothering, policing, family, and community dynamics.
- Resource gaps in various forms and arenas.
- Media, literary, and cultural representations of mothers of color.
- Issues regarding identity (including as a mother, daughter, romantic partner, and worker).
- The maternal wage gap and leaky pipelines.
- Universal basic income.
- Political organizing within and across mothering communities.
- Mothering children of a different racial identification than one's one.
- Intersections of race and religion.
- Coalition building and solidarity in and across mothering experiences, identities, positions, and practices.

Deadlines and Submission Details

Full Manuscript Deadline: March 1, 2022

Please include a 250-word abstract with the article and a **separate** file with cover sheet that lists Author's name, email, mailing address, and 50-word bio.

Length of articles: 4500-6000 words (Times New Roman 12, double spaced, MLA format)

Article itself should not have Author's name in file name, on header, or under title. This is so we can forward this document for double-blind, peer review.

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The journal welcomes articles from researchers, writers, mothers, artists, health professionals, and political activists. Please email article with abstract/cover sheet to haile.cole@uconn.edu and mairi.mcdermott@ucalgary.ca