



CALL FOR PAPERS

Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement
**MOTHERS, MOTHERING, HEALTH, AND WELL-BEING: PHYSICAL,
PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL, SPIRITUAL, CULTURAL, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL APRIL 12-14, 2019
YORK UNIVERSITY, TORONTO, ON**

This conference examines the ethical, political, sociocultural, economic, historical, racial, spiritual, physical, psychological, and environmental dimensions of maternal health to consider wide and diverse topics and perspectives including the following: the ways in which culturally dominant ideologies about motherhood and health are taught or challenged; ways in which various paradigms of maternal thinking, being, and acting are constructed, negotiated, embedded, enacted, or resisted in specific health and social situations; ways the medical system can empower or disempower mothers; and the maternal ways of engaging in activism and advocacy work on maternal health from cross-cultural perspectives and on behalf of marginalized and oppressed mothers, childless women, and children. Moreover, the conference will explore the perceptions, patterns, implications, and intersections of maternal health and wellbeing across a wide range of perspectives, themes, and topics.

The conference is multi- and interdisciplinary with scholars from fields as diverse as women and gender studies, anthropology, health studies, law, children studies, religion, political science, English literature, visual art, and psychology. As well the conference includes the voices and perspectives of matricentric activists and writers.

If you are interested in being considered as a presenter, please submit a 200-word abstract and a 50-word bio by **January 1, 2019** through our website <http://motherhoodinitiative.org/submit-abstract/>

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