



CALL FOR PAPERS

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is seeking submissions for an edited collection entitled

Mothering in Disasters/Mothering Disasters

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Deadline for Abstracts: August 31, 2015

Mothers' experiences are multiple, varied and shaped by their social location. This edited collection examines motherhood and mothering in the context of *disasters*. Disasters are conceptualized as challenging, threatening, hazardous, precarious, and perilous circumstances in which mothers' lives are situated. Papers will explore the complex and diverse situations of mothering in disastrous settings and surroundings, including (but not limited to): environmental, historical, political, economic, cultural, and socially constructed disasters. We invite submissions that explore processes, practices and experiences associated with mothering in disaster across geographic region, culture, time, and space. Submissions are welcome from academic disciplines and community settings that contribute empirically, theoretically, methodologically to sociology, criminology, psychology, social work, women's and gender studies, anthropology, social policy, religious studies, political, economy, health and wellness, and the environment. Preference will be given to analyses informed by issues of gender, race, social class, sexuality, age, (dis)ability, family structure, culture, or geography. We are open to experiential accounts, quantitative and qualitative work, and papers aimed at policy and social change.

Possible Topics for Consideration

Mothering in and through environmental disasters such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, ice storms, mud slides, tsunamis, oil spills, nuclear or toxic waste explosions or leaks; mothering in/through wars; mothering through/with terrorism; mothering and child labour; mothering in family situations, such as poverty, infidelity, under separation/divorce, miscarriage/infant/child loss, spouse death or bereavement; mothering with disease, illness, addictions; mothering through child abuse and/or rape/sexual assault; sex-trafficking/sex-slavery and mothering; and mothering and criminal justice involvement. **Questions for Engagement:** disaster issues/concerns/sustainability and mothering; recovery efforts and planning post-disaster; environmental activism; pregnancy and childbirth in disaster settings; children, youth, women and vulnerability in disasters; disasters and separation of mothers and children, female-led households, single mothering, loss of home and homelessness, childcare and education, invisible labor of caregiving, intensive mothering and stigma/shame, and health and wellness; relief post-disaster; post-disaster trauma and distress; post-disaster social support, healing and rebuilding.

Submission Guidelines:

Abstracts/Proposal (500 words) with a 50-word biography due: **August 31, 2015**. Acceptance will be made by: September 30, 2015. Completed manuscripts (18-25 pages double-spaced with references in MLA format) are due: October 31, 2016. Please note that acceptance will depend on the strength and fit of the final piece. Please send inquiries and abstracts to editors: Dr. Caroline McDonald-Harker and Dr. Joanne Minaker: motheringindisasters@gmail.com

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