



CALL FOR PAPERS Demeter Press

is seeking submissions for an edited collection entitled
Mothering and Social Work
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OVERVIEW

The social construction of motherhood informs and permeates the field of social work through practice, research, and education, yet mothering experiences are often silenced in course curriculums, practice settings, and research agendas. Social work theory, policy and practice, often position social workers as “experts” to families with children, reinforcing societal expectations of mothers and assumptions of maternal responsibility, blame and shame. This collection will contribute to an analysis of the relationship between motherhood and social work and an understanding of the social construction of each. We aim to highlight the voices and unique experiences of both mothers and social workers.

This volume will explore the intersection between mothering and social work in its many manifestations. Some of the many ways they intersect are through: child welfare, mental health (women’s and children’s), work with families, health and well-being, community based work, death dying and bereavement, fertility, aging and gerontology. We are actively seeking out voices of women who have been marginalized, absent or under-represented in the literature on social work and mothers. Experiential, arts-based and academic submissions are all welcome.

TOPICS MAY INCLUDE (but are not limited to):

- **Mother’s experiences with child welfare, school social work, social services, or any other interface for social work provision**
- **Mother’s experiences of practicing social work, teaching social work or producing knowledge for social work (research)**
- **The social construction of and role of social work in a changing neoliberal world**
- **The social construction of the “helper” role and the discourse of social worker and mothers as caregivers**
- **Social workers’ experience of working with mothers across diverse social work settings (hospital-based, community-based, activist or education oriented, policy-producing, etc.)**
- **Critical, feminist, queer social work theories (and other theories of interest) and mothering**
- **Social workers’ experience of mothering and motherhood**
- **Client experiences with both social work and motherhood**

Submission Guidelines

For academic articles: 250 word abstracts plus 50 word biography due by April 15, 2018
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