



Call for Chapters

Demeter Press is seeking submissions for an edited collection titled:

Silence to Strength: Intersections of Maternal Anger and Feminist Thought

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Please submit a 500-word abstract by April 1, 2024. Please email with subject line “Maternal Anger” to maki.motapanyane@msvu.ca

Overview:

This call for chapters invites contributions from scholars, researchers, activists, and thinkers to an upcoming volume, "Silence to Strength: Intersections of Maternal Anger and Feminist Thought." This edited collection explores the multifaceted dimensions of maternal anger within feminist discourse, additionally acknowledging its crucial role in activism and social movements.

The collection aims to provide a comprehensive exploration of the multifaceted dimensions of maternal anger. Contributions are sought that traverse historical, cultural, psychological, economic, and political realms, with a particular emphasis on the intersectionality of maternal experiences. By engaging with diverse perspectives on motherhood and anger, this volume aims to amplify the voices of marginalized communities, contributing to a nuanced understanding of the complex interplay between maternal rage, feminist thought, and activism.

Suggested topics (not exhaustive) include:

Historical perspectives on maternal anger: Maternal anger in historical perspective; evolution of societal attitudes towards maternal anger; how maternal anger has fueled activism and social change throughout history.

Feminist theories and maternal anger: Feminist theories that highlight the complexities of maternal anger; how feminist thought informs and is informed by activist movements.

Intersectionality and maternal anger: Highlighting intersectionality in relationship to maternal anger; the unique challenges faced by marginalized mothers.

Cultural dynamics of maternal anger: How cultural norms and values influence the expression and perception of maternal anger; the role of cultural activism in relation to maternal rage.

Economic and political determinants of maternal anger: The impact of economic and political structures on maternal anger; how maternal anger intersects with activism for social and political change.

Mother-child dynamics: Intergenerational experiences and relationships related to maternal anger; how maternal rage is transmitted and transformed across generations in the context of activism.

Psychological dimensions of maternal anger: The psychological aspects of maternal anger; the emotional toll of activism on mothers and strategies for coping with anger.

Language, discourse, representations, art: How language and discourse shape societal perceptions of maternal anger; representations of maternal rage in literature, media, art, and activist narratives.

Maternal anger in law and policy: Legal implications of maternal anger, particularly within family and child welfare contexts; how legal activism can address maternal rage.

Spirituality and wellness: The intersection of spirituality, wellness, and maternal anger in activist spaces; examining holistic approaches to wellness for mothers engaged in social and political movements.

Maternal activism: How maternalism has been a catalyst for activism; the role of mothers in peace and other movements and their expressions of anger.

Submission Guidelines:

Please submit abstracts (300-500 words) outlining your proposed paper, along with a brief bio, by **April 1, 2024**. Submissions should be sent to maki.motapanyane@msvu.ca with the subject line “Maternal Anger”.

Important Dates:

- **Abstract Submission Deadline: April 1, 2024**
- **Notification of Acceptance: May 1, 2024**
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline: October 31, 2024** – full chapter, up to 6,500 words double-spaced, 12-point font, MLA citation.