



Call for Chapters

Demeter Press is seeking submissions for an edited titled:

Black Motherhoods: Navigating Histories,
Realities, and Resilience Across Continents

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Please submit a 500-word abstract by March 31, 2024. Please email with subject line “Black Motherhoods” to dgreene@albany.edu and maki.motapanyane@msvu.ca

Overview:

This call for chapters invites contributions from scholars, researchers, activists, and thinkers to an upcoming volume, “Black Motherhoods: Navigating Histories, Realities, and Resilience Across Continents.”

This collection seeks to shed light on the multifaceted and dynamic experiences of Black mothers globally, providing a platform for in-depth analyses of historical legacies, contemporary challenges, and resilient narratives that shape Black maternal identities. From African mothering traditions to the diverse stories within the Black diaspora, this collection seeks to highlight the rich tapestry of Black motherhoods. In bringing together diverse voices and perspectives, this volume aims to contribute significantly to the scholarship on Black motherhood, fostering a deeper understanding of the unique challenges and strengths embedded in these maternal narratives.

Contributors are encouraged to explore a wide range of themes, including but not limited to:

Historical perspectives: The historical dimensions of African and/or Black motherhood.

Contemporary realities/challenges/context: Current practices, successes, challenges, and factors shaping Black motherhood in diverse contexts.

Intersectionality in motherhood: Intersectionality of identities within the realm of motherhood; maternal differences and points of similarity and connection.

Representation/media/popular culture/art: The representation of Black motherhood in various forms of media, popular culture, and art and the impact of these portrayals.

Mothering and practices of care: Diverse caregiving practices and mothering styles within and between African and Black communities (including forms of social mothering or “other-mothering”).

Spirituality and religion: The role of spirituality and religious practices in shaping Black maternal identities and experiences.

Politics of resistance/activism and resilience: Resistance, activism, and resilience among Black mothers; contributions to social and political change.

Health and well-being: The unique health challenges faced by Black mothers; strategies for promoting the well-being of Black mothers.

Education: The intersection of Black motherhood and education; the impact of educational systems on maternal experiences and opportunities.

Transnational experiences: Experiences of Black mothers in the context of migration and displacement; diasporic cultures; transnational motherhood.

Submission Guidelines:

Please submit abstracts (300-500 words) outlining your proposed paper, along with a brief bio, by **March 31, 2024**. Submissions should be sent to dgreene@albany.edu and maki.motapanyane@msvu.ca with the subject line “Black Motherhoods.”

Important Dates:

- **Abstract Submission Deadline: March 31, 2024**
- **Notification of Acceptance: April 15, 2024**
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline: October 15, 2024**— full chapter, up to 6,500 words double-spaced, 12-point font, MLA citation.