



The University of Western Ontario

Sociology 4487F

Special Topics in Sociology: Motherhood and Mothering

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Class Session:

Wednesdays, 1:30 to 4:20 p.m.

Office Hours:

Thursdays 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Course Description:

As Adrienne Rich (1976) indicates we are all of mothers born, making motherhood a universal construct. This course critically examines the institution of motherhood with emphasis on the location of the institution within the larger social structure. Thus, the course addresses some of the social, political and economic issues affecting mothers in a capitalist, patriarchal society. However, motherhood is also an experience and an identity. And women experience motherhood differently depending on their race and ethnic background, their economic status, their sexual orientation, and their mental and physical health status. Attention to intersectionality will inform the course.

Prerequisite(s): Enrolment in fourth year of one of the Honors Specializations or Honors Double Major in Sociology.

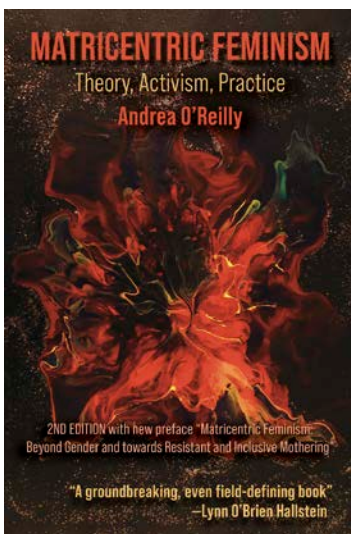
Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enroll in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. The decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Learning Outcomes:

When students have successfully completed this course, they should be able to:

- ✓ To develop a theoretical basis for studying motherhood as an institution as well as the act of mothering.
- ✓ To examine how the societal expectations of motherhood have changed over time.
- ✓ To compare and contrast the experiences of mothers from different social locations including lesbian mothers, racial and ethnic identities, differing class locations, and different mental and physical health statuses.
- ✓ To recognize the intersectionality of race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, disability, age, etc. in the institution of motherhood and mothering.

Required Text(s):



Matricentric Feminism: Theory, Activism, and Practice, 2nd Edition by Andrea O'Reilly, Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press (2021).

There are many additional readings posted on the OWL course site.

Evaluation:

<i>Class participation</i>	<i>10%</i>
<i>Weekly Reading Statements</i>	<i>40%</i>
<i>Seminar Facilitation</i>	<i>15%</i>
<i>Major Essay</i>	<i>35%</i>

Class Participation

Participation is an important facet in the learning process. It helps students digest new concepts, apply those concepts to real world situations, and interject their own perspectives on the topic under discussion. For this reason, a significant component of your evaluation is tied to class participation. Participation will be based on a combination of attendance and class participation. Attendance alone, however, is not enough to achieve an above average mark. You will also be evaluated on your level of participation in group and class discussions as well as the relevance and quality of your participation.

On those occasions in which you miss class because of illness or other valid reasons, you may still earn participation credit for those absences by writing a response to an instructor selected discussion question (one double spaced page per hour of class time missed). It is your responsibility to make arrangements with me on the first day you return to class after an absence or you forfeit the right to make up for your absence. The response will be due within one week of your return. If you miss more than 50% of class sessions without offsetting participation credits, your participation mark will be zero (0).

Because class participation is an important component of your evaluation it is important to create a safe environment for everyone to participate. So the first rule is: people are sacred, ideas are not. This means that we need to be respectful of each other and give each other space to participate. In line with this, laptops are permitted in class but if it is observed that students are on social networking sites such as Facebook or Twitter, they will be told to close the lid and they will not be permitted to use it for the remainder of the class. If you are bringing a cell phone to class, make sure that it is turned off before coming in to class.

COURSE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

With the exception of legitimate medical/personal excuses (documentation required to be submitted) students are expected to attend at least 80% of the class meetings for this course. A passing grade in the course cannot be obtained without meeting this attendance requirement.

Weekly Reflections

This is a seminar course. The expectation is that every student will attend and actively participate in each week's class. To encourage this, you will be expected to complete, almost every week, a discussion posting which reflects upon *all* of the readings for that week, and raises some key questions for discussion. I refer to these as 'Reflections' as this terms most clearly captures what I want you to do each week. That is, I want you to read the assigned readings, and reflect on the key ideas presented; what was interesting and thought provoking; what you agreed or disagreed with; what other ideas, associations, or connections were made, including to other authors; what application or relevance these ideas have; and where they fit into a broader sociological picture. In the context of your reflection essay **you should highlight or bold three or four key questions that these readings lead you to ask.**

I would expect that each week's perspective would be between one and a half and two pages single spaced on OWL (about 800-1000 words). While these reflections are less formal than an essay, I still expect you to use a level of language appropriate to academic discourse. Spelling and grammar do matter, so please make sure that you use a word processor before cutting and pasting into the OWL window. ***Please do not use attachments*** within OWL. I want everyone to be able to access what others have written with a minimum of hassle.

You will be required to do eight (8) Reflections over the duration of the course, which basically means that there are four of the 12 weeks that you do not have to post (one of which is the week you facilitate your seminar). This is to give you some flexibility for other deadlines, sickness, and so on. On the other hand, if you do more than eight Reflections, your best 8 marks will be used. Each Reflection is worth 5 points, for a total of 40, so this is a significant component of your overall mark.

Those who are facilitating seminars in a particular week are not required to complete the posting for that week. Those who do post will need to post their Reflections on the OWL Discussion Forum ***no later than 9:00 p.m. on Monday.*** There will be an automatic 1 point deduction (out of 5) for posting later than 9:00 p.m. Monday, and a 2 point deduction for posting later than 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday. This lead time is to allow the students who will be facilitating the seminars each week to be able to draw upon and incorporate the Reflections into their seminar. In this way, you and everyone in the class will be more involved in the discussion. (You will appreciate these deadlines when it comes your turn to organize your seminar.) I would also encourage you to post an hour or so before the deadline in case you have problems with the OWL site.

Please review what others have written before class as the questions and ideas raised will be the basis for much of our discussion. ***Also, please be sure to bring a copy of your own Reflection to class, as it may be referred to, or even be a central point of the discussion.***

Facilitated Seminars

Now that you are in 4th year, it is expected that you will take a more active role in leading class discussions. Hence, each of you will be responsible for facilitating a seminar for approximately half of one class, or more specifically, for about one hour and 10 minutes. The usual procedure is that we will start the class promptly at 1:30. I will make announcements and deal with administrative matters for up to 10 minutes. At 1:40, the first seminar will begin, and will go to 2:50. At this point, we will take a 10 minute break, with an eye to starting the second half of class by 3:05 sharp, with an eye to starting the second seminar by 3:05 sharp, and ending at 4:15. This leaves 5 minutes for any questions and previewing the following week. Because we have a fuller house (15 or so students), it is essential that we respect these timelines, including arriving a few minutes before 1:30, and settling in by 3:00 after the break.

The seminar itself should be primarily focussed on facilitating discussion based on the Reflections above, and your own reading of the materials. As the facilitator, I would expect you to provide some context information not covered in the readings, but I want to stress that the seminar is not primarily about “presenting” information. It is instead, about discussing ideas. Exploring the various perspectives laid out in the readings (both the text and the supplementary) through your own reflection, as well as drawing upon the posted reflections of others in the class is the key to a successful seminar. The point is to facilitate discussion.

You may, if you wish, develop and organize your seminar by putting it together as a PowerPoint presentation. Feel free to bring into play illustrative materials such as pictures, games, video or audio clips, etc. to enhance your seminar. But most importantly is making use of the questions and perspectives raised by the others in the class. When you review your classmates postings, you will undoubtedly find areas of agreement and disagreement. By bringing these together, or to a head, you will undoubtedly spark some conversation. Look for themes, or especially interesting or provocative questions. The more you can draw others into the conversation, the more successful your seminar will be judged.

As a facilitator, you also have a responsibility to ensure that there is a free flow of ideas from everyone, if possible. By drawing on as many different people’s questions as possible, you invite broad based participation.

You also need to be aware of group dynamics. Do not permit the seminar to become a debate between two or three people to the exclusion of others. If this starts to happen, identify it, and move on to another point. Remember, you only have a little over an hour, and it will go by awfully fast, and you will want to cover a reasonable amount of material.

As much as possible, this exercise should be students taking a leadership role in the classroom. Therefore, I try to stay somewhat low key. I will, however, participate in the proceedings from time to time, especially to clarify points and ideas which may have been misunderstood.

In the end, this seminar is designed to give you a glimpse of the independence you would experience as a graduate student and as an academic. It is also designed to be a very enriched learning experience.

The Essay

In addition to the seminar, each student will write a 12+ page paper which further develops a topic in the area of motherhood and mothering—perhaps in the same area as one’s facilitated seminar. Here the student will be expected to read and research more widely on a specific topic drawing from various scholarly sources, and expand on that topic in an engaging and intellectually stimulating way. This paper will be due on the last day of classes, that is, Wednesday, December 8th. All essays will be submitted to *Turnitin.com* on the OWL site for the course and submitted to me in hard copy format.

Late papers will be penalized 5% beginning at 1:30 p.m. on December 8th and 2% per day for each additional day of lateness. No assignments will be accepted after December 8th.

How to Contact Me:

Please feel free to speak to me after class or during class breaks. If you are not in class, the best way to contact me is to stop by during my office hours. Otherwise I can be reached by email or by leaving a voice mail message.

How to get important information:

Please check the announcements for the course and check the OWL site for the course regularly.

Important Policies

A Note on Plagiarism:

Students must write their assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a major scholastic offence (the Scholastic Offence Policy can be viewed in the Western Academic Calendar).

Plagiarism Checking:

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (www.turnitin.com).

Policy on Laptops and other Electronics/Phones in Class:

Laptops are permitted in class at the discretion of the professor for note taking or any other purpose approved by the professor. If, however, they are used for personal purposes during class time (Facebook, e-mail, web surfing, gaming, etc.) the privilege of using laptops may be withdrawn. Using laptops is a privilege, not a right.

Cellphones, Blackberries, and similar devices, must be turned *OFF* (not just vibrate) during classes unless specific permission is sought for emergency purposes in a given class. Text messaging and Twittering are not permitted during class.

Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness

Western’s policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness can be found at www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

Students must see the Academic Counsellor and submit all required documentation in order to be approved for certain accommodation: https://counselling.ssc.uwo.ca/procedures/academic_consideration.html

Accessibility Options:

Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may also wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 519 661-2111 x 82147 for any specific question regarding an accommodation. Information regarding accommodation of exams is available on the Registrar's website: www.registrar.uwo.ca/examinations/accommodated_exams.html

Scholastic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following web site:

www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

Mental Health

Students who are in **emotional/mental distress** should refer to Mental Health@Western (http://uwo.ca/health/mental_wellbeing/index.html) for a complete list of options how to obtain help

General Course Outline

PLEASE NOTE: Ideally, reading assignments must be done before you come to class. All readings for the course will be posted on the OWL site for the course, with the exception of the required text for the course.

Sept 8 Introduction

READING: No assigned readings.

Sept 15 Patriarchy and the Institution of Motherhood

READING: O'Reilly, Introduction and Ch. 1:1-101

Adrienne Rich

1986 Forward, Chs. I and II in *Of Woman Born: Motherhood as Experience and Institution*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company: 11-17; 21-55.

Sept 22 Our Bodies, Ourselves

READING: Adrienne Rich

1986 Ch. VI in *Of Woman Born: Motherhood as Experience and Institution*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company: 128-155.

Judith Mintz

2011 "Empowering Women to Become Mothers: Midwifery in Ontario, 1990-2010." Ch. 1 in *The 21st Century Motherhood Movement* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:37-49.

Rosemarie Putnam Tong

2013 excerpt from "Radical Feminism: Libertarian and Cultural Perspectives." Ch. 2 in *Feminist Thought: A More Comprehensive Introduction*, Fourth Edition. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press:74-91.

Diana Ginn

2004 "The Supreme Court of Canada and What it Means to Be 'Of Woman Born'." Ch. 1 in *From Motherhood to Mothering: The Legacy of Adrienne Rich's Of Woman Born* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Albany, New York: State University of New York Press:27-43.

Sophie Gilbert

2017 "The Visceral, Woman-Centric Horror of *The Handmaid's Tale*." *The Atlantic* (April).

Sophie Gilbert

2018 "*The Handmaid's Tale* and the Suffering of Women." *The Atlantic* (April).

Sept 29 "Bad Mothers"

READING: Paula J. Caplan

2012 "Who Decides If Mothers Are Crazy? From Freud's Mother to Today's." Ch. 5 in *Moms Gone Mad: Motherhood and Madness, Oppression and Resistance* edited by Gina Wong. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:79-92.

Randall Hansen and Desmond King

2013 "The Sterilized: Voices from Alberta and Oregon." Ch. 11 in *Sterilized by the State: Eugenics, Race, and the Population Scare in Twentieth-Century North America*. New York: Cambridge University Press:211-221.

Ann V. Bell

2019 "I'm Not Really 100% A Woman If I Can't Have A Kid": Infertility and the Intersection of Gender, Identity, and the Body" *Gender and Society* 33(4):629-651.

Heidi Grundetjern

2018 "Negotiating Motherhood: Variations of Maternal Identities among Women in the Illegal Drug Economy." *Gender and Society* 32(3):395-416.

- Emilie Lewis
2019 "Voluntary Childless Women: A look at Western society and the definition of motherhood." Ch. 9 in *Routledge Companion to Motherhood* edited by Lynn Hallstein O'Brien, Andrea O'Reilly and Melinda Vandenbeld Giles. London: Routledge:122-129.

Oct 6 **First Nations' Mothers and State Intervention**

READING:

- Jennifer Brant
2019 "Indigenous Mothering: Birthing the nation from resistance to revolution." Ch. 8 in *Routledge Companion to Motherhood* edited by Lynn Hallstein O'Brien, Andrea O'Reilly and Melinda Vandenbeld Giles. London: Routledge:111-121.
- Dawn Memeé Lavell-Harvard and Jeannette Corbiere Lavell
2012 "What More Do You People Want? The Unique Needs of Aboriginal Mothers in a Modern Context." in *What Do Mothers Need? Motherhood Activists and Scholars Speak Out on Maternal Empowerment for the 21st Century* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:107-122.
- Rosalind Ing
2011 "Canada's Indian Residential Schools and Their Impacts on Mothering." Ch. 14 in *Racism, Colonialism, and Indigeneity in Canada: A Reader* edited by Martin J. Cannon and Lina Sunseri. Don Mills, Ontario: Oxford University Press:120-127.
- Gordana Eljdupovic et al.
2013 "Incarcerating Aboriginal Mothers: A Cost Too Great." Ch. 3 in *Incarcerated Mothers: Oppression and Resistance* edited by Gordana Eljdupovic and Rebecca Jaremko Bromwich. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:43-58.
- Sinéad Charbonneau, Robina Thomas, Caitlin Janzen, Jeannine Carrière, Susan Strega and Leslie Brown
2014 "Storying the Untold: Indigenous Motherhood and Street Sex Work." Ch. 9 in *Mothers of the Nations: Indigenous Mothering as Global Resistance, Reclaiming and Recovery* edited by D. Memeé Lavell-Harvard and Jeannette Corbiere Lavell. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:163-178.
- Dawn Marsden
2014 "Indigenous Principles for Single Mothering in a Fragmented World." Ch. 15 in *Mothers of the Nations: Indigenous Mothering as Global Resistance, Reclaiming and Recovery* edited by D. Memeé Lavell-Harvard and Jeannette Corbiere Lavell. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:267-289.

Oct 13 **Lesbian Mothers**

READING:

- Shelley M. Park
2019 "Queering and Querying Motherhood." Ch. 4 in *Routledge Companion to Motherhood* edited by Lynn Hallstein O'Brien, Andrea O'Reilly and Melinda Vandenbeld Giles. London: Routledge:63-76.
- Margaret F. Gibson
2014 "Queer Mothering and the Question of Normalcy." Ch. 15 in *Mothers, Mothering and Motherhood Across Cultural Differences: A Reader* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:347-383.
- Elizabeth Bailey
2016 "Bumpy Road, Bumpy Road, Smooth(ing the) Road: Experiences in Lesbian Mothering." Ch. 2 in "New Maternalisms": *Tales of Motherwork: Dislodging the Unthinkable* edited by Roksana Badruddoja and Maki Motapanyane. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:36-56.
- Dawn Comeau
2004 "Lesbian Non-Biological Mothering: Negotiating an (un)familiar existence." Ch. 10 in *Mother Outlaws: Theories and practices of Empowered Mothering* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:155-167.
- Audre Lorde
2007 "Man Child: A Black Lesbian Feminist's Response." Ch. 9 in *Maternal Theory: Essential Readings* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:157-162.

- Baba Copper
2007 "The Radical Potential in Lesbian Mothering of Daughters." Ch. 11 in *Maternal Theory: Essential Readings* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:186-193.
- Nancy D. Polikoff
2007 "Lesbians Choosing Children: The Personal is Political Revisited." Ch. 12 in *Maternal Theory: Essential Readings* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:194-200.

Oct 20

Working Moms

READING:

- Shari L. Thurer
2007 "The Myths of Motherhood." Ch. 21 in *Maternal Theory: Essential Readings* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:331-344.
- Muzhi Zhou
2017 "Motherhood, Employment, and the Dynamics of Women's Gender Attitudes." *Gender and Society* 31(6):751-776.
- Joanna Motro and Reeve Vanneman
2015 "The 1990s Shift in the Media Portrayal of Working Mothers." *Sociological Forum* 30(4):1017-1037.
- Catherine Bryan
2019 "Mothers and Work: Social reproduction and the labours of motherhood." Ch. 26 in *Routledge Companion to Motherhood* edited by Lynn Hallstein O'Brien, Andrea O'Reilly and Melinda Vandenberg Giles. London: Routledge:331-342.
- Jennifer Borda
2019 "The Lasting Impacts of 'The Opt Out Revolution': Disciplining working mothers." Ch. 27 in *Routledge Companion to Motherhood* edited by Lynn Hallstein O'Brien, Andrea O'Reilly and Melinda Vandenberg Giles. London: Routledge:343-352.
- Margunn Bjørnholt
2019 "Mothering and the Economy." Ch. 31 in *Routledge Companion to Motherhood* edited by Lynn Hallstein O'Brien, Andrea O'Reilly and Melinda Vandenberg Giles. London: Routledge:389-401.
- Jenna Abetz and Julia Moore
2018 "Welcome to the Mommy Wars, Ladies': Making Sense of the Ideology of Combative Mothering in Mommy Blogs." *Communication Culture and Critique* 11(2018):265-281.

Oct 27

Intensive Mothering

READING:

- Sharon Hays
1996 "Why Can't a Mother Be More Like a Businessman?" Ch. 1 in *The Cultural Contradictions of Motherhood*. New Haven, Connecticut: Yale University Press:1-18.
- Tatjana Takševa
2014 "How Contemporary Consumerism Shapes Intensive Mothering Practices." in *Intensive Mothering: The Cultural Contradictions of Modern Motherhood* edited by Linda Rose Ennis. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:211-232.
- Kristen Abatsis McHenry and Denise L. Schultz
2014 "Skinny Jeans: Perfection and Competition in Motherhood." in *Intensive Mothering: The Cultural Contradictions of Modern Motherhood* edited by Linda Rose Ennis. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:299-312.
- Kit Myers
2017 "'If I'm Going To Do It, I'm Going To Do It Right': Intensive Mothering Ideologies among Childless Women Who Elect Egg Freezing." *Gender and Society* 31(6):777-803.
- Sinikka Elliott and Sarah Bowen
2018 "Defending Motherhood: Morality, Responsibility, and Double Binds in Feeding Children." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 80(April):499-520.

Jiyoung Chae
2015 "Am I A Better Mother Thank You?' Media and 21st Century Motherhood in the Context of Social Comparison Theory." *Communication Research* 42(4):503-525.

Nov 3 **Fall Reading Week**

Nov 10 **Other Mothering**

READING:

O'Reilly, Ch. 3:133-184

Sara Ruddick

2007 "Maternal Thinking." Ch. 6 in *Maternal Theory: Essential Readings* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:96-113.

Andrea Doucet

2010 "Taking Off the Maternal Lens: Engaging with Sara Ruddick on Men and Mothering." Ch. 10 in *Twenty-first-Century Motherhood: Experience, Identity, Policy, Agency* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:170-180.

Deirdre M. Condit

2010 "Reproducing Possibilities: Androgenesis and Mothering Human Identity." Ch. 11 in *Twenty-first-Century Motherhood: Experience, Identity, Policy, Agency* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:181-195.

Joanne Frye

2015 "Parental Thinking: What Does Gender Have to Do With It?" Ch. 1 in *Essential Breakthroughs: Conversations about Men, Mothers and Mothering* edited by Fiona Joy Green and Gary Lee Pelletier. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:14-31.

Gary Lee Pelletier

2015 "Does the Manny Mother?" Ch. 2 in *Essential Breakthroughs: Conversations about Men, Mothers and Mothering* edited by Fiona Joy Green and Gary Lee Pelletier. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:32-52.

Hallie Palladino

2014 "The Cultural Contradictions of Fatherhood: Is There An Ideology of Intensive Fathering?" in *Intensive Mothering: The Cultural Contradictions of Modern Motherhood* edited by Linda Rose Ennis. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:280-298.

Linda Rose Ennis

2019 "Mothering or Parenting?" Ch. 22 in *Routledge Companion to Motherhood* edited by Lynn Hallstein O'Brien, Andrea O'Reilly and Melinda Vandenbeld Giles. London: Routledge:274-283.

Nov 17 **Migrating Mothers**

READING:

Cameron Lynne Macdonald

2010 Chs. 2,4, and 6-8 in *Shadow Mothers: Nannies, Au pairs, and the Micropolitics of Mothering*. Berkeley, California: University of California Press:17-41; 66-84; 105-163.

Nov 24 **Surrogate Mothers**

READING:

April Hovav

2019 "Producing Moral Palatability in the Mexican Surrogacy Market." *Gender and Society* 33(2):273-295.

Sharmila Rudrappa and Caitlyn Collins

2015 "Altruistic Agencies and Compassionate Consumers: Moral Framing of Transnational Surrogacy." *Gender and Society* 29(6):937-959.

- Laurel Swerdlow and Wendy Chavkin
2017 "Motherhood in Fragments: the Disaggregation of Biology and Care." Ch. 1 in *Babies For Sale: Transnational Surrogacy, Human Rights and the Politics of Reproduction* edited by Miranda Davies. London: Zed Books Ltd.:19-32.
- France Winddance Twine
2017 "The Fertility Continuum: Racism, Bio-Capitalism and Post-Colonialism in the Transnational Surrogacy Industry." Ch. 6 in *Babies For Sale: Transnational Surrogacy, Human Rights and the Politics of Reproduction* edited by Miranda Davies. London: Zed Books Ltd.:105-122.
- Amrita Pande
2014 "Manufacturing the Perfect Mother-Worker." Ch. 4 in *Wombs in Labour: Transnational Commercial Surrogacy in India*. New York: Columbia University Press:64-83.

Dec 1

African American Mothers

READING:

- Judith Lorber
2012 "Standpoint Feminism." Ch. 8 in *Gender Inequality: Feminist Theories and Politics*, Fifth Edition. New York, New York: Oxford University Press:183-190; 197-202.
- bell hooks
2007 "Revolutionary Parenting." Ch. 8 in *Maternal Theory: Essential Readings* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:145-156.
- bell hooks
2007 "Homeplace: A Site of Resistance." Ch. 17 in *Maternal Theory: Essential Readings* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:266-273.
- Patricia Hill Collins
2007 "The Meaning of Motherhood in Black Culture and Black Mother-Daughter Relationships." Ch. 18 in *Maternal Theory: Essential Readings* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:274-289.
- Patricia Hill Collins
2007 "Shifting the Center: Race, Class and Feminist Theorizing About Motherhood." Ch. 20 in *Maternal Theory: Essential Readings* edited by Andrea O'Reilly. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:311-330.
- Dawn Marie Dow
2015 "Negotiating 'The Welfare Queen' and 'The Strong Black Woman': African American Middle-Class Mothers' Work and Family Perspectives." *Gender and Society* 58(1):36-55.
- Marva L. Lewis and Karen T. Craddock
2019 "Mothering While Black: Strengths and vulnerabilities in a sociopolitical racial context of structural inequality." Ch. 6 in *Routledge Companion to Motherhood* edited by Lynn Hallstein O'Brien, Andrea O'Reilly and Melinda Vandenbeld Giles. London: Routledge:89-102.
- Haile Eshe Cole
2019 "Reproduction on Display: Black Mortality and Newest Case for National Action." *Journal of the Motherhood Initiative* 9(2):89-101.
- Sinikka Elliott, Rachel Powell and Joslyn Brenton
2015 "Being a Good Mom: Low-Income, Black Single Mothers Negotiate Intensive Mothering." *Journal of Family Issues* 36(3):351-370.
- Sinikka Elliott and Megan Reid
2016 "The Superstrong Black Mother." *Contexts* 15(1):48-53.

Dec 8

Mothers as Agents of Change

READING:

O'Reilly, Ch. 2:102-132

Sara Hayden

2019 "The Politics of Motherhood: Maternal appeals in the public sphere." Ch. 38 in Routledge Companion to Motherhood edited by Lynn Hallstein O'Brien, Andrea O'Reilly and Melinda Vandenberg. London: Routledge:477-485.

Reena Shadaan

2019 "Mothering and Activism." Ch. 39 in Routledge Companion to Motherhood edited by Lynn Hallstein O'Brien, Andrea O'Reilly and Melinda Vandenberg. London: Routledge:486-495.

Danielle Poe

2015 "Cindy Sheehan: War and Institutionalized Misinformation." Ch. 4 in Maternal Activism: Mothers Confronting Injustice. Albany, New York: State University of New York Press:65-84.

Sarah A. Schoellkopf

2017 "The Disappearing of the Disappeared in the Plaza de Mayo: Who Will Hold the Space of the Madres Once They are Gone?" Ch. 13 in Mothers in Public and Political Life edited by Simone Bohn and Pinar Melis Yelsali Parmaksiz. Bradford, Ontario: Demeter Press:269-286.