

## **21<sup>st</sup>-Century Motherhood: Change**

A conference sponsored by the University of Houston Women's Studies Program

**October 20-22, 2005**

### **Program**

#### **THURSDAY October 20, 2005 – 7:30pm**

**Keynote Talk – Natalie Angier**, author of *Woman: An Intimate Geography* and *New York Times* Science writer

“Re-inventing the World's Oldest Profession: Frozen Eggs, Warmer Workplaces, Spoiled Children, and Other Thoughts on the Fabulous Future of Motherhood”

**Keynote free to general public – Cullen Performance Hall, Entrance 1 – UH Main Campus**

#### **FRIDAY October 21, 2005 – 7:30am – 5:15pm**

**Registration required – [www.friendsofwomen.org](http://www.friendsofwomen.org) or call 713-743-3773**

**Rockwell Pavilion, MD Anderson Library, UH**

#### **Registration and Breakfast**

**7:30-8:30**

#### **Panel 1: Old Biology/New Technologies 8:30-10:15**

Panel Leader: Sarah Blaffer Hrdy (University of California at Davis, emerita)

Alison Fleming (University of Toronto), “Psychobiology of Early Mothering in Human Mothers: a comparative perspective”

Sue Carter (University of Illinois at Chicago), “Mammalian Brains Are Wired for Motherhood”

Deirdre Condit (Virginia Commonwealth University) and Hollie Mann (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), “Reproducing Queer Politics: New Technologies Crafting New Families”

Michele Pridmore-Brown (Stanford University), “Late Motherhood: New Choices and New Conundrums”

#### **Coffee break**

**10:15-10:45**

#### **Panel 2: Class/Race/Globalization**

**10:45-12:30**

Panel Leader: France Winddance Twine (University of California at Santa Barbara)

Erela Ben Shachar (independent scholar), “My kids don't speak their mother's tongue”

Erin Graham (University of Houston), “Mothering Globally: The Changing Lives of Mothers and Children on the U.S.-Mexican Border”

Tanya Ratcliff (Jackson State University), “Intentional Single Parenting by Educated African-American and South African Women: Case Studies”

Peggie Smith (University of Iowa College of Law), “Caring for Caregivers in the Era of Welfare Reform: The Cost of Not Caring”



**SATURDAY October 22, 2005 – 8:30am-2:30pm**

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**Breakfast 8:30-9:00**

**Panel 5: Emergent/Innovative Forms 9:00-10:45**

Panel leader: Judith Stacey (New York University)

Jenifer Bratter (University of Houston), “Passing on the Culture of Knowledge of Race:

Racial identification of Multiracial Children of African American Mothers”

Maria Theresa Hernandez (University of Houston), “Mothers of the Small House –

Concubinage in 21st Century Mexico”

Mignon Moore (Columbia University), “Becoming a Black Gay Mom: Assorted Paths to

Motherhood among Black American and West Indian Lesbians”

Laura Oren (University of Houston), “Single Motherhood in the Supreme Court: Is

There a Constitutional Right to be an Unmarried Mom?”

**Coffee break 10:45-11:15**

**Panel 6: Media Motherhood 11:15-1:00**

Panel leader: Ellen Susman (Houston PBS)

MaryScott Hagle (independent scholar), “Have You Read What She Said Today?

Mothers Who Blog and the Hope of CyberFeminism”

Jessica Schwartz (New York University), “Dolls and Guitars: Subversion of Patriarchy

through Rock ‘n’ Roll”

Nancy Salzer (Brandeis University), Short Film

Sarah Leavitt (NIH), “Living Motherhood Online: Tales from a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community”

**LUNCH and Closing discussion with panel leaders 1:00-2:30**

After the conference, the Friends of Women’s Studies presents **The Everybody Ball: Women’s Studies for All**, a funky evening fundraiser celebrating the three waves of feminism and the people of all genders, backgrounds and orientations who have cleared the way and shown us the light. (Co-chairs: Nicole Longnecker and Sally Russ) Dancing, food, performance art, and the opening of a juried exhibition: **Everybody Art: Show Us Your Feminism**. Jurors: Michelle Barnes, Lynn Randolph, Terrie Sultan

**8pm to midnight – Vine Street Studios**

Tickets: Individual ticket - \$100; Conference attendee ticket - \$75. Tables also available.

Students may be sponsored. Call 713-743-3773 to arrange.