

All In the Family?

An Interdisciplinary Conference on Kinship & Community

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MARCH 25 05:00pm-08:00pm BIRTH/GENEALOGY

05:00-06:20 Parallel Sessions

<Intimate Revolutions> @ 8304

Moderated by Erica Burleigh (English, John Jay, CUNY)

- Sarah Clark Miller (Philosophy, Memphis), “Visual Intimacies: Ultrasound, the Pregnancy Relationship, and the Family”
- Katie Gentile (Counseling and Gender Studies/Women’s Center, John Jay), “Buttressing the Patriarchy with Artificial Reproductive Technologies”
- Kim Leighton (Philosophy, American U), “Reproducing Bastards: The Figure of the Adoptee in Arguments Against Anonymous Gamete Donation”

<Time after Time> @ 8400

Moderated by Victoria Pitts-Taylor (Sociology/Women’s Studies, Queens & Grad. Center, CUNY)

- Nancy Bauer (Philosophy, Tufts), “Simone de Beauvoir on Motherhood and Destiny”
- Laura Hengehold (Philosophy, Case Western Reserve), “Maternity as an Institution for Women’s Individuation: Ontology and Kinship”
- Samir Haddad (Philosophy, Fordham), “Derrida and the Ambivalence of Birth”

<AAA: Alternative Arboreal Analogies> @ 8402

Moderated by Sarah Chinn (English/Cntr for Lesbian & Gay S., Hunter & Grad. Center, CUNY)

- Natalie Cisneros (Philosophy, Vanderbilt), “The Pre-Natal and the Post-Racial: Maternity, Race and the National Family”
- Shannon Winnubst (Women’s Studies, Ohio State), “Queering Natality, Queering the Nation”
- Amy Traver (Sociology, Queensborough Community, CUNY), “A Particularly Universal Family: Gender, Cosmopolitanism, & Americans’ International Adoptions”

06:30-08:00 Common Session @ C201-2

Moderated by Alyson M. Cole (Political Science/Women's Studies, Queens & Grad. Center, CUNY)

- Kelly Oliver (Philosophy, Vanderbilt), "Knock Me Up, Knock Me Down: Images of Pregnancy in Hollywood Film"
- Jennifer Morgan (Social and Cultural Analysis, NYU), "Echoes of Slavery"
- Paisley Currah (Political Science, Brooklyn, CUNY), "Reproducing Citizenship: Blood, Soil, and the Pregnant Man"

MARCH 26 08:10am-11:10am FAMILY WORK/CARE**08:10-09:30 Parallel Sessions****<Mommy/Daddy's Work?> @ 8106**

Moderated by Barbara Foley (English, Rutgers-Newark)

- Pleshette DeArmitt (Philosophy, Memphis), "Maternity and the Work of Civilization: Kristeva's Rewriting of Freud's *Civilization and Its Discontents*"
- Jennifer Gaboury (Political Science/Women and Gender Studies, Hunter, CUNY), "Other Forms of Father Absence: The Mommy Wars and Critiques of Capitalism"
- Samuel A. Butler (Philosophy, Stony Brook), "A Fourth Subject Position of Care"

<Family Values?> @ 9204

Moderated by Patricia-Ruiz Navarro (Social Psychology, Graduate Center, CUNY)

- Patricia Clough (Sociology/Women's Studies, Queens & Graduate Center, CUNY), "Family and Affective Value"
- Lauren Kaminsky (Gallatin School, NYU), "Soviet Family Values"
- Erica Chito Childs (Sociology, Hunter, CUNY), "Families on the Color-Line: Societal Attitudes Toward Multiracial Families"

<Inter-familial Scenes?> @ 9205

Moderated by Gail Schwab (French, Hofstra)

- Karen Weiser (English, Graduate Center, CUNY), "Cross-dressing and Letters Home: Writing to the Family in the 1790s"
- Ellen K. Feder (Philosophy, American University), "A Failure of Identification: Parents and Children with Intersex Conditions"
- Mary Rawlinson (Philosophy and Comparative Literature, Stony Brook), "Justice Beyond the Law: *Ménage à trois* and Moral Agency in Wilkie Collin's *The Woman in White*"

09:40-11:10 Common Session @ 9100

Moderated by Alyson M. Cole (Political Science/Women's Studies, Queens & Grad. Center, CUNY)

- Kathleen Gerson (Sociology, NYU), "Negotiating New Moral Dilemmas in a Changing Social Landscape of Work and Care."
- Cindi Katz (Environmental Psychology and Geography, Graduate Center, CUNY), "Childhood as Spectacle"
- Eva Kittay (Philosophy, Stony Brook), "Dependency Care and the Constitution of Family"

March 26 11:20am-03:30pm FAMILY IN TRANSITION/TRANS-FAMILY

11:20-12:40 Parallel Sessions**<Literary Images/Imaginations> @ 8106**

Moderated by Sharon Friedman (Gallatin School, NYU)

- Amy Parsons (Humanities, Wisconsin-Platteville), "The Transnational Family in US Antebellum Sea and Domestic Fiction"
- Anthony C. Alessandrini (English, Kingsborough Community, CUNY), "Romancing the Welfare State: The Imagining of Alternative Family Styles in Buchi Emecheta's *The Family* and Sapphire's *Push*"
- Crystal Parikh (English/Social and Cultural Analysis, NYU), "Recovering the Right to Family and the Aesthetics of Kin in Emergent U.S. Literatures"

<Saved in Transition/Translation> @ 9204

Moderated by Rupal Oza (Geography/Women and Gender Studies, Hunter, CUNY)

- Julia Sushytska (Philosophy, Redlands), "Trespassing Familiar and Familial Borders of Eastern Europe"
- Katerina Liskova (Sociology, Masarky; Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, NYU), "Riddles of Individualization: Gender, Family Transformation and Expert Discourses"
- Tom Digby (Philosophy, Springfield), "Can Gay Marriage Save the Straight Family?"

<Familial Racing/Reimagineering> @ 9205

Moderated by Vilna Treitler (Sociology/Black & Hispanic Studies, Baruch & Grad. Center, CUNY)

- Barbara Fedders (Law, North Carolina School of Law), "Setting a Price on Whiteness: Race and Market Values in Domestic Infant Adoption"
- Robin James (Philosophy, North Carolina-Charlotte), "*All the Single Ladies*": On Afrofuturist Posthumanism and Edelman's Critique of "Reproductive Futurity"
- Vivian L. Huang (Performance Studies, NYU), "Reimagining Kinship, Reimagining Belonging in Zhang's *A Stream Bends for a Thousand Li*"

12:40pm-02:00pm **LUNCH BREAK, Individual Arrangement**

02:00-03:30 Common Session @ 9100

Moderated by Glenn Burger (English, Queens & Grad. Center, CUNY)

- Herman Bennett (History, Graduate Center, CUNY), “Beyond Natal Alienation & Abjection: Slavery, Family and Desire in 17th Century Mexico”
- Lynne Huffer (Women’s Studies, Emory), “Queer Lives in the Balance”
- Carlos Ball (Law, Rutgers School of Law), “The Case of the Transgender Parent in Contemporary American Law”

March 26 03:40pm-06:40pm DEATH/LEGACY

03:40-05:00 Parallel Sessions

<Re-membering: Memoirs> @ 8106

Moderated by Ziva Flamhaft (Political Science, Queens, CUNY)

- Jennifer Hayashida (Asian American Studies, Hunter, CUNY), “The Autonomic System”
- Jason Tougaw (English, Queens, CUNY), “The San Luis Rey”
- John Pittman (Philosophy, John Jay, CUNY), “A Tale of Two Families”

<Re-writing: Family Scenes> @ 9204

Moderated by Steven Kruger (English, Queens & Grad. Center, CUNY)

- Sarah Clift (Contemporary Studies, University of King’s), “Playing Hide-and-Seek with Wittgenstein: Family Resemblances in Sebald’s *The Emigrants*”
- Shirley Carrie (English, Queens, CUNY), “The Middle Passage, and Submarine Genealogies”
- Katharine Loevy (Philosophy/Art History, Vanderbilt), “Lovers, Friends, and Moms: Who is making the AIDS Quilt?”

<Re-orienting: Auto-bio-graphic Poesis> @ 9205

Moderated by Randolph Trumbach (History, Baruch & Grad. Center, CUNY)

- Emanuela Bianchi (Philosophy, North Carolina-Charlotte), “‘An Alien Midst the Living and the Dead’: The Aleatory Feminine in and Beyond the Household in Classical Antiquity”
- Tyler T. Schmidt (English, Lehman, CUNY), “Missing the Missing Brother: Feminist Eulogies”
- Talia Welsh (Philosophy, Tennessee-Chattanooga), “Ultra-Things: Birth, Death, and Family”

05:10-06:40 Common Session @ 9100

Moderated by Kyoo Lee (Philosophy, John Jay/Center for Humanities, Graduate Center, CUNY)

- Tina Chanter (Philosophy, DePaul), “Who Owns Antigone? Philosophy, Psychoanalysis, Imperialism”
- Nancy K. Miller (English, Graduate Center, CUNY), “Object Lessons”
- Gabriele Schwab (Comparative Literature, UC Irvine), “Replacement Children: The Transgenerational Transmission of Traumatic Loss”

March 26 07:00pm-09:00pm POETRY, PERFORMANCE & RECEPTION @ 9100

Moderated by Kyoo Lee (Philosophy, John Jay/Center for Humanities, Graduate Center, CUNY)

- Kimiko Hahn (English/MFA, Queens, CUNY), Poetry Reading
- Ruthann Robson (Law, Law School, CUNY), *UnSettled*
- Reception (Courtesy of Professor Kelly Oliver, Vanderbilt University)

<List of Participants>

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