

2021: Building Racial Equity In and Across Motherhood
Sept. 24-26, 2021 (online)



1. Before the conference.

- a. Get the Sched app and fill out your bio with an abstract if possible. Link: <https://buildingracialequity.sched.com/> Password: **IAMAS-MAMA21**. Do **NOT** share please.
- b. Find us on [FB](#) and [Twitter](#) (@iamafeministmom) #IAMAS2021.
- c. Connect with your moderator and other panelists. Determine best means of presenting: typical panel, roundtable, or workshop. Roundtables are when all presenters deliver a slightly shorter talk but come up with some questions that connect the work you've all delivered and engage audience members in a robust conversation about your topic(s).
- d. Fill out this [important survey](#).
- e. If you want a longer dinner break on Friday night, watch *Belly of the Beast* ahead of time.
- f. Get lots of rest. We're going to be busy!

2. Presenter Information

Everyone here at IAMAS can't wait to learn about the amazing work you have been doing. A few tips to make sure things go smoothly:

- a. We will be using Zoom, with **special thanks to University of Virginia's Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center** and Sched to keep everyone organized.
- b. Your mission if you choose to accept it: Be creative! Some panel papers do well as spoken presentations, but we all like to learn new teaching ideas, be engaged, and do something new. Don't be afraid to put yourself out there. We're all rooting for each other at IAMAS. We will ensure you have the ability to screen share.
- c. Get in touch with the other people on your panel. Perhaps you can think of some crossover ideas that you could emphasize to attendees or do a quick creativity exercise together.
- d. Nearly all presenters should plan on giving a (roughly) 15 min. talk if there are three people total on the panel. If you have more than 3, please make sure you plan accordingly.
- e. Time yourself. Make sure you can keep to the agreed amount of time. It's often wise to aim for 1-2 min. short.
- f. **Please note the cfp for papers at the end of this brochure. We encourage speakers at this conference to submit their paper by March 1, 2022.**
- g. **THE ZOOM PASSWORD TO ALL PRIVATE EVENTS IS IAMAS2021**

3. Recordings

Due to members expressing concerns about privacy, **we will NOT be recording conference sessions**; however, once the moderator shares hosting capabilities, each attendee is welcome to **record their own personal presentation** to use for job applications or other purposes. We very much **encourage you to also share your talk afterwards via your Sched profile**, but this is not required. Thank you for understanding.

4. HOW CAN I HELP?

So glad you asked! A short explanation of each will be offered at the all-member mtg. on Sat.

- a. Join us on [FB](#) and [Twitter](#) (@iamafeministmom) and share news about all the great things we're doing. #IAMAS2021 You are welcome to post events, news, and CfPs.
- b. Lead a [task force](#), or join the team.
- c. Join the steering committee. We meet 2x a month and would love to have you!
- d. If you're a U.S. resident, sign up for [postcard writing](#). (If you'd like to replicate this initiative elsewhere, please email Katie at kbgarner@iamas.com)
- e. Be part of our reading group (meets 8x a year) or Mama Writers Unite, a writing accountability group that meets twice a week.
- f. [Donate](#) to IAMAS and AMF (Academic Mamas Foundation).

5. Moderator Responsibilities

- a. Before the conference, reach out to the panelists in your session. Make sure everyone has connected. Determine the best means of presenting for your group: standard panel, roundtable, something else? Please email Katie with questions: kbgarner@iamas.com
- b. When your session starts, make sure all panelists are co-hosts so they have the option to record their own session and ensure all panelists have screen sharing capabilities.
- c. Encourage session attendees to keep cameras on for discussion, but they should remain on mute unless talking. This tends to yield a more robust conversation.
- d. Remind panelists when they should wrap up.
- e. **Get those action steps! Email them to kbgarner@email.com with "Action Steps and Panel #" in your subject heading.**

All times are listed as CDT. Sched app will automatically update to your time zone.

If you are not using the app, you may want to use this:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/meeting.html>

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Public events have a different password and is listed under that event.

DAY ONE: FRIDAY, SEPT. 24, 2021

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9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. CDT: Welcome from Executive Director, Katie B. Garner (0.1)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88026249211?pwd=UjZlL0JmVnNnREpmeTN6UXE5bjQ1Zz09>

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1. Try to log on by 8:45 a.m. CDT so you can get familiar with how Sched and Zoom works.
2. What to Expect + Conference Goals
3. What are Action Steps?
4. What's new with IAMAS
 - a. Kirsty Nash - aKIDemic Life
 - b. Cindy Harley - Academic Mamas Foundation
 - c. Meet the Board and Steering Committee (Name, Field, and where you live.)
5. IAMAS' commitment to EDI
6. Highlights of Conference (Keynotes, MOMA award, All-Member Meeting Task Forces)
7. Zoom and You
8. Explain speed mentoring event

10:00 a.m.-10:55 a.m.: Meet + Greet OR Speed Mentoring

1.1 BYOC (Bring Your Own Coffee)

Zoom Link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/97132195577?pwd=enV4a3Y0cVpxcFQ3Q0s4T1piNnlMUT09>

Meet the other amazing mother-scholar-activists-artists with whom you'll be spending the next few days.

1.2 Speed Mentoring (requires [pre-registration](#))

Zoom Link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/95212997098?pwd=UW9abkxkWVJuZXozZXNTaTk3VSs1Zz09>

Each mentoring pair will spend 15 min getting to know one another and ask pressing questions from experts in the field.

11:00 a.m.-11:50 a.m.: Intellectual Activism: On What Mothering and Solidarity in Higher Education Can Do

Link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/96962124335?pwd=OTVPa1dQSjJnZlV5eTNGSDJBVVJPQT09>

2.1 Join this amazing panel, led by IAMAS steering committee members Mairi McDermott and Abby Palko, as we examine how mother-scholars can be intellectual activists. Our esteemed panel includes: Erica Lawson, Ann Marie Short, Dorsia Smith Silva, and Jamie Wagman

12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Lunch + un-keynote address by CHICANA M(OTHER)WORK

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81624700141?pwd=QzcwSERzN0I4VHBTs3c4SVp6Z0s4UT09>

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3.1 Chicana M(other)work is a group of five mother-scholars who identify as Chicana-Indigena, Chicana, Chicana/Xicana/Latina, and Afro-Chicana. We will welcome: Cecilia Caballero, Ph.D. Candidate; Yvette Martínez-Vu, Ph.D.; Judith C. Pérez-Torres, Ph.D.; Michelle Téllez, Ph.D.; Christine Vega, Ph.D.

Their recent eponymous anthology and podcast have received many accolades and can be purchased here: <https://bookshop.org/books/the-chicana-motherwork-anthology/9780816537990> or <https://uapress.arizona.edu/book/the-chicana-motherwork-anthology>
Find out more about Chicana M(other)work here: <https://www.chicanamotherwork.com/>

More information on speakers:

Based in Los Angeles, **Cecilia Caballero** is an Afro-Chicana single mother, poet, essayist, educator, and speaker. She is currently adjunct faculty at California State University, Fullerton. Cecilia also designs and facilitates poetry workshops for BIPOC folks to cultivate more spaces of healing and social justice and she is the Poet-in-Residence-y-Resistencia for Latinx Intelligentsia. Cecilia's creative writing has been published in *Dryland Magazine*, *Raising Mothers*, *Epiphany Magazine*, and elsewhere, and she has received creative writing fellowships from Tin House, VONA, Macondo, and the Women's National Book Association. She is completing her first creative nonfiction book titled *Other Alive Creatures*.

Christine Vega is a first-generation, Chicana-Indigena *Feminista* from Pacoima, California. She earned her Ph.D. from UCLA, in Race & Ethnic Studies of education. She is a proud transfer student from Los Angeles Mission College, with B.A.'s in Chicana/o & Women Gender Studies from UCLA, and an M.Ed. from the University of Utah. Her research centers Mothers of Color and the everyday *movidas* (hustles) in education. She is co-founder of Mothers of Color in Academia de UCLA and this collective, Chicana M(other)work. Christine is a new junior faculty at San Jose State University in the Chicana/o/x Studies Department. She is the proud momma to seven-year-old Janitzio, a little leaguer, while nesting a new home and community in San Jose, California.

Judith C. Pérez is a first-generation Chicana mother scholar from Bell, California. She holds a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University of Utah. Her areas of interest include educational leadership, the k-20 educational pipeline, Chicana/x/o & Latina/x/o racialized experiences, Chicana feminist thought, and university-school-community engagement. Judith is an adjunct faculty teaching for the Chicana/o Studies Department, The Office of First Year Experience and the Educational Leadership Department at California State University, Fullerton. Her daily reminders of love and critical hope are her three children, Luna (10), Tino (8) and Joaquín (5) who challenge her to affirm her self-worth for their future.

Michelle Téllez is a lone mother to a 15-year old daughter who loves to dance. She is an *Associate Professor* in the Department of Mexican American Studies at the University of Arizona who writes about transnational community formations, Chicana feminism, and gendered migration through her research, public scholarship and digital humanities work. She has a long history in grassroots organizing projects and community-based arts and performance. She co-edited [The Chicana M\(other\)work Anthology: Porque Sin Madres No Hay Revolución](#), published in March of 2019 and is the author of [Border Women and the Community of Maclovio Rojas: Autonomy in the Spaces of Neoliberal Neglect](#) published in September 2021 by the University of Arizona Press.

Dr. Yvette Martínez-Vu is a Xicana Mother-Scholar who works as an academic coach, consultant, and femtor. She was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley, California to immigrant parents from Mexico. Dr. Yvette has a Ph.D. in Theater and Performance Studies from UCLA. She is the producer and host of the [Grad School Femtoring](#) podcast, a digital course creator, and public speaker. She is also a proud mom of a seven year-old and eleven-month-old. Dr. Yvette is currently transitioning out of academia after working in higher ed for over ten years and while juggling homeschooling, caring for an infant, and managing a chronic illness during the pandemic. She will be relocating her family to Porto, Portugal soon where she looks forward to femtoring more first-gen scholars while abroad.

1:40 p.m.-2:55 p.m. SEPT. 24, 2021

Panel 4: Gaining Understanding of the Role of Reflexivity through the Lens of Mama PhD Students: Intersectionality of Identity and Researcher Positionality (Roundtable)

Moderator: Oksana Moroz

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/94192944347?pwd=T2RPbk1xcURhQVZaTk42OFRDtkwrzd09>

4.1. Oksana Moroz

4.2. Atia Rasul

4.3. Parawati Siti Sondari

Panel 5: Race and Birth Practices

Moderator: Jacqui Getfield

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/98980773187?pwd=MWt3YzBYdGRwOEExVUYxaER6WnJiQT09>

5.1. Cara Cancelmo: The Harms of Willful Ignorance: Maternal Healthcare Providers' Insight on Racial Disparities

5.2. Denise Handlarski: Radical Reclamations: Reviving Jewish Birth Practices

5.3. Jacqui Getfield: Black Mothering: Challenges, Opportunities, and Assumptions

Panel 6: Covid, Mothers, and the Academia

Moderator: Heather Dillaway

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/93147736061?pwd=ZU00Zis2aHdsN245c0pVUU9NU2xzZz09>

6.1. Kristen Hicks-Roof: The Big Difference: A Comparative Analysis Between MotherScholars and FatherScholars During COVID-19

6.2. May Friedman and Emily Satterthwaite: Same Storm, Different Boats: Exploring Inequalities among Mothers in the Time of COVID

6.3. Milena Carvalho Bezerra Freire De Oliveira-Cruz and Maria Collier de Mendonça: The Challenges of Being a Mother and an Academic Researcher during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Brazil

3:05 p.m. - 4:20 p.m. SEPT. 24, 2021

Panel 7: Writing for Mass Media (Workshop)

Moderator: Haley Swenson

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/94700843849?pwd=RmpRSGw5L0VRNFA2a0hwNFpzSlhoQT09>

Please note that Panel 7 will last 1.5 hours and will therefore run into the dinner break. Session will be recorded.

Panel 8: Salon: Multimedia Conversation on Ubuntu

Moderator: Zabrina Shkurti

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/95104847132?pwd=OXZiUnZUWGZMMjNta1Y1VTlnUIVrUT09>

Linn Baran will interview Eloise Morrison (Ubuntu Wellness Window) and include a prepared multimedia presentation from Eloise's mother, Carol. This mother-daughter narrative will highlight their communal activist work embodying South African Ubuntu feminism principles with mothers.

Panel 9: Mid-Career Mentoring for Academic Mothers (Roundtable)

*** IAMAS thanks the University Life task force for organizing this talk.**

Moderator: Nicole Willey

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/98862004071?pwd=cWNqaXNPZVFtSkFpOFIHZmNWRjNWdz09>

9.1 Nicole Willey: Moving Beyond the Associate Professor Glass Ceiling for Academic Mothers

9.2 Robin Silbergleid: Moving Up: Promoting Mother-Scholars to Full Professor

9.3 Christa Baiada: Getting Stuck in the Service and Mothering Track as an Associate Professor: Questions toward Change

4:20 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. / Dinner Break

Friday SEPT. 24, 2021, 5:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CST



10.1 Documentary Film Viewing: Belly of the Beast (5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

<https://www.bellyofthebeastfilm.com/>

The documentary film *Belly of the Beast* will be available from Sept. 22- Sept. 28. You will NOT be able to view the film before or after these dates. We have set aside time for us to watch the film independently during this time slot, but you are welcome to view at another time, which would allow you to have a longer dinner break. Kelli Dillon will be joining us at 6:35 p.m. CDT to explain more about the film and field questions you might have.

The link to our virtual screening room: <http://bellyofthebeastfilm.com/09242021>

The password to access the film will be: BOTB_09242021

10.2 Q&A with Kelli Dillon, member of the film team (6:35 p.m. -7:35 p.m.)

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84917926400?pwd=Y2g0SmdmQUp1QUExZ2tWV3o5SEUxdz09>

Meeting ID: 849 1792 6400

Passcode: Mama

Film synopsis: When an unlikely duo discovers a pattern of illegal sterilizations in women's prisons, they wage a near impossible battle against the Dept. of Corrections. Filmed over seven years with extraordinary access and intimate accounts from currently and formerly incarcerated people, *Belly of the Beast* exposes modern-day eugenics and reproductive injustice in California prisons.

The pastoral farmlands surrounding the Central California's Women's Facility, the world's largest women's prison, help conceal the reproductive and human rights violations transpiring inside its

walls. A courageous woman who was involuntarily sterilized at the facility, teams up with a radical lawyer to stop these violations. They spearhead investigations that uncover a series of statewide crimes, primarily targeting women of color, from inadequate access to healthcare to sexual assault to illegal sterilization. Together, with a team of tenacious heroines, both in and out of prison, they take to the courtroom to fight for reparations. But no one believes them. As additional damning evidence is uncovered by the Center for Investigative Reporting, a media frenzy and series of hearings provide hope for some semblance of justice. Yet, doctors and prison officials contend that the procedures were in each person's best interest and of an overall benefit. Invoking the weight of the historic stain and legacy of eugenics, *Belly of the Beast* presents a decade long, infuriating contemporary legal drama.

DAY TWO: SATURDAY / SEPT 25, 2021

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8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. CDT, SEPT 25, 2021

Panel 11: Mothers Confronting Struggles with Culture, Class and Care/work

Moderator: Margarita Levine

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/92922912385?pwd=c3F6eU1Yd01KeUI1WjRjRy9LWFpqUT09>

- 11.1 Aya Kitamura: Who Cooks What, for Whom and How?: Racial/Ethnic/Class Politics between Mother Madams and Migrant Domestic Workers in Asian Global Households
- 11.2 Bishakha Mazumdar: Crippled by Culture? Understanding the Effect of Parent Culture on Underemployment of Immigrant Asian Mothers in Canada
- 11.3 Cara Curtis: Mothering a New Social Ethic: Religious Resources for Reorienting White and Affluent Families' Care Practices

Panel 12: "Yes, I Study Motherhood, and This is Why That's Important": Framing Motherhood Research in Academic Conversation

Moderator: Summer Cunningham

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/98690432303?pwd=VVNCYUtVTUo5SUFpVWdwZVJaZmp0Zz09>

- 12.1 Summer Cunningham: Framing Your Mothering Scholarship for the Academic Job Market
- 12.2 Michelle Hughes Miller: How to Frame Scholarship on Mothering as Worthy Inside and Outside your Department
- 12.3 Erika Bocknek: Applying the Value of Academic Freedom to the Strengths-Based Study of Motherhood

Panel 13: Mamas' Mental Health

Moderator: Andrea O'Reilly

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/98387441970?pwd=UIR5bm4rUmlTUXFKYkltOVhBOS0t09>

- 13.1 Carolyn Peguero Spencer: The Misnomer of Self-Care: How the Push for Personal Self-Care may Conflict with the Cultural Beliefs of Marianismo for Latina Mothers Pre- and Post-Pandemic
- 13.2 Katherine Wardi-Zonna: Mothers and Mental Health Disparities
- 13.3 Andrea O'Reilly: What finally dragged her under the water and who carried the spark: The Intergenerational Trauma of Normative Motherhood in Celeste Ng's *Everything I Never Told You* and *Little Fires*

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. SEPT 25, 2021 // MOMA Award Celebration (Panel 14)

Open to the public and will be recorded.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89463365156?pwd=cFB3VlhBOWpweUNjckVvRDJndGtXUT09>

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14.1 AWARD WINNER AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Ruth Candlish and Ana Belen Amil (Central European University)

Please join our second MOMA Award Celebration. One of the most ambitious new programs IAMAS has launched last year is the MOMA award, which acknowledges the hard work that is being done on campuses around the world to help support mothers. *Working Mother* Magazine has the Top 100 companies to work for and Academic Moms should have their own list. We are excited to welcome a winner who will give a talk on the winning program.

The following people have also been recognized by the MOMA award committee for their fine work. Tomorrow, they will offer a panel addressing how to effect change on university campuses.

Second Place: Kris “Fire” Kovarovic, Durham University (UK)

Third Place: Meredith Smith and Julia Broussard, Tulane University (Louisiana, USA)

ChangeMaker Award: Catherine Riley, Wake Forest University (North Carolina, USA)

ChangeMaker Award: Monica Casper, University of San Diego, (California, USA)

11:10 a.m. – 12:25 p.m. SEPT 25, 2021

Panel 15: “They Won’t Listen to Me, Anyway”: Analyzing the Impacts of Race and Communication on Maternal Health Care Disparities (Roundtable)

Moderator: Shira Richter

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/95293406603?pwd=bXNJdFdhUUErMkFsQktTNTJVVzRtQT09>

15.1 Breonna Riddick

15.2 Tianna Cobb

15.3 Rochelle Davison Mhonde

Panel 16: Continuing the Conversation: Supporting Graduate Student Moms in the Academy (Panel 1 of 2: Graduate Student Testimonios)

*** IAMAS thanks the University Life task force for organizing this talk.**

Moderator: Mairi McDermott

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/91864933642?pwd=QlJyOUZXWjdFTjhzanZHZjBpSHBpUT09>

16.1 Arwa Alshehri: Self-discovery Journey of a Single Mother through Grad School

16.2 Oksana Moroz: Critical Incidents of Mama PhD Student during Pandemic; Navigating Teaching Assistantship and Pregnancy

16.3 Marilia Martins: Orchestrating Motherhood and Mental Health during PhD through Pandemic

16.4 Atia Rasu: Mothering a Teenager in the USA: Challenges of an International Grad Student

Panel 17: Motherhood as Experience

Moderator: Christa Baiada

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/96211739538?pwd=c2Z5N2g5bVhvRTk1THFiYWsvWVVVLZz09>

17.1 Judith Lomax: Mothering Special Needs: The Mother's Journey

17.2 Vanessa Munroe: My Blessingway Project: A Story of Birthing a Mother and (Her Child) Hope

17.3 Lauren E. Brewer: Milk Money: A(n Almost) Three-Year Self-Study of the Costs of Breastfeeding

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m., SEPT 25, 2021

Panel 18: First-Generation Mother of Color Professionals: An Examination of the Intersectional Experiences in Higher Education (Roundtable)

*** IAMAS thanks the Women of Color Leadership task force for organizing this talk.**

Moderator: Cindy Nhung Phu

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/97904953930?pwd=Y2NnZjRRc1lNdKpKY3JRN0pDdkZhZz09>

18.1 Cindy Nhung Phu

18.2 Carmen Dones

18.3 Zeina Otaky Ramirez

18.4 Patricia L. Aguirre

Panel 19: The Academy and Motherhood

Moderator: Mairi McDermott

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/99349232361?pwd=cFFMSFVLeGZvN2V1OUJhQ3E2N1FFQOT09>

19.1 Lauren Nicole McClain: A Comparison of Racial Dynamics in Academic Work-Life during the Pandemic

19.2 Mairi McDermott, Sheliza Ladhani and Stephanie Tyler: “(Re)Pulsing Institutional Machines through M(Other)ing: Towards Perfusions of Motherhood and Academia

19.3 Catherine Riley: What Title IX Compliance Looks Like and What It Should

Panel 20: Struggle and Resistance

Moderator: Jacqueline Getfield

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/98927735987?pwd=UXIPSXhYbnMwWDg1TTdRUlpycWZlQT09>

20.1 Brooke Richardson: Care as a Precursor to Justice: Moving Towards ‘Humane Justice’ in Child Protection System

20.2 Lorena Snyder: A Cry for Freedom 300 Years Later

20.3 Jennifer Brant: Indigenous Mothering as Strategies of Resistance and Reclamation

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., SEPT 25, 2021

Panel 21: Organizing for Action: Building a Professional Women's Advocacy Organization on Campus (Roundtable)

Moderator: Zabrina Shkurti

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/99325759475?pwd=emxiQ0VWcm5ybW0ak5kWUizeUs2dz09>

21.1 Heather K. Olson Beal

21.2 Lauren Brewer

21.3 Sarah Sanchez

**Panel 22: Continuing the Conversation: Supporting Graduate Student Moms in the Academy
(Panel 2 of 2: Faculty and Student Dialogue)**

*** IAMAS thanks the University Life task force for organizing this talk.**

Moderator: Summer Cunningham

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/94562168042?pwd=cHpuTCsrb05PWFoweVJJYXcvL2pRdz09>

- 22.1 Summer Cunningham
- 22.2 Mairi McDermott
- 22.3 Ann Duncan
- 22.4 Jessica Leveto
- 22.5 Arwa Alshehri
- 22.6 Oksana Moroz
- 22.7 Marilia Martins
- 22.8 Atia Rasu

Panel 23: Coloring Outside the Lines

Moderator: Florence Pasche Guignard

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/93798268293?pwd=d3FXVXZoSjRGNXUyYnRsdnd4UXBOdz09>

- 23.1 Fiona Joy Green: Expanding the Motherline beyond the Binary
- 23.2 Cortny Stark: Parent-Advocacy for Transgender and Gender-Expansive Youth: An Analytic Autoethnographic Exploration
- 23.3 May Medallada Robinson and Jennifer Potter: Kids in Cages, Black Lives Matter, and AAPI Hate Crimes: How Racialized Inflection Points Impact Transracial Adoptive Families

All Member Meeting: 3:10 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., SEPT 25, 2021 (Panel 24)

Link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/97537764203?pwd=UEphN2FxMFhaLzR6eXhUYzdaQIRzZz09>

Help us set this year's IAMAS goals and determine future conference themes. Each year, our focus will change based on the feedback from annual conference attendees' feedback identifying key challenges that IAMAS should prioritize.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Task Force Meetings (Panel 25)

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/97537764203?pwd=UEphN2FxMFhaLzR6eXhUYzdaQIRzZz09>

- 25.1 Task Force 2021
- 25.2 Writing and Publishing: (Katie B Garner)
- 25.3 Women of Color Leadership (Cindy Phu)
- 25.4 International Women Forum for Members (Florence Pasche Guignard, Laura Lazzari Vosti)
- 25.5 University Life (Nicole Willey, Summer Cunningham)

4:30-6:30 p.m. CDT, SEPT 25, 2021

26.1 Soundbath Experience with Mother-Activist Camille “Milly” Mays

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87948955125?pwd=YzVPQnppU1ZEUW1lVXdkcWZsZGVXUT09>

Meeting ID: 879 4895 5125

Passcode: Mama

Camille Mays, Founder and Co-Director of Peace Garden MKE, will share her knowledge of healing with sound and community activism, which she enacts by cultivating community gardens that provide permanent memorials for victims of crime. As the mother of a son killed by gun violence, Ms. Mays shares her wisdom about moving through grief, anger, and hurt. IAMAS firmly believes that mother-scholars can only continue to do the work that must be done when they take care of their own needs. Please take the time to join this important session.

6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. DINNER break

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm CDT, SEPT 25, 2021

28.1 Book Launch Salon: A Conversation with the Authors/Editors at Demeter Press (Open to the public and will be recorded.)

Moderator: Katie Garner

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83831684609?pwd=d0kyRGMwaHB0NkIXTHMxbHdOUmc2UT09>

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1. *Monstrous Mothers; Troubling Tropes*. Eds. Abigail Palko and Andrea O'Reilly
2. *Mothers, Mothering, and Covid-19; Dispatches from a Pandemic* Eds. Fiona Joy Green and Andrea O'Reilly
3. *Global Perspectives on Motherhood, Mothering and Masculinities*, Eds. Tolu Olu Pearce and Andrea Moraes (Dr. Moraes is not slated to attend).
4. *Mothering and Welfare: Depriving, Surviving, Thriving* Eds. Karine Levasseur, Stephanie Paterson, and Lorna A. Turnbull (Only Dr. Turnbull will be present at salon.)
5. *Matricentric Feminism: Theory, Activism, and Practice, The 2nd Edition AND Maternal Theory, Essential Readings, The 2nd Edition*, Ed. Andrea O'Reilly

All books can be purchased at www.demeterpress.org

28.2 Art + Writing Retreat

Moderator: Summer Cunningham

Zoom Link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/95871440931?pwd=L3dxbUhNak1nSWcrZ3VsdDVtVjJuZz09>

This is a low-stakes meeting space for you to announce your writing goals and use the time to work toward that goal with other writers. You may want to open the meeting with a quick blurb of what you're writing and perhaps reach out to others to do a co-writing project.

DAY THREE: SUNDAY / SEPT 26, 2021

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9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. CDT, SEPT 26, 2021

Panel 29: The Biopolitical Corporeality of Motherhood

Moderator: Heather Dillaway

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/99419774950?pwd=cEtNRnNYdmx0ZmpMeUNNeExsYmxZUT09>

Margarita Levine: The Biopolitical Corporeality of Motherhood: Perspectives of Central and Eastern European Women Currently Residing in the US

Panel 30: Building Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion Dossiers (Workshop)

Moderator: Robin Silberleid

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/99761004408?pwd=T1g0bjhmaWhzKzdXMEF0Z2RvYVA3UT09>

30.1 Nicole Willey

30.2 Robin Silberleid

30.3 Ann Duncan

Panel 31: Race, Nation and Intergenerational Motherhood Traumas: Overcoming Our Mothered Pasts and Building Anti-racist Mothering Futures (Roundtable)

Moderator: Mairi McDermott

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/99307306217?pwd=dk5DQ0RmOGZEMW51MGdjMStQSlgvQT09>

31.1 Kirsten Isgro

31.2 Akanksha Misra

31.3 Amanda Suriel

10:45 a.m.- 12:00 p.m., SEPT 26, 2021

Panel 32: Impacting Change for Mother-Scholars: Roundtable with MOMA finalists

Moderator: Katie Garner/Nicole Willey

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/98686597165?pwd=M0xkUDdDRnhWZmNvbUJidkw5UUhGZz09>

32.1 Julia Broussard, Tulane University (3rd place finalist)

32.2 Monica Casper, University of San Diego (Changemaker Award)

32.3 Kris "Fire" Kovarovic, Durham University (2nd place finalist)

32.4 Catherine Riley, Wake Forest University (Changemaker Award)

Panel 33: Mothers on the Frontline of Wisdom Collective Practice and Methodology (Workshop)

Moderator: Summer Cunningham

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/92651456306?pwd=aUlhZ01ld2gwWE43MmpYYWFIWEEdRdz09>

33.1 Tammy Nyden

33.2 Dionne Benson-Smith

33.3 Angela Riccio

Panel 34: Black Motherhood and Social Welfare

Moderator: Michelle Hughes Miller

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/99867181145?pwd=UFFW0EJSVIVFTUFnem5teUdZbU15dz09>

34.1 Michelle Hughes Miller: Black Mothers, Child Welfare, and the Mediating Influence of the Black Community in Negating the Construction of “Bad” Mothers

34.2 Anita Ewan: The Effects of Public Housing Policy on Black Motherhood in Toronto

34.3 Liz Podnieks: She, an African Woman with Five Children’: Race, Welfare, and Maternal Community in Buchi Emecheta’s *In the Ditch*

12:00 p.m. – 12:50 p.m., SEPT 26, 2021: Lunchtime Sessions

35.1 Reading Group Discussion: Chicana M(other)Work

Moderator: Mairi McDermott and Cindy Phu (or Katie B Garner)

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/92244187334?pwd=VjdYbXRhN2pndzc1MjNzRTQxeHVqZz09>

If you intend to purchase book, please buy here: <https://uapress.arizona.edu/book/the-chicana-motherwork-anthology>

36.1 Maternal Art with Andrea Liss

Moderator: Summer Cunningham

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/97500524053?pwd=MEpOTIFxVjJXYzYyMDhXNGVxc2Nydz09>

In this one-hour special session, Andrea Liss presents “Breath Work,” which explores the duplicitous meanings of survival, strength and joy through metaphorical breathing exercises embodied in the artwork of Black mother artists.

37.1 “Messy is Normal” Art Presentation by Shira Richter, follow-up presentation by Kinneret Wallach

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/97041613696?pwd=RXMzMytaK1VwUE1tcUITeU0xdkhiQT09>

Matricentric multi-disciplinary artist, group facilitator and independent scholar Shira and Kinneret will offer a joint “Show and Tell” with sexual violence survivor, human and children’s rights researcher, and accessibility activist Kinneret Wallach. “Messy is Normal” tells the story of how typically messy houses are treated as abnormal – particularly when resided in by single, divorced, or economically challenged mothers. Kinneret Wallach continues with examples from court proceedings in Israel in which mothers are assessed by the status of their living quarters while fathers are not.

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., SEPT 26, 2021

Panel 38: White Motherhood in a Colorful World

Moderator: Andrea O’Reilly

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/95406263341?pwd=bllPWXRvc1NvaTE4V09kaVRidDBNUT09>

38.1 Jennifer L. S. Chandler: Colliding, Colluding, and Contending with Whiteness Norms

38.2 Nell Lake: Complexities of Care in White Progressive Mothers’ Activism

38.3 Andrea O’Reilly: A Motherhood So White: Normative Motherhood as Enacted and Resisted in the Motherhood Memoir

38.4 Emily Abellon: Raising Biracial Children in a Divided World

Panel 39: From Intensive Mothering to Sacred Practices: How We Learn to Be (as) Mothers

Moderator: Florence Pasche Guignard

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/97663396604?pwd=cUpOZnEwRXcvVG5QT1ROQVNScFZPUT09>

39.1 Florence Pasche Guignard: Maternal Encounters and Spiritual Inspirations of Frédéric Leboyer

39.2 Gertrude Lyons: Mothering Beyond Birth: Examining the Transformative Potential of Motherhood in an Evolving Society

39.3 Michaelene Fredenburg: When Our Reproductive Stories Go Awry: Supporting Each Other Through Reproductive Loss

39.4 Rosalie Bouck: “Why Are Some Mothers So Scary?”: An Exploration of Terrifying Mother Goddesses of Indigenous Mesoamerica and What They Can Teach Us about Ourselves as Mothers

39.5 Kate Morgan: Transcending Material Definitions in Mother God Depiction “Secret Society” Tradition

Panel 40: Raising Love in a Time of Lovelessness: Lessons of Pinay Mother-scholars Amidst the Anti-Asian Virus

Moderator: Margarita Levine

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/95239974627?pwd=dINXa1Vhcm9oSWUyNUxzZlZEUIVtQT09>

40.1 Cheryl Matias: For Love of Strong, Brown Girls

40.2 Arlene Das-Magbual: Being and Becoming Home:

40.3 Jocyl Sacramento: Pinayist Motherscholarship in the Time of COVID-19

40.4 Patricia Halagao: Our Children Are our Hope and Future

40.5 Allyson Tintiangco: My Ancestors Were Motherscholars

2:35 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. SEPT 26, 2021

41.1 Conference Closing Ceremony with Dr. Aisha Nyandoro, CEO of Springboard to Opportunities (Open to the public and will be recorded.)

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83911411653?pwd=dnd5bXBtN29VUWVxbzR4WEw3U0hqdz09>

Meeting ID: 839 1141 1653

Passcode: IAMAS-MAMA

1. Plenary Address Dr. Aisha Nyandoro
2. Review of Action Steps proposed by panels.
3. Next Steps results
4. Feedback on conference and suggestions for IAMAS (programming, outreach, planning, etc.)
5. **Mother Mondays start tomorrow at 12 pm EDT (See below.)**

Mother Mondays (for IAMAS members only)

Time: Sep 27, 2021 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, until Oct 18, 2021

Sep 27, 2021 12:00 PM / Oct 4, 2021 12:00 PM / Oct 11, 2021 12:00PM /

Oct 18, 2021 12:00 PM

Zoom info: <https://zoom.us/j/96143298695?pwd=UjdzZld1OFJ4V3pnYXZKS0FCY0VuQT09>

Meeting ID: 961 4329 8695

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3:45 p.m. -5:00 p.m., SEPT 26, 2021

42.1 BYOB – Bring Your Own Beverage

Zoom link: <https://virginia.zoom.us/j/99166110442?pwd=eDEvZUV2c2xpZ0JlcXFRK01lMlJDUT09>

Let's catch up with old (and young) friends. Bring a beverage and come to hang out and reminisce about past conferences – you know, when we could meet in person and have a relaxing beverage in a wonderful new city instead of on our fur-covered couches.

The IAMAS conference would like to extend our deepest gratitude to four groups, without whom this conference would have not been such a success.

1. Our AMAZING Steering Committee



If you would like to join the steering committee, please email Katie at kbgarner@iamas.com

2. The Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center at the University of Virginia (headed by Abby Palko), which provided the technical infrastructure and support we very much needed.



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3. Our new Board is eager to take on the important work. We are so grateful.

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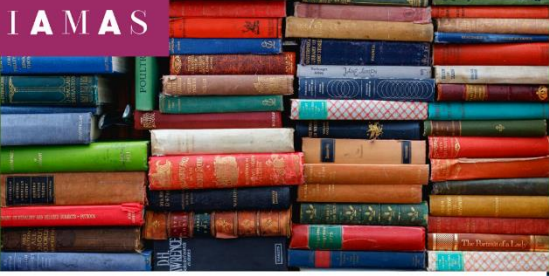
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BYOB reading group
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Join our group of mother-scholars who love to read both fiction and non-fiction that centers mothers and matricentric feminist theory. We meet every six weeks.
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Why pay hundreds of dollars for ANOTHER writing group? We meet weekly (mostly) and will help you: keep on top of writing deadlines, meet co-writers, and find beta readers -- all within a supportive community of mother-scholars. Let us know you're interested here: <https://rb.gy/gjhe1z> or at <https://iamas.com>.

Thank you to each and every one of you for an amazing conference. Your wisdom, insight, patience, and passion are the real heart of our small but mighty organization. While the uncertainties in the world prevent us from making solid plans for next year's conference, we will keep you updated and look forward to meeting again in 2022.

Tomorrow you will receive a conference feedback survey.
Please note that this is your opportunity to vote on the 2023 and 2024 conference themes.

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR DOUBLE ISSUE:
*JOURNAL OF THE MOTHERHOOD INITIATIVE (JMI)***

TOPIC: Building Racial Equity in and Across Motherhood

Guest Editors: Eshe Cole and Mairi McDermott

Established in 1998, *JMI* is a peer-reviewed journal with two issues published annually and is available on-line in open access format (no print issues will be published):
www.journalofmotherhoodinitiative.org.

Extending on the 2021 International Association of Maternal Action and Scholarship (#IAMAS2021) annual conference theme, this *JMI* issue will examine the ways race and ethnicity influence motherhood, mothering practices, motherhood research/scholarship, and activism by and about mothers. Particularly in the context of COVID-19 and heightened police and state violence against racialized communities, as well as the critical responses in both social media and activist realms, including #BLM #DefundthePolice #MMIGW #StopAAPIHate, it is imperative that we come together in solidarity in and across our mothering scholarship and practices.

Through this special issue, we invite submissions from non-dominant groups, in the various ways you identify as a mother and / or scholar, particularly scholar-mother-activists from racially marginalized communities. We also encourage submissions from presenters at the #IAMAS2021 conference. In addition to conventional research articles, we invite poetry, creative nonfiction, fiction, and visual presentations.

Some possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- Access to maternal health and maternal health disparities across races.
- Government policies that have hindered or supported growth.
- Immigration, migration, and diasporas.
- Anti-racism parenting, mothering, policing, family, and community dynamics.
- Resource gaps in various forms and arenas.
- Media, literary, and cultural representations of mothers of color.
- Issues regarding identity (including as a mother, daughter, romantic partner, and worker).
- The maternal wage gap and leaky pipelines.
- Universal basic income.
- Political organizing within and across mothering communities.
- Mothering children of a different racial identification than one's one.
- Intersections of race and religion.
- Coalition building and solidarity in and across mothering experiences, identities, positions, and practices.

Deadlines and Submission Details

Full Manuscript Deadline: March 1, 2022

Please include a 250-word abstract with the article and a **separate** file with cover sheet that lists Author's name, email, mailing address, and 50-word bio.

Length of articles: 4500-6000 words (Times New Roman 12, double spaced, MLA format)

Article itself should not have Author's name in file name, on header, or under title. This is so we can forward this document for double-blind, peer review.

Issue will be published: Fall 2022/Spring 2023

The journal welcomes articles from researchers, writers, mothers, artists, health professionals, and political activists. Please email article with abstract/cover sheet to haile.cole@uconn.edu and mairi.mcdermott@ucalgary.ca

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