



CALL FOR PAPERS

Demeter Press seeks submissions for an edited collection on

MUSLIM MOTHERING: Local and Global Histories, Theories, and Practices

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The concept of Muslim mothering elicits a wide range of assumptions about the roles Islam plays in shaping experiences of mothering and motherhood. While Muslim women are often subjects of scrutiny and analysis, Muslim mothering evokes scant theoretical attention and concern. This collection will attempt to problematize the concept of Muslim mothering while contributing to an understanding of the diverse ideas, practices, and strategies employed by Muslim mothers across the world from a range of historical, theoretical, and political perspectives. It aims to examine the challenges of Muslim mothering while remaining attuned to the particular difficulties and complexities of practicing Islam today in a variety of national, transnational, and international contexts. We seek works that can address multiple, varied, and even contradictory images, symbols, and representations of Muslim mothers and Muslim mothering. In considering the importance of understanding how religious practices shape or inflect mothering and the institution of motherhood, the collection will be guided by the following question: How do Muslim mothers mother?

The editor of this collection seeks article length contributions from across the humanities and social sciences on the following topics: Muslim mothers or mothers in Islam; intersectional approaches to Muslim mothering and Muslim mothering practices; race, class, sexuality, and religion in Muslim mothering; constructions of Muslim mothering in the *Quran* and the *Hadith*; rights of Muslim mothers; representations of Muslim mothers; Motherhood in Islam; Muslim mothers and pregnancy, birth, motherhood, and adoption; gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/heterosexual Muslim mothering; Muslim mothering and (dis)ability; single Muslim mothering; Muslim mothering and Islamophobia; mothering in Muslim majority and minority states; Muslim mothering in times of war, occupation, conflict, and/or natural disaster; Muslim mothering and migration; national, international, and/or transnational Muslim mothering; Muslim mothering and reproductive technologies; bilingual, multilingual and/or multicultural Muslim mothering; Muslim mothering and/as resistance; convert Muslim mothering; non-Muslim mothers of Muslim children; Muslim Milk mothers; feminist Muslim mothering; anti-capitalist Muslim mothering.

Papers that examine Muslim mothering from multidisciplinary perspectives are especially welcome.

Submission Guidelines

Abstracts should be 500 words. Please also include a brief biography (with citizenship information).

Please send abstracts or inquiries to olwand@queensu.ca in word document file with "Muslim Mothering" in title of e-mail message.

Deadline for Abstracts is May 1st, 2011

Accepted papers of 4000-5000 words (15-18 pages) will be due **December 1st, 2011** and should conform to MLA citation format.

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