

Call for Papers: Mothering, Medicine, and Health

Focused section in the *Canadian Journal of Health History*

Where are mothers in the history of medicine? This call for papers builds on a 2023 Canadian Society for the History of Medicine panel that explored three case studies at the intersections of mothering and medicine in the first half of the 20th century. Those papers probed medical technologies, cultures, families, and spaces that mediate what it means to care, to host, to nurture, and to mother. Vivien Hamilton examined how the first infant incubators used in the United States seemed to embody a particular ideal of rational, scientific mothering. Delia Gavrus looked at an extraordinary bond between a Canadian neurosurgeon and his mother, showing how the voluminous written correspondence between them served as a technology of the self and a life-long dialectic about realities, possibilities, emotions. Annmarie Adams analysed a famous British house from a feminist perspective, illustrating how mothering shaped the building's remarkable role in medical tourism.

The editors of the *Canadian Journal for Health History* are interested in publishing a focused section on this topic of Mothering, Medicine, and Health. As guest editors of this focused section, we invite contributions from scholars with a view to examine this undertheorized area of scholarship from a broader perspective in the history of medicine. Research questions that can shed light on this topic include:

Whose mothering expertise has been privileged in various contexts across time (doctors, nurses, technologies, parents)?

How has motherhood been medicalized?

What is the relationship between mothering and gender in the history of medicine?

What is the relationship between technology and mothering?

How have particular spaces and architectures mediated relationships of care?

How does self-fashioning, personal or professional, intersect with ideas of mothering and motherhood?

What sources have been neglected in the history of health that could shed light on mothering, medicine, and health?

We welcome submissions of abstracts (250 words) and a short CV (up to 2 pages) in French or English by 31 January 2024. The full papers (up to 6,000 words each, including notes) would be due to us by 15 April 2024 and to the journal by 15 June 2024.

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