



## CALL FOR PAPERS

The editorial board is seeking submissions for Vol. 3.2 of the  
*Journal of the Motherhood Initiative for Research and Community Involvement (JMI)*  
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### **Motherhood Activism, Advocacy, Agency**

The journal will explore the topic of Motherhood Activism, Advocacy and Agency from a variety of perspectives and disciplines. We welcome submissions from scholars, students, activists, government agencies and workers, artists, mothers, and others who work or research in this area. Cross-cultural, historical and comparative work is encouraged. We also welcome creative reflections such as poetry, short stories, and artwork on the subject.

#### **Topics can include (but are not limited to):**

the relationship between maternal agency and institutional constraints; personal agency; social agency; intersectionality and maternal agency; maternal agency and social justice; empowerment and family-life responsibilities; maternal agency and legal norms/practices; public policy and the public/private split; neoliberalism and public policy for mothers; healthism and maternal agency; navigating cultural expressions of “good” and “bad” mothering; second and third shift responsibility and agency; online advocacy and empowered mothering; maternal advocacy as theorized or practiced by women of a particular race, class, religion, or culture; empowered caregiving versus non-empowered caregiving; workplace norms and maternal advocacy or agency; motherhood and politics; “having it all” and maternal empowerment; challenging the maternal wall; challenging the “price of motherhood”; pregnancy and maternal agency; empowered mothering and disability; co-parenting and maternal empowerment; social change potential of memoir, narrative, autobiography, or blogging; maternal empowerment through artistic expression, film, music, literature, pop culture, or other arts; maternal agency through ‘experts’ or resistance to them; maternal empowerment by being resistant to or rooted in traditions, histories, or generational knowledges; navigating multiple identities as a mother; motherhood movements; advocacy for new family forms and relations; feminist mothering; queer and/or transgendered mothering; gender equity in home and work place; redefining fathering; othermothering; activism by young and/or low-income mothers; maternal activists’ allies.

#### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

Articles should be 15-18 pages (3750 words) including references.

All should be in MLA style, WordPerfect or Word and IBM compatible.

Please see our style guide for complete details: <http://www.motherhoodinitiative.org/journalsubmission.html>

**SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2012!**

**\*\* TO SUBMIT WORK ONE MUST BE A MEMBER OF MIRCI**

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