



Sexuality, Marriage, & Family Studies **RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

Pathways to Empathy: Research on Sexuality, Relationships, & Families

Friday, April 6, 2018

This conference is supported by:



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WELCOME

The SMF Department

The SMF program provides students with opportunities to explore the research and theory about human sexuality and relationships from a wide range of disciplines. SMF adopts a social justice perspective that challenges students to think in a critical and self-reflective manner.

HeForShe

HeForShe is a global effort to engage men and boys in removing the social and cultural barriers that prevent women and girls from achieving their potential, and together positively reshaping society. UN Women, the United Nations entity for gender equality and the empowerment of women, created the initiative that was launched by UN Women Global Goodwill Ambassador Emma Watson and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in September 2014.

As part of this initiative, the HeForShe launched the IMPACT 10x10x10 framework that involves 10 Heads of State, 10 CEOs, and 10 University Presidents to advance gender equity.

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SMF SYMPOSIUM



The SMF Research Symposium is an annual, one-day conference hosted by the department of Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Studies (SMF) at St. Jerome's University in Waterloo, Ontario. The symposium highlights student and faculty research dealing with relationships, families, and human sexuality.

The Research Symposium was first launched by SMF faculty and students in 2009 to bring together an academic community of shared interests in scholarship and research. It is our hope that this Symposium will continue to serve as a forum for growth and development within the fields of sexuality, relationships, and families, as well as provide a space for future innovations and professional exploration. The SMF Department encourages an overarching vision of social justice and anti-oppression through research and scholarship, and emphasizes the importance of that vision through the Research Symposium.

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MARY GORDON



Mary Gordon is an internationally recognized social entrepreneur, educator, parenting expert, and author, and has created programs informed by the power of empathy. She is the founder of the Roots of Empathy and Seeds of Empathy programs, which have been used both nationally and internationally.

Gordon is also the founder of Canada's first and largest school-based Parenting and Family Literacy Centres, which she initiated in 1981. They have become public policy in Ontario and have been used as a best practice model internationally. Gordon consults with governments, educational organizations, and public institutions, such as the Nelson Mandela Children's Foundation, the World Health Organization, the Skoll World Forum, and the United Nations. Gordon is a Member of the Order of Canada, the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador, the recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee Medals, and is Canada's first Ashoka Fellow.

Mary Gordon is the recipient of several prestigious awards recognizing her contribution to innovation in education and international social entrepreneurship, including the Manning Innovation Award, the Ontario Teachers Federation Lifetime Fellowship Award, and the Public Education Advocacy Award from the Canadian Teachers' Federation.

rootsofempathy.org

ROOTS OF EMPATHY:



CHANGING THE WORLD CHILD BY CHILD

Mary Gordon, founder and president of Roots of Empathy, chronicles the creation of her award-winning classroom program. Mary shares her vision of a society of compassionate and caring children and explains the value of nurturing empathy and social and emotional literacy in all children, thereby reducing aggression, antisocial behaviour, and bullying.

**Book signing at 6 pm in the Atrium, Academic Centre.
Copies of the book will be for sale for \$17.00.**



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SCHEDULE

SEXUALITY, MARRIAGE, & FAMILY STUDIES RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Friday, April 6, 2018

9:00 am-
9:30 am

REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS
Atrium, Academic Centre

9:30 am-
9:45 am

WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS
Atrium, Academic Centre

9:45 am-
11:15 am

SESSION 1
Empathy and Law
Room 1002, Academic Centre

11:15 am-
11:30 am

REFRESHMENT BREAK
Atrium, Academic Centre

11:30 am-
12:30 pm

SESSION 2
Public Service Announcements
Room 1002, Academic Centre

12:30 pm-
2:00 pm

LUNCH
SJU Community Centre

2:00 pm-
4:00 pm

SESSION 3
Empathy and Marginalization
Room 1002, Academic Centre

4:00 pm-
4:30 pm

REFRESHMENT BREAK
Atrium, Academic Centre

4:30 pm-
6:00 pm

MARY GORDON KEYNOTE
Vanstone Lecture Hall
Room 1004, Academic Centre

6:00pm-
6:30 pm

CLOSING REMARKS & RECEPTION
Atrium, Academic Centre



SESSION ONE

Empathy and Law
Room 1002, SJ2 - Academic Centre
9:45 am - 11:15 am

Should Ontario amend the Family Law Act to incorporate court-ordered parent coordination?
– Siera Stampone

The crossover crisis: Understanding the link between child maltreatment and youth in conflict with the law
– Jacob Murray

Attitudes toward a Restorative Justice solution to a sexual offence
– Sarah Wiley

SESSION TWO

Public Service Announcements
Room 1002, SJ2 - Academic Centre
11:30 am - 12:30 pm

The SMF Sex Therapy course (SMF 309) uses Public Service Announcements (PSAs) as a knowledge translation and educational tool to discuss sexually relevant issues within our current socio-political and cultural context. Seven PSAs will be presented as a medium by which to explore empathy.



SESSION THREE

Empathy and Marginalization
Room 1002, SJ2 - Academic Centre
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Empathy and altruism in surrogacy
– Katy Fulfer

fMRI studies of women with postpartum depression/anxiety:
Towards a model of feminist science?
– Meghan Riley

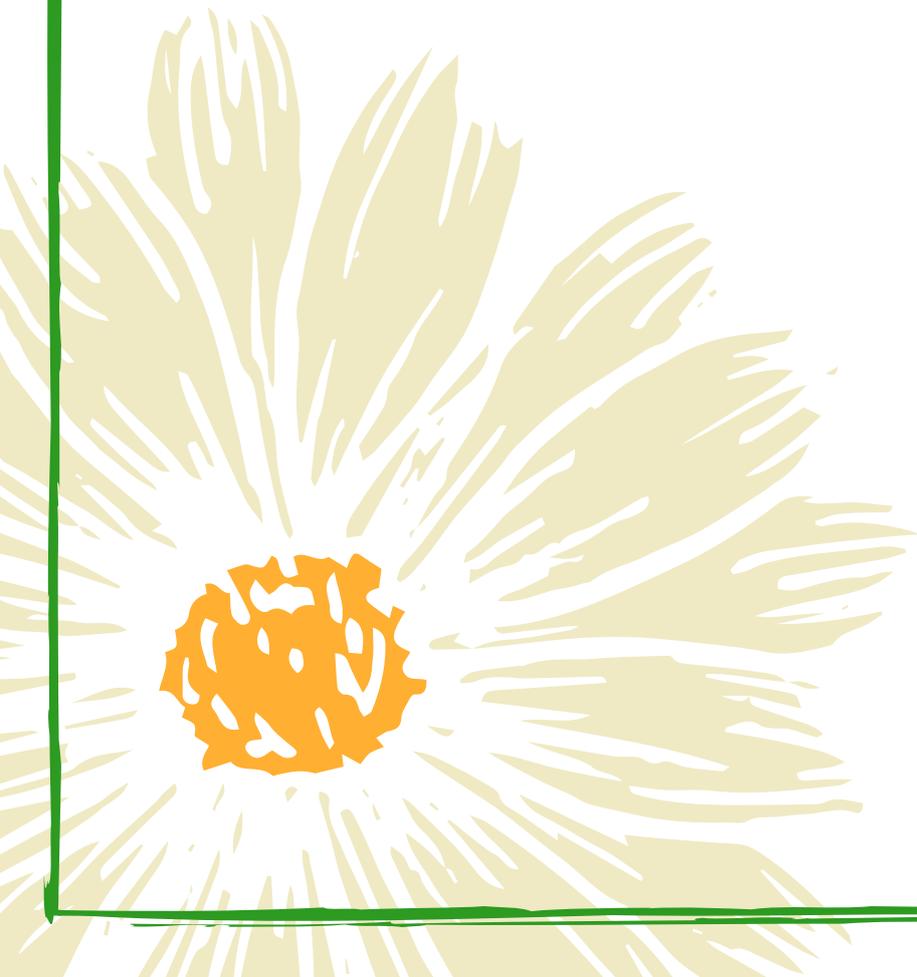
Stretch Break (5 Minutes)

Gender euphoria and its life-saving importance:
An auto-ethnographical study
– Sam Tacit

Perceptions of self-efficacy and attitudes about sexuality
among students in undergraduate human sexuality courses
– Eva Clark-Lepard



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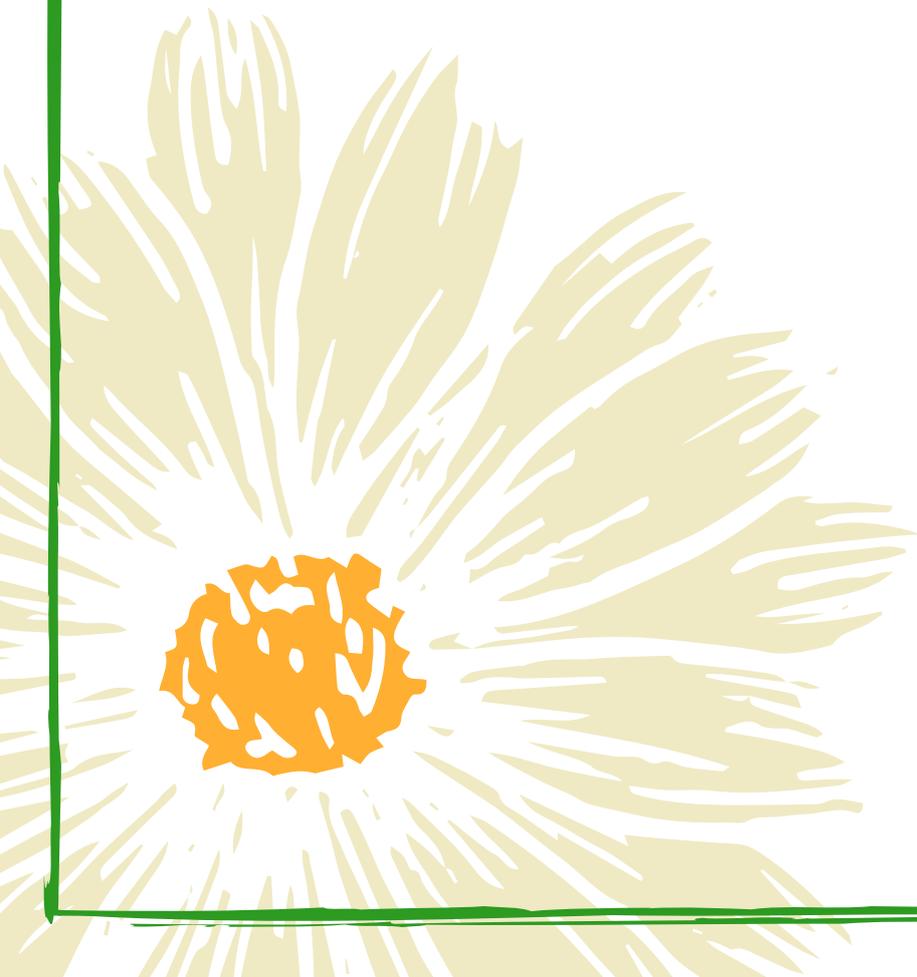
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THANK YOU

This day would not have been possible without the SMF Symposium Committee, the volunteers, and the Symposium presenters.

A special thank you to our Keynote Speaker, Mary Gordon, and to all of our attendees for joining us and participating in this event and the discussions.

Thank you to Dana Hospitality for catering services, and to the University of Waterloo Campus Bookstore for supporting the *Roots of Empathy* book signing.

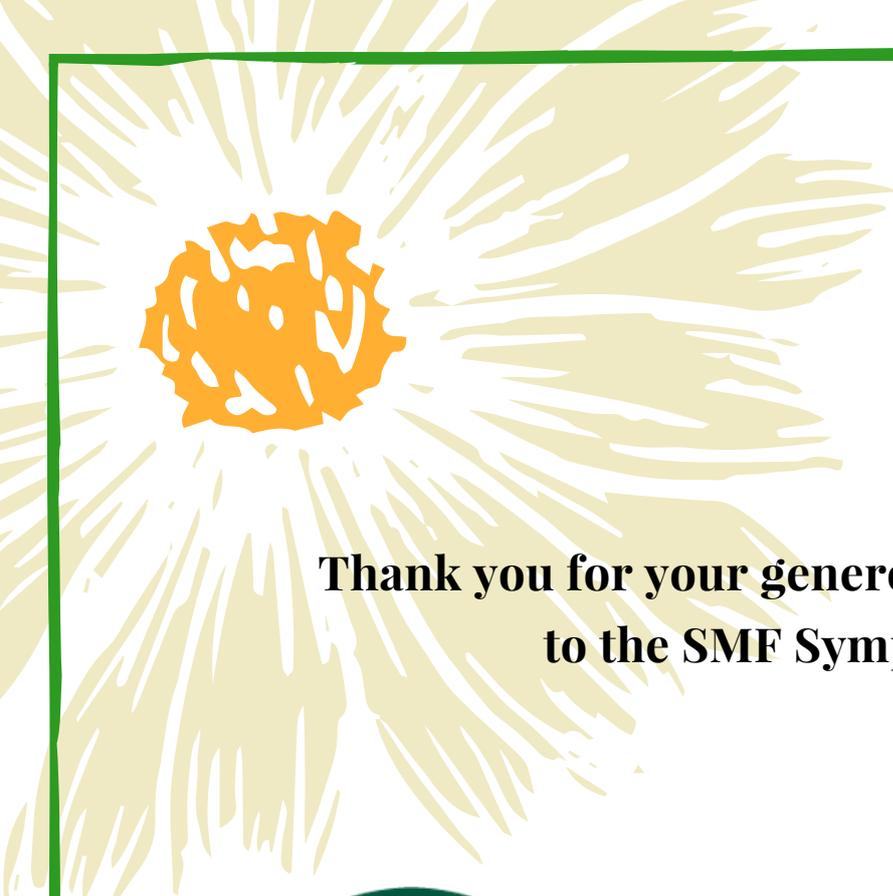
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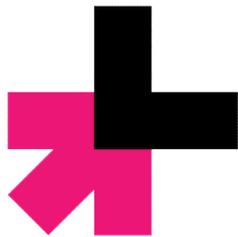




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St. Jerome's University and the University of Waterloo are on the territory of the Neutral, Anishnawbe, and Haudenosaunee peoples. The universities are situated on the Haldimand Tract, the land promised to the Six Nations that includes six miles on each side of the Grand River.