CALL FOR PAPERS

Demeter Press
is seeking submissions for an edited collection entitled
Feminist Parenting
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Deadline for Abstracts: May 1, 2015

This anthology seeks to examine the diverse experiences of parenting from a feminist perspective.

What makes parenting gendered? Feminism questions the idea that parenting can be explained as a consequence of biology, and the idea that motherhood reproduces itself (that women mother because they were mothered by women). Feminism understands the social organizations of biology created by marriage, birth, and divorce laws, as artificial and as an extension of the patriarchal family creating a patriarchal society. Feminist parents question and disrupt static, gendered meanings of “mother” and “father,” understand difference as dominance, and resist and politicize stereotypical parenting conventions. This collection aims to claim the voice of parents’ silence; the centrality of parents’ marginality and exclusion; the public nature of private family life; the presence of the absence of parent work.

Essays from all disciplinary perspectives are welcome, and interdisciplinary work is especially encouraged. Submissions of scholarly work, fiction, poetry, and creative nonfiction by and about feminist parents will be considered.

Topics may include (but are not limited to):
Examinations of the social, cultural, economic, psychological, and historical aspects of feminist parenting; theoretical, philosophical and creative explorations of feminist parenting practices; case studies; qualitative or quantitative studies; critiques of media representations; cross-cultural, social-geographical or anthropological investigations of feminist parenting practices; challenges to and celebrations of feminist parenting; and any other relevant topics regarding the experience and practice of feminist parenting.

Submission Guidelines:
Abstracts/Proposal (350-500 words) with a 50-word biography due: May 1, 2015. Acceptances made by: July 1, 2016. Completed manuscripts (15-18 pages double-spaced with references in MLA format) are due: October 1, 2015.
Please note that acceptance will depend on the strength and fit of the final piece.
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