



CALL FOR PAPERS

Journal of the Motherhood Initiative

Matricentric Feminism: Looking Back: Looking Forward

In 2016, Andrea O'Reilly published *Matricentric Feminism: Theory, Activism, Practice*. Since then, there have been numerous publications on matricentric feminism, including the second edition of O'Reilly's book in 2021, two journal issues (*JMI*, 2019; *Hecate*, 2019), and the collection *The Mother Wave: Theorizing, Enacting, and Representing Matricentric Feminism* (2024), along with many articles and chapters on the topic. In March 2026, Demeter Press will host an international remote conference on Matricentric Feminism

This journal issue will explore the aims, themes, and challenges of matricentric feminism as they have been theorized, enacted, and represented over the last decade and consider future directions for matricentric feminism as theory and practice.

Matricentric feminism emphasizes that the category of mother is distinct from the category of woman and holds that many of the problems mothers face--- social, economic, political, cultural, psychological, and so forth---are specific to mothers' role and identity as mothers. It seeks to make motherhood the business of feminism by positioning mothers' needs and concerns as the starting point for a theory and politic on and for the empowerment of women and mothers. Indeed, motherhood is the unfinished business of feminism. Mothers are oppressed under patriarchy as women and as mothers. Consequently, mothers need a matricentric mode of feminism organized from and for their particular identity and work as mothers. Mother-centred feminism is needed because mothers---arguably more so than women in general--- remain disempowered despite 60 years of feminism.

We encourage a wide range of submissions, including, but not limited to, personal essay/reflection, academic/scholarly articles, creative non-fiction, poetry, art, photography, and hybrid genres.

Articles due: June 1, 2026

**5000 -8000 words exclusive of notes/works cited; double-spaced; 12
TNR; MLA format**

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bio, and to**

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