

**NCFR 2020: Families as a Site of Oppression and Resistance**  
**Session 131; Feminism & Family Studies Section**  
**Wednesday 11/11/20, 2:30-3:45 CST**

This is an interactive paper presentation session with four pre-recorded presentations. These are abbreviated paper presentations, allowing for ample discussion time following the conclusion of the pre-recorded video. The presenters created thought- invoking questions to guide discussion.

**Presentation #1**

Using Autoethnography to Explore Relationships Between Adult Children and Their Parents in an IPV Context

*Authors:* Fatimah Turner (turnerf1@mail.montclair.edu), Maya Autret, & Kencia Mele

*Discussion Questions:*

Stay tuned for live discussion questions with the authors

**Presentation # 2**

Gender, Family, and Social Change: Case Study of Liberian Mothers and Peace Activists

*Author:* Lekie Dwanyen (dwanyenl@msu.edu)

*Discussion Questions:*

1. How else can we continue to expand our understanding of families as microsocial groups and agents of change in evolving social and political contexts?
2. The participants in this study shared common experiences of positive family support, relationships, and environments that encouraged their activism. How might the contrary (e.g., navigating lack of support, varying values and beliefs) impact activism experiences?

**Presentation #3**

Hegemonic Ideologies of Motherhood and Reproductive Decision Making Among Women with Disabilities

*Authors:* Tracey LaPierre (tlapie@ku.edu), Mary Zimmerman, Jean Hall

*Discussion Questions:*

1. When is the choice not to have children an expression of personal agency (individual choice) versus appropriated oppression (internalizing hegemonic ideologies that exclude oneself as a mother)?
2. How can we be allies and support the reproductive agency of WWD without being complicit in disability evasiveness or invalidating their reproductive choices?
3. What are the implications of recognizing hegemonic ideologies of motherhood as a barrier to fertility?
4. Mother-blame, stigma, guilt, and shame perpetuate existing power structures by attributing any shortfalls in meeting idealized notions of motherhood to deficiencies in the mother, directing our attention away from social structures toward the individual. How do the experiences of WWD highlight structural issues that could be targeted to create a more inclusive environment for motherhood for all women?

**Presentation #4 (Winner of 2019 Jessie Bernard Outstanding Research Proposal from a Feminist Perspective)**

Redoing Gender, Redoing Family: A Qualitative Examination of Parents Negotiating Their Child's Nonbinary Gender Identity

*Author:* Sam Allen (SAllen@family-institute.org)

*Discussion Questions:*

1. In the current study, all of the participants were, by chance, "affirming" of their child's gender (not an eligibility criterion). What shortcomings might that pose on our findings?
2. For those who are service providers, what type of interventions might you want to employ with these families—in other words, *what* would you target and *how*?