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**Society for the History of Women in the Americas  
(SHAW) Annual Conference  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 9.30am-5pm  
Business School, Manchester  
Metropolitan University, UK.**

The SHAW one-day annual conference has been co-organised with Manchester Metropolitan University. Join us to hear a wide range of papers on topics that centre the experience of women or those who identify as women in the history of the Americas. The four panels this year focus on:

- **Reproduction and Motherhood During Slavery.**
- **Body Politics.**
- **Cultural Activism.**
- **Bodily Autonomy, Reproduction and Law in the Americas.**

## **Conference Programme**

**Registration and refreshments: 9.00am- 9.30am.**

**Conference welcome: 9.30am -9.45am**

*Marie Molloy, SHAW Chair, Manchester Metropolitan University.*

**Panel One: 9.45am-11.15am**

**Reproduction and Motherhood During Slavery.**

*Chair: Marie Molloy, Manchester Metropolitan University.*

- Family, Gender, and Reproductive Regimentation in the Antebellum South, 1808-1865, *Aisha Djelid, University of Reading / QMUL.*
- Community-based gynaecological care and involuntary motherhood in the antebellum South, *Andrea Livesey, Liverpool John Moores University.*
- Freedom and Motherhood under Enslavement, *Hannah Simmons, Northwestern University.*

**SHORT BREAK: 11.15am-11.30am**

**Panel Two: 11.30am- 1.15pm**

**Body Politics.**

*Chair: Mara Keire, Oxford University.*

- The Response to Roe v. Wade among University Students in the Bible Belt: Examining Religious, Political, and Social Reactions to a Landmark Supreme Court Decision, *Emma Bowker, University College, London.*
- Protecting Pregnant Teens: Mothers Against Minors' Abortions and the Campaign for Parental Consent, *Isobel Bloom, University of Wisconsin-Madison.*
- Chronic Illness and Motherhood in the Twentieth Century United States, *Emma Day, Rothermere American Institute, Oxford.*

- Battlefield Bodies: Embodying the Borderland in Colonial Chile, Marin Aguilera, *Liverpool University*.

**LUNCH BREAK: 1.15pm-2.15pm**

**PANEL THREE: 2.15-3.15pm**  
**Cultural Activism.**

*Chair: Sinead McEneaney, Open University*

- Negro Theatre Workshop (NTW) and the Kuumba, Alexandra Keith, *Northwestern University*.
- Rethinking the Matricidal Praxes at the Basis of the Negrocene: Gloria Naylor's *Mama Day* (1988), Marika Ceschia, *Leeds University*.

**SHORT BREAK: 3.15pm - 3.30pm**

**PLENARY ROUNDTABLE: 3.30pm- 4.50pm**  
**Bodily Autonomy, Reproduction and Law in the Americas.**

*Chair: H  l  ne Charlery, University of Toulouse 2 Jean Jaur  s*

- Michell Chresfield, *Cornell University*.
- Rebecca Ogden, *University of Kent*.
- Rachell S  nchez-Rivera, *Cambridge University*.
- Genevieve Johnson-Smith, *Newcastle University*.

**CLOSING COMMENTS: 4.50pm-5.00pm.**

*Marie Molloy, SHAW Chair, Manchester Metropolitan University.*

**CONFERENCE ENDS: 5pm**

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#### **HOW TO REGISTER:**

**Costs:  50 waged,  30 PGR.**

Please register via: <https://mmu.estore.flywire.com/products/society-for-the-history-of-women-in-the-americas-shaw-annual-conference-2023-110291>

The optional conference dinner will be held at HOME restaurant, Manchester at 6pm. [Food and Drink in Manchester - Places to Eat at HOME \(homemcr.org\)](#) Please note, this will incur an additional cost, on a pay as you go basis.

Please email [shawsociety@gmail.com](mailto:shawsociety@gmail.com) by June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, to reserve a space.

Financial assistance for this year's conference has been provided by BAAS, the US Embassy and Manchester Metropolitan University's *Histories of RGSJ: Race, Gender, Sexuality and Identity* research group.

#### **PLACES TO STAY:**

This is not a residential conference, and we encourage attendees to book accommodation that suits their budget. There are several hotels within a short distance of Manchester Metropolitan University. Booking.com provides a range of options to suit all budgets. Premier Inn, Portland Road or Ibis offers good value budget accommodation.

**For reference the location of the conference will be held at:**

**Manchester Metropolitan University, Business School, All Saints campus, M15 6BH.**