

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN AND THE LAW**

# *Mothers in Law:* **Defending Women's Rights in 2007**

A conference organised by the  
**National Association of Women and the Law,  
&  
University of Ottawa  
&  
The Law Foundation of Ontario**



**May 11**

**Family Law Reform  
Universal Childcare  
Parental Rights for Lesbians  
Maternity Benefits and Parental Benefits  
Family Reunification for Domestic Workers  
Access to Matrimonial Property On-Reserve**

**May 12**

**Resisting the Backlash  
Defending Women's Rights on a Shoestring Budget  
The Future of NAWL**

**May 14**

**Mother's Day Lobby on Parliament Hill**

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# Mothering in Law

Ottawa, May 11-12

**Friday May 11**

**New Residence, Room 140, 90 University  
University of Ottawa**

**9:00-9:30 Welcome**

**9:30-10:45 Theme 1: Mothers at Work**

- ◆ Improving Maternity and Parental Benefits Outside of Québec - *Rachel Cox, Lawyer*
- ◆ Supplementary Universal Benefits for All mothers - *Hélène Cornellier, Association féminine d'éducation et d'action sociale*

10:45-11:00 Break

**11:00-12:30 Theme 2: Mothers Within the Family**

- ◆ Custody and Access and Violence Against Women - *Pamela Cross, Executive Director, NAWL*
- ◆ Arbitration, Religion and Family Law: the Ontario Experience - *Alia Hogben, Canadian Council of Muslim Women*
- ◆ The Protection of the « patrimoine familial » in Québec - *Marie-Claire Belleau, Faculté de droit, Université Laval*

12:30-1:30 Lunch (On Site)

**1:30-3:00 Theme 3: Mothers and Citizenship**

- ◆ Matrimonial Property on Reserves: NWAC Proposals - *Beverley Jacobs, President, Native Women's Association of Canada*
- ◆ Family Reunification for Domestic Workers - *Evelyn Calugay - PINAY, Filipina Women's Organization of Quebec*
- ◆ Law Reform for Lesbian Mothers - *Susan Boyd & Fiona Kelly, Faculty of Law, UBC*

3:00-3:15 Break

**3:15-4:45 Theme 4: State Obligations to Mothers**

- ◆ Childcare and Women's Equality - *Jody Dallaire, Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada*
- ◆ Tax Policy and the Traditional Family Model - *Kathleen Lahey, Faculty of Law, Queens University*
- ◆ Defending Mothers' Rights - *Shelagh Day, Co-Chair, Feminist Alliance for International Action*

**5:00-6:00 Small Group Discussions/Caucus Time**

**6:00 Keynote Address: Lorna A. Turnbull, Faculty of Law, University of Manitoba  
Author of *Double Jeopardy, Motherwork and the Law*  
Sponsored by the Shirley E. Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession  
Location: Tsampeleros Atrium, Fauteux Hall, 57 Louis Pasteur  
University of Ottawa**

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## Defending Women's Rights in 2007

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**Saturday May 12**

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**9:00- 12:00 Theme 5: Resisting the Anti-Feminist Backlash**

**9:00- 10:30 Review of Recent Federal Policies and their  
Impact on Women's Equality Seeking Groups**

- ◆ *Sheila Genaille, Métis National Council of Women*
- ◆ *Joyce Hancock, Newfoundland and Labrador Feminist Coalition*
- ◆ *Erin Lee Todd, Ontario Association of Interval & Transition Houses*
- ◆ *Sheila McIntyre, University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law*
- ◆ *Louise Riendeau, Regroupement provincial des maisons d'hébergement et de transition pour femmes victimes de violence conjugale*
- ◆ *Jolene Saulis, Native Women's Association of Canada*

10:30-10:45 Break

**10:45-12:30 Feminist Resistance, Pan-Canadian Mobilization/  
Defending Women's Rights on Parliament Hill/  
Future Challenges in our Coalition Work**

- ◆ *Michèle Asselin, Fédération des femmes du Québec*
- ◆ *Sue Genge, Canadian Labour Congress*
- ◆ *Fatima Jaffer, BC Coalition for Women's Equality and Human Rights*
- ◆ *Edeltraud Neal, Canadian Federation of University Women*
- ◆ *Nancy Peckford, Feminist Alliance for International Action*

12:00-1:00 Lunch (On Site)

**1:00- 3:00 Theme 6: Defending Women's Rights with a Limited Budget**

- ◆ Financial challenges for NAWL
- ◆ NAWL political priorities for 2007-2008
- ◆ NAWL working groups
- ◆ NAWL regional caucuses
- ◆ NAWL communications and website

3:00-3:30 Break

**3:30-5:00 NAWL Members Assembly**

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# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN AND THE LAW

**May 10**

## **Improving Maternity and Parental Benefits Outside of Québec NAWL Workshop - 9:00am-5:00pm**

- ◆ Remembering Our Struggles: How Women won Maternity Benefits  
*Laurell Ritchie, Canadian Auto Workers*
- ◆ The Problems with the Current Regime  
*Michelle Harris Genge, Women's Network, PEI*
- ◆ The Québec Model  
*Marie France Benoit of the CNTU, for the Regroupement pour un régime Québécois d'assurance parentale*
- ◆ NAWL Proposals for Improving the Maternity and Parental Benefits  
*Rachel Cox, for the NAWL Working Group*
- ◆ Funding Improved Benefits  
*Ruth Rose, Economist*
- ◆ Supplementary Universal Benefits for All Mothers  
*Hélène Cornelier for the AFÉAS*  
*Lorna Turnbull for the NAWL Working group*
- ◆ Future Strategies for Law Reform - *Andrée Côté, NAWL*

*By Invitation Only. For more information, contact Andrée at [andree@nawl.ca](mailto:andree@nawl.ca).*

**May 14**

## **Mother's Day Lobby on Parliament Hill 9:00am - 4:00pm**

The Mother's Day Lobby on Parliament Hill will be an opportunity to speak with Members of Parliament and to inform them about the many issues affecting mothers, and the reforms that women expect from the federal government.

- ◆ *Briefing for Lobby Participants on Mother's Day Lobby*
- ◆ *Meetings with constituency MPs*
- ◆ *Meetings with political party caucuses*
- ◆ *Lunch with Members of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women*
  - ◆ *Commonwealth Room, Centre Block, 238-C*
- ◆ *Question Period*



**Please join us for this lobby day!**

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