



**Mothering and Hip-Hop Culture**  
**CALL FOR PAPERS FOR EDITED VOLUME**

Demeter Press is seeking submissions for an edited collection by Maki Motapanyane and Shana Calixte to be published in 2011.

Motherhood is an experience that has been ever-present yet invisible in the global music genre of Hip-Hop. Yet this aspect of women's experiences within the movement has garnered little or no interest from journalists, writers and scholars of Hip-Hop culture. Nor do we have any understanding of how mothers who remain Hip-Hop enthusiasts negotiate their relationship to the culture of Hip-Hop and its music with their children. What are the spaces that motherhood occupies in Hip-Hop? Are there ways of understanding mothering in Hip-Hop along a historical continuum? What are some of the ways that motherhood complicates the very masculinist discourses around hip hop? How can we create an empowered and feminist Hip-Hop mothering, what would it look like and how would it challenge the status quo? How are mothers engaging with Hip-Hop, both locally and globally?

The aim of this collection is to give motherhood within Hip-Hop culture an intellectual point of entry into an existing field of academic debates. Themes that submitted proposals engage may include:

- Hip-Hop histories
- Masculinity
- Misogyny and violence
- Consumerism and capitalism
- The globalization and/or transnationality of Hip-Hop
- Cultural appropriation
- Political subversion
- Cultural diversity
- Feminist mothering
- Heterosexualities
- Queer identities and sexuality
- Aesthetic continuity and change
- Representation and the marketing of identities
- Other themes not mentioned here

We seek both creative and academic submissions that tackle the complex ways in which motherhood and Hip-Hop frame these and other discussions. Abstracts are welcome from a variety of academic disciplines and perspectives.

**SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:**

Abstracts: 250 words in length.

Deadline for Abstracts: **August 1, 2009**

Papers: 15-18 pages

Deadline for Papers: **January 7, 2010**

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