



Conference on Non-Traditional Families & Intimacies 2020

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Conference Dates: May 16-17th

Conference Location: Loft 112, 535 8 Ave SE, Calgary, AB T2G 0L8

Deadline for Proposals: February 28th, 2020

PolyamQ welcomes proposals for our second annual **Conference on Non-Traditional Families & Intimacies** in Calgary, Alberta, from May 16th – 17th, 2020. We invite proposals for work in English from any disciplinary, interdisciplinary, or transdisciplinary approach. Presentations may be in a variety of formats including papers, panels, workshops, roundtables, film and video screenings, performance art pieces, exhibits, and cultural events.

PolyamQ recognises our indebtedness to the work of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People Colour) feminist and queer scholarship, both inside and outside of the academe. As such, PolyamQ gladly welcomes voices external to the academy, in full recognition of the roles they have played in establishing, promoting, challenging, and pushing the boundaries of academic thought.

This year, PolyamQ's Conference on Non-Traditional Families & Intimacies focuses on the concept of Narrative Power. This focus on Narrative Power aims to examine how everyday intimacies are shaped, influenced, and coerced by the storied actions of others. For example, presenters may wish to examine how stories about families, child-rearing, division of labour and care-work, living arrangements, or the differences in intimacies between 'friends' and 'family' are told. Such examinations would query who gets to tell these stories; who are the characters involved and what are their characteristics; and how these stories feed back into social and political contexts that re-entrench or disrupt common understandings of intimacy.

We encourage proposals that define and expand upon the theme of Narrative Power. Submissions are welcome for individual presentations (max. 2 presenters, 20 minutes), panel sessions (max. 4 presenters, 75-90 minutes), workshops (3-5 presenters, 75-90 minutes), roundtables (3-5 presenters, 75-90 minutes), film or video screenings (either 15 or 90 minutes), and artistic performances (either 15 or 90 minutes)

Additionally, PolyamQ welcomes proposals for our inaugural workshop series that aims to introduce concepts of non-monogamous intimacies. Examples of such workshops could include: "Introduction to Polyamory," "Child-Raising in Non-Monogamous Households," "Narrative Therapy for Non-Monogamous Persons," and "Poly-Economics". PolyamQ also welcomes critical and contemporary scholarship on studies from other perspectives, but contained to research and topics on non-traditional families and intimacies.

PolyamQ is a group of scholars, artists, activists, and community members who have a particular interest in the teaching and study of non-monogamy, kinship, sexuality, gender diversity. PolyamQ aims to provide the opportunity to connect to broader research, artistic, and activist communities, and to mentor, support, and foster each other in and through our works.

For any and all inquiries, please contact the conference organizer Pedrom Nasiri at pnasiri@ucalgary.ca