

**We are pleased to announce**

**Breastfeeding and Feminism 2010: Informing Public Health Approaches**

**Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC**

**March 20, 2010**

This year, the symposium will be based on an edited collection of papers.  
In addition, there will be a poster session.

**To celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> symposium milestone and in light of the economy, our 2010 symposium is only one day and the cost is only \$25.00!**

**WE INVITE 250-WORD ABSTRACTS FOR POSTER PRESENTATION AT THE MEETING ON RELATED TOPICS AND ISSUES.**

**The abstracts will be accepted as pdf attachments emailed to Miriam Labbok ([labbok@unc.edu](mailto:labbok@unc.edu)) with the subject line "Poster abstract" by December 15. Notification of acceptance to the symposium will be sent by January 15.**

**All poster presenters will be expected to register for and attend the meeting.**

Since 2005 academic scholars, practitioners, and activists have gathered together on the UNC campuses for a symposium on Breastfeeding and Feminism. Dr. Paige Hall Smith began this tradition as the Linda Arnold Carlisle Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, inviting Dr. Bernice Hausman, author of *Mother's Milk: Breastfeeding Controversies in American Culture*, to give the keynote lecture at the inaugural event. The following year, Dr. Miriam Labbok became the director of the Carolina Breastfeeding Institute in the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and CBI became a co-sponsor of the symposia in 2007. The 2007 and 2009 symposia were funded in part by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Women's Health. Over the years, the symposia have illuminated major constraints mothers experience as they seek to breastfeed their children in the 21st century. Breastfeeding and Feminism 2010 seeks to identify and analyze how public health approaches to promoting breastfeeding might be advised by feminist insights to develop comprehensive, politically knowledgeable, and culturally sensitive interventions. The symposium and book are transdisciplinary efforts to address breastfeeding as a public health priority, using feminist perspectives to emphasize the impact of gender and other forms of social stratification on individual women as they feed their babies.

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