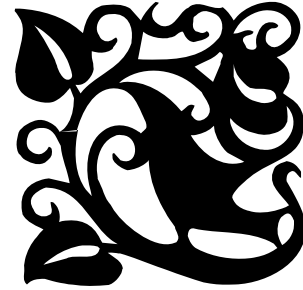


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### *Thinking about Breastfeeding*

Breastfeeding's many meanings would seem to render it a particularly fertile place to locate the intersection of queer theory, feminist body politics and sociological inquiry to intersect. Yet this seemingly ideal site of inquiry has been largely left to practical considerations by lactation consultants, midwives and medical practitioners. Today's talk explores breastfeeding's many inherently contradictory meanings and messages, especially when it is performed as an act in the public sphere. As this constitutes the initial mapping out of the background to my proposed research on this topic, your input is welcome and very much encouraged.

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