

Maternity & Care

a Medical and Health Humanities colloquium

Professor Inge van Nistelrooij

and contributions by:

Melanie Miller, MA IBCLC, lactation educator and doctoral student.

Elena Cogni, PhD, MRSS, AMRSPH, Associate Professor Cambridge School of Art, and others.



Friday, January 27, 2:30 -4:30 PM

Drew campus, Ehinger Center, room 145
and hybrid via [Zoom link](#).

Care theorists' attention to maternity has always been characterized by ambiguity. On the one hand, care ethics is rooted in feminist research regarding practices of mothering, in which women's practices, self-understanding, and related morality were analyzed and expressed. On the other hand, the topics of maternity, pregnancy, and birth have also been abandoned on purpose by most care ethicists in the early 1990s. Claiming a feminine specificity in the public realm had proven to be an unsuccessful strategy for care theory to gain the political and moral impact it deserves. At this colloquium, we will explore professor van Nistelrooij's work and seek connections with the professional contexts of our master's and doctoral students.

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