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Seeking submissions for an edited collection entitled:  
**Thriving Mothers/Depriving Mothers:  
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The year 2017 has ushered an important political trend in which right-leaning forms of populism appear to be displacing pluralism. The examples supporting this trend are numerous including the election of Donald Trump, Brexit and continued rhetoric and aggression against minorities in many places around the world. At the same time, some states continue to advance supports for mothers and families, and ideas like basic income are gaining public and political attention. What remains unclear in the face of these trends is the impact they will have for the welfare of women and mothers, many of whom often need additional protections from unwavering capitalism, unyielding patriarchy and other racialized and gendered forms of structural violence.

While welfare is generally conceived as the provision of programs and supports in response to material needs, welfare can also be understood as the well-being of citizens to manage their responsibilities and build a meaningful productive life. For women and mothers, especially those located at the intersection of race, class, sexuality and ability, welfare policy has not meaningfully responded to their needs as evidenced by continued lower earnings, precarious employment, state surveillance of their mothering through the child welfare systems and little in the way of programs to support the care of children and/or other dependent family members.

This volume explores the intersections of welfare, gender and mothering work given this new political reality. Topics of interest include but are not limited to: workfare, social assistance, child care, tax policies, basic income, role of voluntary sector in supporting women and mothers, Indigenous issues and structural racism, welfare and the media, comparative analysis of welfare and mothering, welfare and race, paid and unpaid work, the care economy, Nordic models and mothers, international law and mothers' welfare, queer and transgender parents, and human rights/equality rights. Contributions from all disciplines and backgrounds, both theoretical and practically oriented, focused on policy, law, or social science evidence, as well as creative works of poetry, visual art and short stories are welcomed.

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All article and essay contributors are responsible for ensuring their manuscripts adhere to MLA style.

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