Dichotomies of Consequence: Mothering and HIV/AIDS

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This presentation is based on a five-year, CIHR-funded ethnographic project on motherhood in the context of HIV/AIDS in Saskatchewan. With the highest HIV rates in Canada, Saskatchewan’s epidemic is uniquely Indigenized. This presentation explores the ways in which dichotomies between intensive and collective mothering as well as between mothering and fathering play out in the daily lives of 30 women and 23 men who access the services of AIDS Saskatoon.

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