

# **(Not) 'Having it All': Canadian Academic Women and the Question of Motherhood**

## **Call for Research Participants**

This research focuses on unattached Canadian female academics (finished or finishing their PhDs) who, having been occupied with their career and educational pursuits, also would like or would have liked to become mothers but for various reasons feel that having a child alone is not a viable option.

If this topic relates to you, and you are willing to contribute to research on **academic women's reproductive choices and experiences**, please consider participating in my study. Initially I would like to talk with **unattached academics that currently are, or have been in, the process of deciding not to have a child alone**. You may be in your **30s or older**; whether this is a recent decision or one made in the more distant past, you need to be or have been unattached at the time of your decision.

As part of a multi-phase research program, **this study also welcomes the participation of women in the following groups**: 1) unattached and partnered academic women who do not want children, 2) partnered academic women with children, and 3) academic women who have become single mothers by choice, 4) or by circumstance. While the present phase is focused on the experiences of unattached academic women who do/did want children but have nonetheless decided not to have any, I am also hoping to establish contact with other potential participants.

Participation will entail 1 or 2 in-depth, open-ended and confidential interviews (conducted in English) lasting approximately 2 hours. For more information or to participate, please contact Dr. Shelley Z. Reuter, Assistant Professor of Sociology, by phone (514.848.2424 x. 2174) or e-mail ([sreuter@alcor.concordia.ca](mailto:sreuter@alcor.concordia.ca)).

This project has been approved by Concordia University's Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any questions or concerns related to ethics compliance, please contact Ms Adela Reid (Office of Research, 514.848.2424 x. 7481).