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Professor Clarissa Carvalho is an anthropologist and journalist whose ethnographic research focuses on motherhood/mothering and social activism for the humanization of birth in Brazil, especially in digital environments. She received her M.A. in Anthropology at Piau Federal University (Brazil) and her PhD in Social Communication from Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). For her dissertation, she investigated the activism in favor of the humanization of birth in Brazil, analyzing the actions and narratives related to humanized birth and the body among women who were engaged as political subjects in an activist collective. Her research explores class and race tensions in the arena of sexual and reproductive rights during the period in which the concept of humanized birth - and all the different services and products that stem from it - was becoming not only popular in Brazil, but especially available as a commodity.

Professor Carvalho has previously taught gender studies, sociology, anthropology, urban studies and communication/journalism in several universities in Brazil, and also in Worcester State University. She has also been involved with research and outreach activities with immigrant populations, especially Latino and Brazilian, in the Latino Education Institute (WSU) and the Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy (UMass Boston).

As a journalist, she has worked in newspapers, radio and TV stations in Brazil, as a reporter, researcher, producer, presenter and columnist.

Publications:

2018. The “mother animal” in cyberspace: gender and motherhood in blog Mamíferas.

In: 18th International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences World

Congress – Abstract book. Tribo da Ilha.

2018. Demystifying the “gender ideology”: social activism in #vetafirmino movement. In: 18th International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences World Congress – Abstract book. Tribo da Ilha.
2017. “Meu parto, minhas regras”: construção do comum na Rede Parto do Príncipe. In: 13th Women’s Worlds - Electronic Proceedings. UFSC. (“My birth, my rules”: the construction of commons in Rede Parto do Príncipe).
2017. Dossiê UESPI 30 anos. Co-edited with Raimundo Dutra Araújo and Ana Cristina Sousa. Universidade Estadual do Piauí. [Book] (Dossier UESPI)
2015. Violência obstétrica: etnografia de uma comunidade no Facebook. Anais V REA XIV ABANNE. EDUFAL. (Obstetric Violence: ethnography of a community in Facebook)
2015. A eficácia simbólica do parto hospitalar: o parto como ritual. Anais do II Seminário Internacional Desfazendo Gênero. UFPB. (The effectiveness of symbols in hospital births: birth as a ritual)
2015. Um corpo que pare. Anais do VI Simpósio Nacional de Ciência, Tecnologia e Sociedade. ESOCITE.BR (A body that gives birth)
- 2014 O “bicho-mãe” no ciberespaço: gênero e maternidade no blog Mamíferas. Novas Edições Acadêmicas. [Book] (The “mother animal” in cyberspace: gender and motherhood in blog Mamíferas)
2013. Ação política e humanização do parto na esfera pública digital. Anais do IV REA XIII ABANNE. UFC. (Political action and humanization of birth in the digital public sphere)
2012. A retomada do corpo feminino: parto domiciliar como instância de empoderamento. In: Corpografia: multiplicidades em fusão. Edições UFC. [Book chapter] (The resumption of the female body: home birth as an instance of empowerment)
2012. O empoderamento das minorias por meio das mídias sociais: a conexão dos pares no site Viva Favela e no blog Mamíferas. Anais do Congresso Brasileiro de

Ciências da Comunicação. Intercom. (Empowerment of minorities through social media: peer connection in Viva Favela website and Mamíferas blog)
2010. M³ - Mulher, mãe, moderna. Co-authored with Elizângela Carvalho. EDUFPI.
[Book] (M3 – Woman, mother, modern)

Courses

Anth101 – Anthropological Perspective

Anth299 – Reproductive Justice