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Deprivation vs. Support: Poverty research from a mother/daughter relationship perspective

Working class mothers have not received much credit from scholarly researchers who often undermine their ability to allocate significant resources for their daughters. Moreover, mothers are portrayed by research as interrupting daughters' academic efforts by demanding their domestic contribution.

The notion of emotional politics offered by Beverly Skeggs, and of emotional politics offered by Diane Reay, allow for a diversion from this tradition, highlighting ways in which working class mothers struggle to save their daughters from poverty and its humiliations.

Professor Benjamin takes the perspective of a mother/daughter relationship on poverty and focuses on the conditions under which this inter-dependency is relied upon in facing exclusionary structural and institutional processes. The analysis of mother/daughter interviews enables her to explain why poverty research should not skip the importance of mothers' and daughters' relationships and struggles.

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