Gay and lesbian families have been argued to queer the heteronormative family values by sharing the parenthood among same-sex couples and by constructing new model of chosen families (Weston). This paper asks, do Finnish lesbian families with children queer the heteronormative family model in their everyday life and how the meaning of “lesbianism” is embedded in parenting practices and everyday routines.

The focus of the paper is on how heterosexual nuclear family form is made natural by heteronormative practices of everyday spaces. And how lesbian mothers queer(y)ed these heteronormative practices through their tactics of shared parenting and use of everyday spaces. Paper describes how lesbian families are not outside of the constitutive practices of everyday life, like homes constituted round the idea of nuclear family by modern house planning, gendered parenting practices constituted by family policy of the Finnish Welfare State and “normal” nuclear family model of the children’s day care centers and schools.