



RE-IMAGINING LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL CARE

an international study of promising practices

*A “society that treats its most vulnerable members with compassion
is a more just and caring society for all”*

- World Health Organization

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1. What’s new

i. Announcements

Frode Jacobsen’s funding application for a project on *Voluntary Work in Norwegian Long Term Care – Prevalence, Forms, Interaction with Professionals and Potentials for the Future*, was successful. The application, submitted with five regional centres for care research in Norway, is for a total of nine million NOK. Pat Armstrong provided a letter of support for the application. Congratulations Frode!

Post-doctoral fellow **Albert Banerjee** has been invited to visit the Academy of Long-Term Care at the University of Amsterdam to present his research and explore the possibility of joint projects.

Congratulations to co-investigator **Tamara Daly** who has recently received a five-year Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Research Chair in Gender, Work and Health. Her research plan on *Working Well: Understanding how gender influences working conditions and health in long-term care settings across Canada and internationally* extends the work of the MCRI.

Ruth Lowndes has joined the project as a post-doctoral fellow, bringing her experience with institutional ethnographic research. We thank her for her participation in the December pilot site visit to Bruyère Continuing Care in Ottawa. Welcome Ruth!

Patricia Williams, a PhD student in Sociology, completed her research practicum for her Health Services and Policy Research diploma with the project. She analyzed the site selection interviews, and her final report is posted on [O3](#) in the site selection folder.

ii. Resources

Featured Resource:

My Home Life: Promoting Quality of Life in Care Homes, published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation in the UK in October 2012, is a three-year action research study led by My Home Life (MHL).

This study draws lessons from best practice in care homes, particularly in promoting voice, choice and control for older people and developing leadership in the care home sector.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/publications/my-home-life>

Other Resources:

The following resources are selected from among recent additions to the project's bibliography, and are from the *International Journal of Integrated Care* (Volume 12, October-December 2012): The Growing Older with a Disability Conference (at FICCDAT 2011) Supplement.

<http://www.ijic.org/index.php/ijic/issue/view/61>

The Toronto Declaration on Bridging Knowledge, Policy and Practice in Aging and Disability, an article by Jerome E. Bickenbach et al. In this document, the authors seek common ground in terms of the modern conception of active aging and of disability. They promote national and international bridging of aging and disability knowledge, policy and practice.

Key Focal Areas for Bridging the Fields of Aging and Disability: Findings from the Growing Older with a Disability Conference, an article by Vishaya Naidoo, Michelle Putnam, and Andria Spindel that identifies areas where bridging building between aging and disability is needed to support older adults getting into or with disabilities.

Bringing Stakeholders Together across Ageing and Disability: GOWD Conference Series, an article by Andria Spindel, Margaret Campbell, Jennifer Mendez that looks at the establishment of the Growing Older with Disability (GOWD) conferences and the larger umbrella framework of which they are a central component – the Festival of International Conferences on Caregiving, Disability, Aging and Technology (FICCDAT).

International Initiatives on Bridging Knowledge, Policy and Practice, an article by Mathilde Leonardi, Jerome Bickenbach, and Barbara LeRoy that outlines several on-going international initiatives that create the potential for worldwide, coordinated and cooperative implementation of integrated ageing and disability policy, practice and research.

Advancing a Research Agenda for Bridging Ageing and Disability, an article by Luis Salvador-Carulla, Michelle Putnam, Tamar Heller, discusses how interdisciplinary bridging research can move forward.

Other recent additions to the bibliography include:

- Elderly Care in Transition
- Implementation of Affordable Care Act Provisions to Improve Nursing Home Transparency, Care Quality, and Abuse Prevention
- Knowledge Brokers in a Knowledge Network: The Case of Seniors Health Research Transfer Network Knowledge Broker
- Lived Experiences
- Long-Term Care: Who Gets It, Who Provides It, Who Pays, and How Much?
- Making Gray Gold: Narratives of Nursing Home Care
- Medicare And Medicaid In Long-Term Care
- Nursing Home Care Quality: A Multidimensional Theoretical Model
- Overview of Significant Changes in the Minimum Data Set for Nursing Homes Version 3.0
- Retaining RPNs: Impact on Quality Care
- Seeing Health and Illness Worlds – Using Visual Methodologies in a Sociology of Health and Illness: A Methodological Review
- 'The demented other': identity and difference in dementia
- The Thin Blue line: Long-term Care as an Indicator of Equity in Welfare States
- The Private Cost of Long-Term Care in Canada: Where You Live Matters

- Time ethics for persons with dementia in care homes
- Transforming Care: A National Response to Winterbourne View Hospital Department of Health Review: Final Report, December 2012
- When Things Go Wrong: How Health Care Organizations Deal With Major Failures
- Writing Ethnographic Fieldnotes, Second Edition

[Sign in to bibliography](#)

iii. 2012-13 Seminar Series

This year's seminars are being used to develop the content of the May 2013 conference. Links to the recordings of the fall seminars are available on [O3](#) (Documents – Presentations folder).

Winter seminars:

- **January 31: Sally Chivers** and **Annmarie Adams** on *Architecture and Aging: The Depiction of Home in Sarah Polley's Away From Her*; **Monique Lanoix** on *Dance for persons with Parkinson's - beyond therapy*. The recording of this webinar is now available on [O3](#).
- **February 28: Pat Armstrong** on *Security in Old Age*; **Dee Taylor**, Fraser Health, on *Health and Safety work interventions*. The webinar is accessible at <http://connect.yorku.ca/seminar4/> at 11am EDT. It will be recorded and the link available on [O3](#) after the event.

iv. Pilot Site Visit

The project's pilot site visit was a success! It took place in early December at Bruyère Continuing Care in Ottawa. Thirteen team members participated, including eight co-investigators, four students and a post-doctoral fellow. Our researchers conducted over 50 interviews, and observed from 7am to midnight in two shifts on both a locked and unlocked floor. Thanks to all those at Bruyère who facilitated the visit.

Rich information was gathered from the pilot, and the templates developed for the project's site-switching research visits were tested and will be refined based on the pilot. Papers and a methods workbook (as an e-book that can be revised as the project progresses) are also planned. A list of proposed papers and workbook chapters are available in the notes of the February 7 meeting on [O3](#) (Documents – Pilot Study).

v. 2013 Conference and Annual Team Meeting – Updates

The 2013 annual team meeting takes place from Monday, May 27 to Thursday, May 30 at the Courtyard Marriott in downtown Toronto.

The meeting begins with an open public event, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on May 27 - *Changing the Conversation: Re-imagining Long-term Residential Care*. **Liz Lloyd**, **Monique Lanoix** and **Sally Chivers** are speaking, and **Pat Armstrong** is moderating.

The full-day, invitation-only conference on May 28 on the theme of regulation - *Do Regulations Make it Harder to Care?* - includes presentations from all theme groups and a closing panel by the project's partners.

The two-day project team meeting follows on Wednesday and Thursday, May 29-30. The agendas for both the conference and team meeting are available in the events section and in the team meetings folder on [O3](#)

2. Presentations and Publications

i. Presentations

Dee Taylor, Fraser Health (with **Albert Banerjee**, and Anita Wahl of Fraser Health), presented *Towards a new curriculum of caring: A study of dialogical practices and the impact on knowledge translation in residential care facilities* at the Canadian Association on Gerontology Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, on October 19, 2012.

Pat Armstrong was invited to speak at the Canadian Conference on Global Health, Ottawa. She spoke on *Structural Violence: An Alternative Approach to Migration and Health* on October 22, 2012.

Tamara Daly presented on *Promising practices in LTC: Looking around....moving forward* at the United Nurses of Alberta 2012 Annual General Meeting in Edmonton, Alberta, October 24, 2012.

Jackie Choiniere spoke about the project at the annual general meeting of Concerned Friends on November 7, 2012 in Toronto.

Susan Braedley presented *‘There was an Old Woman’: Gender Analysis in Studies of Aging and Elder Care* at the Nova Scotia Centre on Aging conference - Our Future is Aging: Current Research on Knowledge, Practice and Policy - on November 22, 2012 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Pat Armstrong was an invited panel presenter via skype at an international conference, Lisbon, Portugal, on The Global Economic Crisis: An Opportunity to Create a Future. She spoke about both the Re-imagining Long-term Residential Care project and the Healthy, Active Aging in Residential Places project on November 30, 2012.

Kate Laxer (with **Pat Armstrong**) presented a poster - *Demanding Labour: An Aging Health Care Labour Force* – at the Ontario Long Term Care Association’s Applied Research Education Day, Toronto, on February 13, 2013.

*Reminder: Send information on presentations and recently published, accepted, or under review submissions to Wendy at wwinters@yorku.ca. Please remember, where applicable, to **acknowledge the project and our funder** in published papers!*

ii. Publications

Pat Armstrong, Hugh Armstrong and Tamara Daly co-authored a paper, *The Thin Blue line: Long-term Care as an Indicator of Equity in Welfare States*, published in [Canadian Woman Studies](#), Vol 29, #3, 49-60 (2012)

James Struther’s paper on *Framing Aging Through the State: Canada's Two Senate Committees on Aging, 1963-1966 and 2006-2009* will appear in the [Canadian Review of Social Policy](#) “Special Issue on Aging”, nos. 68-69, in late February or early March 2013.

The revised manuscript for the book *‘Troubling Care’: Critical Perspectives on Research and Practices*, has been submitted to Canadian Scholars’ Press. This book is based on papers presented by team members at the 2011-12 York Seminar for Advanced Research (YSAR) series and is edited by **Pat Armstrong** and **Susan Braedley**. The target date for publication is late 2013.

3. Funding proposals

Funding proposal updates:

i. ERA-AGE 2 Joint Call for Research Applications (JCRA) on Active and Healthy Ageing Across the Life Course

The Minister of State (Seniors) announced the successful Canadian applicants to the ERA-AGE2 joint call on November 8, 2012.

The *Healthy Aging in Residential Places (HARP)* proposal, submitted in October 2011 in partnership with the UK (Liz Lloyd), Sweden (Marta Szebehely) and Norway (Mia Vabø), was one of the successful projects.

Funding agencies for the HARP proposal include the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research (FAS) and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) in the UK.

ii. Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Catalyst Grant: Health Services and Systems for an Aging Population

The proposal submitted by the team with **Pat Armstrong** as the principal investigator - *Using Analytical Mapping in Evidence-Informed Policy for Long-term Residential Care: Lessons from Canada and Abroad* - was not successful. Reviewers were positive, but one reviewer noted that the proposal did not fit the call and suggested re-applying to a knowledge translation opportunity.

Two additional proposals submitted by team members were unfortunately also unsuccessful.

Promising Places: Form and Function in Ontario's Long-term Care Architecture – principal investigator **Annmarie Adams**.

Promising Practices for Older Adults Transitioning into Long-term facility care in British Columbia, Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Ontario: Identifying the Factors Facilitating Quality Assessment, Transfer and Admission Experiences for Residents, Families and Workers/Providers – principal investigators **Jacqueline Choiniere** and **Tamara Daly**.

4. Calls for papers

Opportunities to present:

i. 2013 Aging and Society: An Interdisciplinary Conference

Proposals for paper presentations, workshops or colloquia are invited for the Third Annual Aging and Society: An Interdisciplinary Conference, November 8-9, 2013 at the University Center, Chicago, IL. The conference theme is *Healthy Aging: Educating through Media*. The current submission deadline is **March 12, 2013**. Additional information is available [here](#).

These calls are also posted on [reimagineLTC \(O3\)](#), opportunities blog.

ii. CAG 2013 - Canadian Association on Gerontology 42nd Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting

The Canadian Association on Gerontology announced a call for abstracts for its 42nd Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting, CAG2013: Aging...from Cells to Society. Abstracts are due by **April 15, 2013**. A student poster competition and travel assistance grants are also offered. CAG 2013 takes place October 17-19, 2013 at the Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Find complete information [here](#).

Upcoming panels by team members:

i. Congress 2013 – Sociology of Care panels

Susan Braedley and **Albert Banerjee** are again facilitating panels at Congress 2013 on the Sociology of Care. The sessions are cross-listed with Socialist Studies. Congress 2013 is being held in Victoria, BC from June 1-8, 2013. See the [O3](#) calendar listing of this event for additional details.

ii. Canadian Economics Association 47th Annual Conference

Martha MacDonald, **Pauline Vaillancourt Rosenau** and **Justin Panos**, Financing & Ownership theme group members, are presenting on a Progressive Economics Forum (PEF) panel at the 47th Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association (CEA), May 30 - June 2 in Montreal, Quebec.

Tip for MCRI team members: Click on “What’s New” on [reimagineLTC \(O3\)](#) to view recent additions to the site.

Watch for our next newsletter (#7) in June 2013