

## RE-IMAGINING LONG-TERM RESIDENTIAL CARE

an international  
study of promising  
practices

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

- World Health Organization

### 1. What's new

#### i. Announcements

The Normacare report "Marketisation in Nordic eldercare: a research report on legislation, oversight, extent and consequences" is now available on line. It is co-edited by project co-investigator **Marta Szebehely** and contains contributions from several MCRI team members. The report can be downloaded at <http://www.normacare.net/>

*'Troubling Care': Critical Perspectives on Research and Practices*, based on papers presented by team members at the project's 2011-12 York Seminar for Advanced Research (YSAR) series and edited by **Pat Armstrong** and **Susan Braedley**, is now available. The book can be ordered from the Canadian Scholars' Press [website](#).

The project's mid-term review by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (our funder) took place by video conference on September 16-17. Thanks to everyone who provided information for the mid-term report and participated in the review!

**Pat Armstrong** has been invited to deliver the annual Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies lecture. She will speak on *Working for Care: Caring for Work* on Thursday, October 3, 2013, at 4:00 pm in the Senate Chamber at York University. *Troubling Care: Critical Perspectives on Research and Practices* will be included in a collective book launch at this event. All are welcome to attend.



**Joel Lexchin** was interviewed by [Concerned Friends: A Voice for Quality in Long-Term Care](#) for an article on the misuse of drugs in long-term care in their September 2013 newsletter. His participation in the project is mentioned.

## ii. Resources

Featured Resources:

***Improving quality in Canada’s nursing homes requires “more staff, more training,”*** an article by Jeremy Petch, Mike Tierney & Greta Cummings. This article is an informed opinion piece that discusses quality of care in nursing homes in Alberta and Ontario. Co-investigator, Margaret McGregor is quoted in this piece.

***Reimagining Care: Images of Aging and Creativity in House Calls and Year at Sherbrooke,*** an article by Sally Chivers. This article looks at the aesthetics of two Canadian documentary films about long-term care. The use of images of aging, and how aging and care is interpreted, are discussed.

Other recent additions to the bibliography include:

- A Public Secret: Assisted Living, Caregivers, Globalization
- “Am I doing it right?": Older widows as interview participants in qualitative research
- Balancing Continuity of Care with Residents’ Limited Work Hours: Defining the Implications
- Consent and Assent to Participate in Research from People with Dementia
- The Evolving Role of Health Care Aides in the Long-Term Care and Home and Community Care Sectors in Canada
- Feasibility Study of a Systematic Approach for Discontinuation of Multiple Medications in Older Adults: Addressing Polypharmacy
- The Fiscal Impact of Informal Caregiving to Home Care Recipients in Canada: How the intensity of care influences costs and benefits to government
- Health-related quality-of-life instruments for Alzheimer’s disease and mixed dementia
- “It’s a Dignity Thing:” Nursing Home Care Workers’ Use of Emotions
- Long-Term Care and a Good Quality of Life
- Monetary Costs of Dementia in the United States
- Selecting the instruments to measure quality of end-of-life care and quality of dying in long-term care
- Stimulating Client Involvement and Client-Provider Dialog Through Participatory Video: Deliberations on Long-Term Care in Psychiatric Hospital
- Universal Coverage of Long-Term Care in the United States E-book
- The War Against Polypharmacy: A New, Cost-Effective Geriatric-Palliative Approach for Improving Drug Therapy in Disabled Elderly People
- Whatever Happened to the Music Teacher?
- Improving the Financial Accountability of Nursing Facilities

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### iii. 2013-14 Seminar Series

The 2013-14 seminar series will focus on ethnographies of the nursing home over time. A complete list of the texts considered for discussion is available in the “2013-14 seminar series” folder in “Documents” on [O3](#).

- **Friday, October 4, 10:00 am:** *Old People: Report of a Survey Committee on the Problems of Ageing and the Care of Old People* (Seebohm Rowntree), *Planning Homes for the Aged* (G. Mathiasen & E. Noakes, eds.), and *The Last Refuge: a survey of residential institutions and homes for the aged in England and Wales* (Peter Townsend), will provide the basis for discussion. Jim Struthers will introduce these texts and has identified specific chapters for discussion. See [O3](#).
- **Monday, November 4, 10:00 am:** *Living and Dying at Murray Manor* (Jaber Gubrium) will be presented by Sally Chivers. Donna Baines will introduce an additional book (TBD) from the 1970s.
- **Friday, January 17:** Details TBA

### iv. Site Visits

The project’s second site visit took place in mid-May in Ontario. Twelve team members in addition to Pat Armstrong participated, including nine co-investigators, two students and a post-doctoral fellow. Over 40 pre-interviews and interviews were conducted, and observations made from 7am to midnight in three shifts on both a locked and unlocked floors. Thanks to all at the long-term care home who created an impressive research display and welcomed the team for the week!

**Tamara Daly** and her team from the Invisible Women project visited four long-term care facilities in Toronto during June.

Planning is underway for the 2013-14 site visits:

- Texas: **Isabelle Kusters**, a PhD student in Public Health at the University of Texas, worked hard with **Pauline Vaillancourt Rosenau** to set up interviews with representatives from long-term care facilities in and around Houston, Texas. **Pat Armstrong** and **Hugh Armstrong** conducted interviews from September 19-23.
- UK and Germany: Visits are in the planning stages for April, 2014
- Norway and Sweden: Visits will take place immediately before and after the team meeting in Norway in May, 2014.

### v. 2014 Conference and Annual Team Meeting – Updates

The 2014 annual team meeting is being hosted by the project’s Norwegian team members and takes place from Wednesday, May 14 to Friday, May 16 in Bergen, Norway at the Grand Terminus hotel. Like last year, the team meeting will be preceded by a conference. This year’s title is *The Measure of Care*. Details will be posted on [O3](#) as they become available.

### vi. Institute for Research on Public Policy (IRPP) Symposium on Age-Friendly Communities in Ontario

IRPP extends an invitation to attend it’s symposium on Age-Friendly Communities in Ontario: Multi-Level Governance, Coordination Challenges and Policy Implications, November 4 & 5 at the Chestnut Residence and Conference Centre , University of Toronto, 89 Chestnut St. See [O3](#) events for additional details.

## 2. Presentations and Publications

### i. Presentations

**Monique Lanoix** presented *Moving Along Life's Trajectory: Care Ethics and Rights of Social Citizenship* at an International Symposium on Les éthiques du care et du souci: Quels apports pour les sciences sociales? at the University of Ottawa, April 29-30, 2013.

**Suzanne Day, Sandra Smele** and **Krystal Kehoe MacLeod** developed a paper based on their experiences at the project's site visit in December 2013 at the Bruyère long-term care facility in Ottawa. They presented *New to Long-term Residential Care: Navigating Ethnographic Dilemmas as Student Researchers* on May 24, 2013 at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Qualitative Analysis Conference in Ottawa.

**Albert Banerjee** (*Care as Cosmology?*) and **Donna Baines** (*Lean Social Care and Worker Identity: The Role of Outcomes, Supervision and Mission*) presented at the Canadian Sociological Association Annual Conference at Congress 2013, June 1-6.

**Martha MacDonald** organized a session on *The Financing of Long-Term Residential Care in Canada and the United States* at the Progressive Economics Forum, held at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association (CEA), May 30 - June 2, in Montreal, Quebec. **Nick Falvo** chaired the session.

Papers included:

*Exploring Policy Options to Improve the Financial Accountability of US Nursing Homes* presented by **Pauline Vaillancourt Rosenau** (written with **Charlene Harrington**, Leslie Ross and Dana Mukamel).

*A Hostage to Fortune: Financialization, Regulation, and Long-Term Residential Care in North America* presented by **Justin Panos**, (written with **Martha MacDonald**).

*Individual Charges for Long-Term Residential Care in Canada* presented by **Martha MacDonald**.

**Albert Banerjee** spoke on *Beyond Regulation: A case study of relational accountability in long-term residential care for older persons* at the 11<sup>th</sup> European Sociological Association conference on August 29, 2013 in Torino, Italy. The paper was developed with **Dee Taylor** and Anita Wahl of Fraser Health.

**Donna Baines** and **Tamara Daly** attended the British Sociological Association Work, Employment and Society Conference 2013 at the University of Warwick, UK. They presented *'Time keeps on slippin...into the future': Gender, Time and the Bottom Line in Non-profit Care Work* on September 5, 2013.

### ii. Publications

**Pat Armstrong's** invited paper "Puzzling Skills: Feminist Political Economy Approaches" was published in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Issue of the *Canadian Review of Sociology*, Volume 50, Issue 3, pp. 256-283 (August 2013).

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

Papers accepted for publication include:

**Monique Lanoix**'s "Caring for money: Communicative and strategic action in ancillary care" will appear in the *International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics (IJFAB)*, Vol 6, #2: Special Issue on Aging and Long-term Care. **Pat Armstrong**'s commentary on the article will also be included.

**Annmarie Adams** and **Sally Chivers**' "Domesticity and Duplicity in Images of Architecture for Aging" will be published by *Seachange*.

"It's a Scandal! Comparing the causes and consequences of nursing home media scandals in five countries" authored by **Albert Banerjee**, **Charlene Harrington**, **Frode Jacobsen**, **Liz Lloyd** and **Marta Szebehely** will appear in the *International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy*. The journal plans to highlight the paper for press and media coverage.

### 3. Funding opportunities

#### i. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Connections Grants

Details on the Connection Grants program were updated in June 2013. These grants support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives. The maximum value for events is \$25,000 over one year, and the minimum request required is \$7,000. For other outreach activities, SSHRC is willing to consider amounts higher than \$50,000. There is continuous intake for application, and thus no set application deadline. It can take up to 16 weeks for applications to be reviewed. Full details are available [here](#).

#### ii. Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Aging: Age+ Prize 2013-14

The Age+ Prize recognizes excellence in research on aging carried out by emerging Canadian scholars. Up to 15 awards are offered annually (5 prizes of \$1,000 per competition) to meritorious authors of published, scientific articles on aging. The award is aimed at graduate students and postdoctoral fellows from all disciplines working in the field of aging. Articles may cover any of the Institute's [priority research topics](#). The next deadline is **October 1, 2013**. Subsequent deadlines are **January 15 and May 1, 2014**. Details [here](#).

#### iii. Mitacs Elevate

Mitacs Elevate offering funding and training opportunities for postdoctoral fellows with an opportunity to lead a long-term research project with a partner organization while developing professional skills and benefiting from leadership training. Deadline for Intent to Apply: **November 4, 2013** at 5:00 PM, PST. Deadline for Applications: **November 19, 2013**, at midnight, PST. For more information, visit [here](#).

See [reimagineLTC \(O3\)](#) for these and other funding opportunities and calls for papers.

#### iv. Alzheimer Society 2013 Research Program

Grants and awards are available to applicants based in Canadian universities and affiliated institutions. The research program provides both doctoral and postdoctoral funding, as well as research grant funding in two research streams: Quality of Life and Biomedical. The application deadline is **November 7, 2013**. Additional information is available [here](#).

#### 4. Calls for papers

**i. Ontario Association of Non-Profit Home and Services for Seniors (OANHSS) 2014 Annual Meeting and Convention**

The 2014 Annual Meeting, *Great Places to Live and Work*, is being held April 28-30, 2014. This is an opportunity to share your knowledge and expertise with senior staff from the long term care, seniors' housing and community services sectors. Deadline for submission of presentation proposals is **October 25, 2013**. For further details, visit [here](#).

**ii. Gender, Work & Organization 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Interdisciplinary Conference**

The Gender, Work & Organization 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Interdisciplinary Conference will be held at Keele University, Staffordshire, England, June 24-26, 2014. The conference is organized as a series of 25 streams, and submissions are invited for abstracts on a variety of issues in relation to gender studies. The deadline for abstracts is **November 1, 2013**. For further details on the various streams, visit [here](#).

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***Tip for MCRI team members: You can now 'Search Documents' from the main page of [reimagineLTC](#) (O3). The search box appears just above the documents section.***

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