



## 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. Funding proposals

Our proposal to host a **CIHR café scientifique** on *How Does Gender Matter in Long-term Residential Care* was successful. The café is planned for May 2012 prior to the team meeting. The exact date, location and additional details will be announced at a later date.

We have submitted three proposals for funding in the last few months.

**i. Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Operating Grant: Advancing Theoretical and Methodological Innovations (2011)**

We registered for this grant on September 30 and submitted the full application – *Developing an Integrated, Multidisciplinary Conceptual Framework for Health Services* - on October 28. A decision is expected at the end of March 2012. Thanks to all co-investigators who worked hard with us to enter their CV information into the “Common CV”.

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

In partnership with the UK (Liz Lloyd), Sweden (Marta Szebehely) and Norway (Mia Vabø), we submitted a pre-proposal on October 3, entitled *Healthy Aging in Residential Places (HARP)*, to this funding opportunity. Thanks to Liz for working hard to meet the requirements of the Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC), the UK funder. The decision on advancing to the full application stage is expected by the end of December.

### iii. Ontario Research Fund – Research Excellence (ORF-RE) Funding, Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities Round

We submitted a Notice of Intent to develop a proposal entitled *Re-imagining Long-term Care: Promising Practices in Ontario* to this program on November 4. We will decide in the near future whether to develop a full proposal, based on discussions with York's Office of Research Services.

## 2. Calls for papers

Opportunities to present at [Congress 2012](#) of the Humanities and Social Sciences, May 26 to June 2, 2012, at Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON (immediately following our 2012 team meeting):

### i. The Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (CSHM)

The CSHM has launched its 2012 Annual Conference Call for Papers. The annual meeting is May 26 - 28 at Congress 2012. Researchers from all disciplines are invited to submit proposals in English or French related to the Congress theme of *Crossroads: Scholarship in an Uncertain World*. The deadline for submission is **November 30, 2011**. See Kate McPherson's November 2 blog entry on O3 for additional details.

### ii. Canadian Sociological Association

There is an open call for abstracts for a panel on *A Sociology of Care: Opportunities and Challenges in an Uncertain World* organized by Susan Braedley and Albert Banerjee. More information is available at <http://www.csa-scs.ca/files/webapps/ocs/index.php/csaconferences/2012CSA/schedConf/trackPolicies>, or contact Susan ([Susan\\_Braedley@carleton.ca](mailto:Susan_Braedley@carleton.ca)) or Albert ([balbertb@yorku.ca](mailto:balbertb@yorku.ca)).

Additional opportunities to present:

### i. The Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR):

CAHSPR invites abstracts for its 2012 Annual Conference, *Innovations for health system improvement: Balancing costs, quality and equity*, May 29-31, 2012, Montreal, Quebec. Areas include oral, poster and panel presentations, and, new this year, policy case studies. Abstract deadline is **January 12, 2012**. More information at <http://www.f2fe.com/cahspr/2012/abstractcall/>

### ii. The International Society for Research on Innovation and Change in Health Care Systems (ISRICH):

ISRICH is accepting papers for their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at the University of Paris, April 26-27, 2012. The principal themes of study for the 2012 conference are: What are the consequences of world order when it comes to health? What are the consequences of the specialization of theories or regions in each health care sector? What are the new material and symbolic boundaries of care, and what is their impact on patients, health professionals, and the practice of health care itself. The deadline for papers is **February 25, 2012**. Submission information is available at <http://www.isrich.eu/images/call%20for%20paper%20isrich%202012.pdf>. See also <http://www.isrich.eu/>

### iii. International Congress for Qualitative Inquiry:

Submissions are being accepted for the Eighth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, *Qualitative Inquiry as Global Endeavor*, at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, May 16-19, 2012. The Qualitative Health Research planning group seeks abstracts from health and interdisciplinary scholars for a theme around qualitative health research that addresses issues important to policymakers, researchers,

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

providers and consumers. For details, see <http://www.icqi.org/adiqrih.html>. Note that abstracts are due **December 1, 2011**.

### 3. Presentations

- i. The project's post-doctoral fellow, **Albert Banerjee**, presented *Long-Term Residential Care: An International Study of Promising Practices* on a panel of the Aging Policy and Politics Group at the American Political Science Association's 2011 Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, September 1-4, 2011. The *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* has suggested we submit the paper for review.  
Albert also presented *The Politics of Violence in Residential Care for Older People: Gender, Structure and Suffering* at a session on Formal Care and Informal Care and Older People at the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Sociological Association, September 7-10, 2011, in Geneva. Co-authors of the paper are Tamara Daly, Pat Armstrong, Hugh Armstrong and Marta Szebehely.
- ii. **Sally Chivers** participated in the inaugural conference of the European Network of Aging Studies, October 6-9, Maastricht University, the Netherlands. She presented a paper on *Pictures of Care: The National Film Board, Visual Culture, and Long Term Care*, sat in on the business meeting, and participated in the final roundtable on *Theorizing Age: Future Perspectives*.
- iii. **Joel Lexchin** presented a poster on the project at the American Public Health Association's 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, DC, October 29 – November 2, 2011. The poster is available to Co-Investigators on [reimagineLTC \(O3\)](#) in the presentations folder – APHA.
- iv. **Hugh Armstrong** appeared as a witness at a November 1, 2011 meeting of the Standing Committee on the Status of Women in relation to a study the committee has begun on *Abuse of Older Women*.
- v. **James Struthers** was selected to give The Dr. Richard B. Splane Lecture in Social Policy, November 21, 2011, at the Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia. He presented on *Care and the Welfare State: Past Patterns, Future Prospects*.
- vi. **Pat Armstrong** presented on the project on a panel at the Ontario Long Term Care Association's 3rd annual Applied Research Education Day, November 23, 2011.

### 4. Fall 2011 York Seminar for Advanced Research

The York Seminar for Advanced Research series launched on September 12 with visiting scholar Karen Messing presenting *Looking for indicators of acceptable work organization, based on "francophone work activity analysis"*. The remaining sessions involve presentations by a co-investigator and a student from the project. On October 17, **Tamara Daly** and **Suzanne Day** presented *Social care models and ethics of care*, and on November 14, **James Struthers** and **Amy Twomey** presented on *Welfare states and care models in historical perspective*. The Fall series concludes on December 12 with a presentation on *Continuums of care and welfare state change* by **Pat Armstrong** and **Isabel Sousa**. Dates for the Winter/Spring series are to be determined. Funding for the series was awarded by the office of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation, at York. The year-long seminar is intended to provide a small group of scholars with the opportunity to share ideas on a particular theme, with the intention of later producing the seminar proceedings for a broader audience. A book proposal is being developed.

### 5. What's new

#### i. Appointments

As a result of her increasing focus on long-term residential care because of her participation in the project, **Pauline Vaillancourt Rosenau** has been elected to serve on the executive committee of the University of Texas' Health Science Center at Houston's "Consortium on Aging", and has also been elected to the [Houston Geriatric Education Center](#).

At the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Sociological Association in September in Geneva, **Albert Banerjee** was elected to the board of the European Sociological Association's Research in Aging Network (<http://www.ageing-in-europe.org/>)

**Pat Armstrong** will be [inducted as a fellow](#) in the Royal Society of Canada. The ceremony takes place on November 26 at the Ottawa Convention Centre.

**ii. Webinar on observational techniques available on reimagineLTC (O3)**

The September 29 webinar presented by visiting scholar Karen Messing on observational techniques drawn from her work in francophone ergonomics is available for viewing. Karen's brief bio and the link to the webinar are posted on [reimagineLTC](#) (O3), in documents, meetings folder, or access it at: <http://connect.yorku.ca/p84917006/>

**iii. Publications**

**Charlene Harrington**, Clarilee Hauser, Brian Olney, and **Pauline Vaillancourt Rosenau**, *Ownership, Financing, and Management Strategies of the Ten Largest For-Profit Nursing Home Chains in the United States*, published in [International Journal of Health Services](#), Volume 41, Number 4, pages 725-746, 2011.

**Tamara Daly**, **Marta Szebehely**, *Unheard Voices, unmapped terrain: care work in long-term residential care for older people in Canada and Sweden*, to be published in the *International Journal of Social Welfare*.

**Jacqueline Choiniere**, *Accounting for Care: Exploring Tensions and Contradictions*, published in [Advances in Nursing Science](#), Volume 34, No. 4, pages 330-344, 2011.

**Albert Banerjee**, **Tamara Daly**, **Pat Armstrong**, **Marta Szebehely**, **Hugh Armstrong**, Stirling Lafrance, *Structural violence in long-term, residential care for older people: Comparing Canada and Scandinavia*, accepted for publication in *Social Science & Medicine*.

**Charlene Harrington**, **Jacqueline Choiniere**, **Monika Goldmann**, **Frode Fadness Jacobsen**, **Liz Lloyd**, **Margaret McGregor**, **Vivian Stamatopoulos**, **Marta Szebehely**, *Nursing Home Staffing Standards and Staffing Levels in Six Countries*, to be published in the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*.

**Margaret McGregor**, Marcy Cohen, **Catherine-Rose Stocks-Rankin**, Michelle B Cox, Kia Salomons, Kimberlyn M McGrail, Charmaine Spencer, Lisa A Ronald, Michael Schulzer, *Complaints in for-profit, non-profit and public nursing homes in two Canadian provinces*, published in [Open Medicine](#), Volume 5, No. 4, 2011.

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

**iv. Ethics approval for 2011-12**

The project has received a renewal of the ethics certificate for 2011-12. The ethics documents are available on [reimagineLTC](#) (O3) in documents, York University ethics folder. Approval for subsequent amendments submitted by Albert and Tamara has also been received.

**v. Community consultations**

We held successful follow-up meetings with community groups who have expressed interest in the project. The Toronto meeting was held on September 15 and was co-sponsored by Echo: Improving Women's Health in Ontario, and the Ottawa meeting took place on October 26, and was co-sponsored by the Council on Aging of Ottawa, a project partner.

**vi. Advisory committee**

The notes from our advisory committee meeting held on September 28 are posted on [reimagineLTC](#) (O3) in documents, meetings folder.

**6. Public Website**

Please check the public website ([www.yorku.ca/reitc](http://www.yorku.ca/reitc)) for the brief bio and picture that has been posted for you. If you would like to update either one (or provide a bio or picture if nothing is posted), send the information to the project's work/study student Catarina Caverly at [ccaverly@yorku.ca](mailto:ccaverly@yorku.ca).

*Watch for our next Newsletter (#3) in late February, 2012*