



# 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

**Albert Banerjee** is in Sweden working with **Marta Szebehely** until November 30, 2012. He has presented papers at the REASSESS final international conference in Oslo, Norway and at the European Sociological Association’s Research Network on Ageing in Europe in Umeå, Sweden. He also plans to visit several long-term care facilities in Norway.

**Monique Lanoix** was interviewed at her university for an upcoming article in which the project will be mentioned.

**Tamara Daly’s** CIHR-funded project with **Pat Armstrong** and Karen Messing on *Invisible Women: Gender and the Shifting Division of Labour in Long-term Residential Care* began October 1, 2012. Charlotte Rowell is the project’s Research Coordinator - welcome Charlotte!

### ii. Resources

#### Featured Resource:

***Interactions and Relationships in Long Term Care: Photography and Narratives by Direct Care Workers***, an article by Dena Shenk, in *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* (September 2012, Volume 36, No 3, 535-556). This study is designed to understand the views of direct care workers (nurse aides and med techs) working in an assisted living and special care assisted living community for people with dementia.

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/k2674521q69063v2/>

#### Other Resources:

*Images of Recovery: A Photo-Elicitation Study on the Hospital Ward*, an article by Alan Radley and Diane Taylor in *Qualitative Health Research* (January 2003, Volume 13, 77-79). In this study, the authors

attempted to discover the part the physical setting of the ward plays in patients' recovery by asking them to take photographs, and then interviewing them about the images.

<http://qhr.sagepub.com/content/13/1.toc>

*Help Wanted? Providing and Paying for Long-Term Care*, an OECD report that provides data and insights into the organization and financing of long-term care in OECD countries.

<http://www.oecd.org/els/healthpoliciesanddata/helpwantedprovidingandpayingforlong-termcare.htm>

*Observing How RNs Use Clinical Time in a Nursing Home: A Pilot Study*, an article by M.E. Dellefield, **C. Harrington**, A. Kelly in *Geriatric Nursing* (Volume 33, No 4, 256-263) that describes the direct and indirect care distribution of RNs working day shift in a nursing home. RN care associated with pressure ulcer prevention as a clinical outcome was highlighted.

[http://www.gnjournal.com/article/S0197-4572\(12\)00059-6/abstract](http://www.gnjournal.com/article/S0197-4572(12)00059-6/abstract)

*Contracting Out Hospital Support Jobs: The Effects of Poverty Wages, Excessive Workload, and Job Insecurity on Work and Family Life*, an article by D. Zuberi in *American Behavioral Scientist* (July 2011, Volume 55, No 7, 920-940) based on interviews with hospital support workers in Vancouver describing the effects of contracting out their jobs to multinational corporations.

<http://abs.sagepub.com/content/55/7/920>

The resources above are selected from among recent additions to the project's bibliography.

Others include:

- City of Toronto Long-Term Care Homes & Services Annual Report
- Improving Quality and Safety in Ontario's Nursing Homes
- Long-Term Care for the Elderly in Quebec: Considerations of Appropriateness and Quality of Care
- Many Degrees of Policy Freedom: The Federal Government's Role in Care for Seniors
- Medication-Related Falls in the Elderly: Causative Factors and Preventive Strategies
- Mini-ethnography: Meaningful Exploration Made Easy
- Nursing Facility Assessments and Care Plans for Residents Receiving Atypical Antipsychotic Drugs
- Projecting Personal Care Home Bed Equivalent Needs in Manitoba Through 2036
- Rapid ethnography: time deepening strategies for HCI field research
- Seeing health and illness worlds - using visual methodologies in a sociology of health and illness: a methodological review
- Statistics Canada Residential Care Facilities (RCF) survey 2010-11
- The Effect of State Regulatory Stringency on Nursing Home Quality

[Sign in to bibliography](#)

### iii. 2012-13 Seminar Series

This year's seminars will be used to develop the content of the May 2013 conference, and will be accessible to all team members and students as webinars. Details will be sent in advance and posted on [O3](#).

Fall seminars:

- **November 2:** **Martha MacDonald** and **Kate Laxer** are presenting on financing and the labour force.
- **November 16:** The focus is on accountability, with **Jacqueline Choiniere** presenting on comparative data and scandals.

#### iv. Pilot Site Visit

The first on-site visit of the design phase of the project takes place at the beginning of December at a facility in Ottawa. This pilot visit will be used to develop the templates for the site-switching research visits to follow.

**Susan Braedley** handled the initial ethics submission and, with **Hugh Armstrong**, appeared before a committee to respond to questions. Conditional ethics approval was granted, revisions were made, and final approval has been granted.

**Tamara Daly** is working with students **Suzanne Day** and **Andrea Campbell** to prepare the background information needed before the visit. Team members and students are holding regular meetings to plan the visit. See [O3](#) for details on dates and times of the planning meetings.

## 2. Presentations and Publications

### i. Presentations

**Hugh Armstrong** (for **Pat Armstrong**) and **Charlene Harrington** presented on a panel at the Normacare open seminar in Oslo, Norway. August 21, 2012. Hugh spoke on *Privatisation, regulation and control*, and Charlene on *Quality differences in for-profit and not-for-profit nursing homes*.

Team members and students also presented papers at the REASSESS (Reassessing the Nordic Welfare Model) final international conference in Oslo, Norway:

**Hugh Armstrong** (with **Pat Armstrong** and **Krystal Kehoe MacLeod**) on *The Threats of Privatization to Security in Long-Term Residential Care*, August 21, 2012.

**Sara Erlandsson** on *According to age or according to need? Discourses on care, support and services in Swedish social policy and provider advertisement*, August 21, 2012.

**Albert Banerjee** on *Marketization and the state regulation of eldercare: Comparing Canada and Sweden*, August 22, 2012.

**Marta Szebehely** and Gabrielle Meagher on *Is there a Nordic care regime? Eldercare services in comparative perspective*, August 22, 2012.

**Pat Armstrong** and **Kate Laxer** (**Hugh Armstrong** presented) on *Demanding Labour: An Aging Health Care Labour Force* at the Research Committee (RC) 19, International Sociological Assoc. annual conference, Oslo, Norway, August 25, 2012.

**Pat Armstrong** and **Hugh Armstrong** (**Hugh Armstrong** presented) on *Privatization and Security in Health Care* at ILPN 2012 - 2nd International Conference on Evidence-based Policy in Long-term Care in London, UK on September 6, 2012.

**Albert Banerjee**, with D. Taylor and A. Wahl, had a poster presentation on *Integrating Staff Safety and Person-Centred Care* at the Joint Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry & the Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health Conference in Banff, Alberta on September 21-22, 2012.

**Donna Baines** spoke on *Debunking Austerity in Healthcare: Conscientiously Objecting* at the CAW Health Care Conference, September 21-23, 2012 in Port Elgin, Ontario.

**Pat Armstrong** with Linda Silas (Linda Silas presenting) at the International Council of Nurses meeting in Ottawa, September 25, 2012.

**Albert Banerjee** presented on *Regulating Care* at the European Sociological Association's Research Network on Ageing in Europe in Umeå, Sweden, October 3-5, 2012.

**Hugh Armstrong** spoke on *Promising Practices in Long-Term Care* at the Abbotsford House Speakers' Series, October 17, 2012, in Ottawa.

**Tamara Daly** presented on *Looking Back ... Moving Forward* at a forum at St. Joseph's Villa in Hamilton on PSWs - A Cornerstone to LTC Success: Partnering to Share Expectations, October 18, 2012.

## ii. Publications

**Susan Braedley's** paper, *Dreams of Home: The Gendered Implications for Long-term Care in Ontario and Nova Scotia Canada, Sweden and England* has been accepted for publication in the [\*Journal of Political Economy\*](#).

**Charlene Harrington** is a co-author on several recent papers:

*The Effect of State Regulatory Stringency on Nursing Home Quality*, published in [\*Health Services Research\*](#), October 2012, Vol 47, Issue 5, 1791-1813.

*Observing How RNs Use Clinical Time in a Nursing Home: A Pilot Study*, published in [\*Geriatric Nursing\*](#), Vol 33, No 4, 256-263

**James Struther's** paper on *Framing Aging Through the State: Canada's Two Senate Committees on Aging, 1963-1966 and 2006-2009* has been accepted by the [\*Canadian Review of Social Policy\*](#) for their special issue on "Aging and Canadian Social Policy" to be published in late 2012.

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

## 3. Funding proposals

Funding proposals submitted recently:

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

Three applications were submitted by team members on August 1 to this competition. Decisions are expected by February 1, 2013.

- i) *Using Analytical Mapping in Evidence-Informed Policy for Long-term Residential Care: Lessons from Canada and Abroad* - **Pat Armstrong** is the principal investigator, and all team members were invited to participate as co-investigators.
- ii) *Promising Places: Form and Function in Ontario's Long-term Care Architecture* – **Annamarie Adams** is the principal investigator, and **Tamara Daly**, **Sally Chivers** and Bianca Stern, director, Innovation, Arts & Design, Baycrest, are also investigators.
- iii) *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* – **Jacqueline Choiniere** and **Tamara Daly** are the principal investigators.

Funding proposal updates:

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

The ERA-Age 2 proposal, *Healthy Aging in Residential Places (HARP)*, was one of the six projects recommended for funding by the Stage 2 JCRA Peer Review Panel. Twelve projects were evaluated during the second stage.

The proposal was submitted in October 2011 in partnership with the UK (Liz Lloyd), Sweden (Marta Szebehely) and Norway (Mia Vabø).

The Canadian funding agency for the JCRA ERA-AGE 2 is the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). CIHR plans to hold a ministerial event within the next 2-3 weeks at which a Minister will officially announce all the recipients of funding from the Government of Canada.

#### 4. Calls for papers

Opportunities to present:

**i. The Ontario Association of Non-Profit Homes and Services for Seniors (OANHSS) Convention**

The OANHSS call for presentations at its 2013 Annual Meeting and Convention is open to the academic community interested in sharing research of relevance to providers of seniors' care and services. The convention, *Great Places to Live and Work*, will be held April 29 - May 1, 2013 at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto. Proposals for presentations are due **October 25, 2012**. Information on presentations streams and the submission process is available [here](#).

**ii. International Labour Process Conference (ILPC) 2013**

The 31<sup>st</sup> International Labour Process Conference (ILPC) invites the submission of research papers focusing on work and employment relations in the context of the broader political economy by **October 30, 2012**. The 31<sup>st</sup> ILPC, hosted by Rutgers School of Management and Labor Relations in New Brunswick, NJ, takes place March 18-20, 2013. Find information and instructions [here](#).

**iii. Long Term Care Applied Research Education Day**

The Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA) has issued a call for posters and presentations for their Applied Research Education Day, *Building on Evidence: Catalysts for LTC Transformation*, February 13, 2013 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto. Submission deadline is **October 31, 2012**. Details are available [here](#).

**iv. Eighth International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences**

The International Advisory Board has announced a call for proposals for paper presentations, workshops/interactive sessions, posters/exhibits, or colloquia for the Eighth International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences to be held at Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, July 30-August 1, 2013. The interim submission deadline is **November 13, 2012**. Proposals for virtual presentations are also accepted, and may be submitted at any time up to the start of the conference. All registered participants (including virtual participants) have the option to submit articles to *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*. Additional information is available [here](#).

**v. 2013 Annual Ontario Gerontology Association Conference**

The Ontario Gerontology Association in partnership with the Regional Geriatric Programs of Ontario has issued a call for papers for their 2013 annual conference at the Doubletree by Hilton Toronto Airport, May 1-2, 2013. Deadline for submissions is **November 16, 2012**. Full information is available [here](#).

**vi. Canadian Public Health Association 2013 Annual Conference**

The Canadian Public Health Association is accepting abstracts for its 2013 Annual Conference, *Moving Public Health Forward: Evidence, Policy, Practice*, at the Ottawa Convention Centre, June 9-12, 2013. The deadline for submissions of either an Oral or Poster Presentation is **November 21, 2012**. Additional information is available [here](#).

*These calls are also posted on [reimagineLTC \(03\)](#), opportunities blog.*

*Watch for our next Newsletter (#6) in February 2013*