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Biography

My current research focuses on two areas of inquiry in the sociology of aging. The first examines the provision of health and social care to elderly people, examined from the perspectives, agency providers, home care workers, elderly clients, and family carers. The focus is on three points of intersection: the nexus of public and private spheres, where workers provide publicly funded services in the private home sphere; of professional and non-professional labour, examining relationships between employers, co-workers, clients and caregivers; and of paid and unpaid labour, focusing on the emotional vs contractual nature of 'care', provision of unpaid time to meet client need, and the unpaid labour of family and friends in 'sharing' of care. This CIHR-funded project, Home Care in Canada: Caring at the Nexus of the Public and the Private Spheres (<http://nexushomecare.arts.ubc.ca/>), examines data from British Columbia, Ontario and Nova Scotia.

My second area of research interest is on widowhood in later life, focusing on the ways in which widowhood is experienced and understood in conjunction with other lifecourse events, such as immigration. Cultural representations of widowhood in research, literature, artistic and other information formats are also of interest.

Industry Expertise

Elder Care, Health and Wellness, Public Policy

Areas of Expertise

Public Policy, Work, Carers and Caregiving, Active Ageing

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