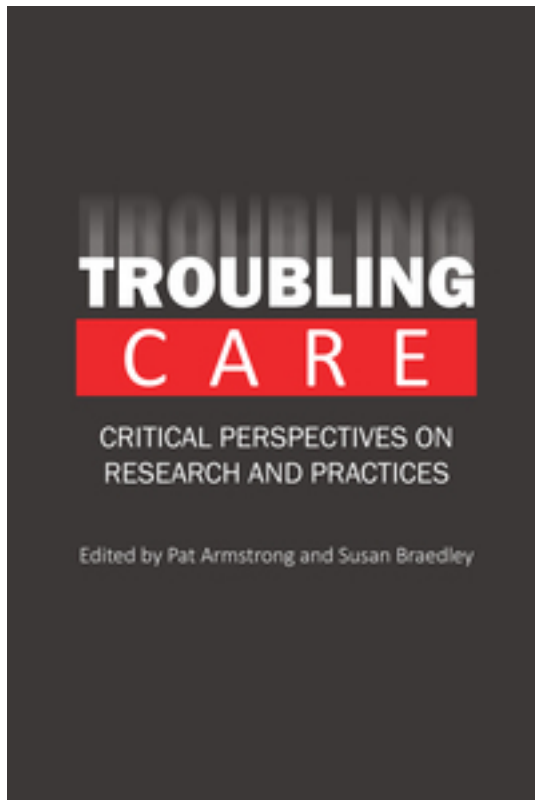


Troubling Care

Critical Perspectives on Research and Practices



How can we plan, organize, distribute, and offer care in ways that treat both those who need it and those who provide it with dignity and respect? Using the example of residential services, *Troubling Care: Critical Perspectives on Research and Practices* investigates the fractures in our care systems and challenges how caring work is understood in social policy, in academic theory, and among health care providers. In this era defined by government cutbacks and a narrowing sense of collective responsibility, long-term residential care for the elderly and disabled is being undervalued and undermined. A result of a seven-year interdisciplinary research project-in-progress, this book draws together the work of fourteen leading health researchers, including sociologists, medical practitioners, social workers, policy researchers, cultural theorists, and historians. Using a feminist political economy lens, these scholars explore and challenge the theories, work organization, practices, and state-society relations that have come to shape long-term care. *Troubling Care* offers critical perspectives on the often disquieting arena of care provision and proposes alternatives for thinking about and meeting the needs of some of our most vulnerable citizens in ways that go beyond residential care. This book seeks to bridge not only the gaps between disciplines, but also those between theory and practice. Features:

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- includes the work of fourteen leading health researchers, including sociologists, medical practitioners, social workers, policy researchers, cultural theorists, and historians
- bridges the gap between theory and practice by incorporating both theoretical research and specific case examples

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"Everyone, at some point in their lives, will either need or provide care. Since the giving and receiving of care is not currently equitable, a critical examination of the complex issues in long-term care is important. This book helps us to understand the real costs associated with long-term care. Hopefully, it will force us to re-examine how care is conceived and what is considered acceptable, and will open dialogues that lead to changes that enhance care."— Lynn Meadows, Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary

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