

Classes I teach at Trent:

- 2630H – Sociology of Health and Illness
- 4420H – Aging and the Life Course
- 4430H – Key Concepts in Sociological Analysis

My research interests include:

- Care policy, work, and politics
- Aging, disability, and mad studies
- Im/migrant and precarious work
- Critical consciousness/social movement learning
- Community-engaged research and learning
- Critical theory and qualitative methods

My current or recent projects include:***Migrant care work and the geopolitics of “aging in place”***

I lead a SSHRC Insight Development Grant (\$64, 840), which studies the contradictions of “aging in place” initiatives and (im)migrant care policies during the COVID-19 pandemic. This project collaborates with Migrant Manitoba and aims to review policy and document the experiences and working conditions of im/migrant home care workers caring for older people during the pandemic to support efforts to improve formal care provision for older people and the working conditions of the im/migrant workers who care for them.

Do LTC Family visitation programs hold up during times of active outbreaks of COVID-19?: Lessons learned from essential care partners

This one-year (2022) “Implementation Science Team” grant funded by Health Excellence Canada (\$149,984) uses an equity lens to assess multi-level implementation contexts of family visitation policies in six publicly-funded long term care settings in the Atlantic Region. As co-investigator, I co-lead a qualitative interview team interviewing family members, implementation staff and management at each of the facilities. Our qualitative manuscripts explore the tensions between safety and quality of life in long term care and the cumulative and mutual impacts of limiting family caregivers access to their loved ones in long term care during the pandemic.

First voices in long term care research: Critical reflections on meaningful engagement, voice, and representation

Based on my four-year postdoctoral research with the Seniors Adding Life to Years (SALTY) project at the Nova Scotia Centre on Aging at Mount Saint Vincent University, I am leading a UBC Press book project with Janice Keefe that unpacks the value and potential of meaningfully engaging people with lived experience (first voices) in long term care research processes. The manuscript is co-authored with members of SALTY’s First Voice Advisory Group, which included people representing long term care residents, direct care workers, long term care volunteers, family caregivers, and people with dementia. As co-authors, these first voices reflect on themes of finding voice, challenging notions of expertise, and assessing impact in health research. Through their reflections, we identify the strengths and challenges of engaging first voices in research and offer conceptual guidance and practical tips for future first voice-engaged health research.

Five publications that exemplify my work:

- **Hande, M.J.** & Nourpanah, S. (2022). *Putting Continuity in Continuing Care: Reimagining the Role of Immigration in the Recruitment and Retention of Healthcare Workers in Nova Scotia*. Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives – Nova Scotia.
<https://www.policyalternatives.ca/publications/reports/putting-continuity-continuing-care>
- **Hande, M.J.**, Keefe, J. & Taylor, D. (2021). Long term residential care policy guidance for staff to support resident quality of life. *The Gerontologist: Special Issue on Workforce Issues in Long Term Care*, 61(4): 540-551. <http://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnaa176>
- **Hande, M.J.**, Jamal, A. & Kelly, C. (2020). Direct Funding and the depoliticization of home care systems: Popular rhetoric and policy directions in Ontario. *Canadian Review of Social Policy*, 80: 26-49. <https://crsp.journals.yorku.ca/index.php/crsp/article/view/40353>
- Mirchandani, K. & **Hande, M.J.** (2020). The hidden work of challenging precarity. *Canadian Journal of Sociology/ Cahiers Canadiens de Sociologie*, 45(3): 265-288.
<https://journals.library.ualberta.ca/cjs/index.php/CJS/article/view/29676>
- **Hande, M.J.** (2019). Disability consciousness on the frontlines of urban struggle. *Antipode* 51(2): 558-578. doi: 10.1111/anti.12499
- **Hande, M.J.** & Kelly, C. (2015). Organizing survival and resistance in austere times: Shifting disability activism and care politics in Ontario, Canada. *Disability & Society* 30(7): 961-975. doi: 10.1080/09687599.2015.1069731

What achievements and/or contributions in research are you most proud of?

My proudest academic accomplishment is the research I have conducted with Migrante Manitoba, as Principal Investigator of an Insight Development Grant. This participatory research on im/migrant home care workers' experiences of working during the COVID-19 pandemic has had a tangible impact on supporting im/migrant home care workers in Manitoba during the pandemic and it addresses a dearth of literature on immigrant home care workers in Canada. Within this work and moving forward, I am proud to be mobilizing both disability and migrant justice frameworks in efforts to transform continuing care during the pandemic and I now have a network of community, national and international research partners who want to take this research to the next level in terms of applying intersectional, transformative approaches to demanding caregiving justice for older people and im/migrants in Canada.