

Jean L. Pyle, Professor Emerita in the Department of Regional Economic and Social Development (RESO) and Senior Associate of the Center for Women and Work (CWW) at UMass Lowell, co-edited a symposium on “Globalization, Transnational Migration, and Gendered Care Work” that appeared in the September 2006 issue of the journal *Globalizations*. Pyle wrote the Introduction and contributed an article “Globalization and the Increase in Transnational Care Work: The Flip Side.”

Pyle argued that to understand the reality of who is (or is not) accessing care globally, we must examine the flip side of the flows of women migrating transnationally to perform caring labor. The flip side includes the levels of care the migrants experience and that attained by their families in their absence. Most migrants endure a care deficit, working in physically and emotionally stressful situations where they encounter many forms of discrimination. Their families may be better off economically, but not emotionally. She examined the role of the state, pointing out that many governments face a double bind - needing women to migrate for economic reasons but not wanting citizens abused abroad or the accompanying adverse publicity. Pyle critiqued several government responses to this dilemma and concluded by assessing recent international initiatives to address migration problems, suggesting they lack perspective on how globalization influences women’s migration.