



*Spatializing Inequality:
The Case of Foreign Domestic
Care-Workers in Canada*

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★ *I wake up 4 o'clock. I take a shower and then I going (sic) to take a bus like 5 o'clock because it takes three hours and they want me at the office at 8 o'clock. So you have to get some biscuit in your bag just to [have something to eat]. "If you really want to come here in Canada, you have to do that," so I said to myself. But sometimes I just cry in the bus . . . It's really hard you know. I don't have any money and you are just doing that and you don't know anything else in Canada. And well then [ride] three hours and then after that you have to line up and wait. And then you have to wait another two hours for your number because lots of applicants. So if you don't have any patience, if you don't really want to come here you going to back out something like that. But I say to myself, "The Lord give me a chance to apply and to do this so I'm just going to grab it."-*

The Study



- ★ Alberta

- ★ Focus Groups (N=27)

- ★ Individual Interviews (N=43)

- ★ Employers (6)

- ★ Agency Representatives (6)



Transitions

- ✦ From South to North
- ✦ From Professional to Non-Professional
- ✦ From Family Member to Sojourner
- ✦ From Upstairs to Downstairs
- ✦ From Majority to Minority
- ✦ From Citizen to Migrant



Conclusion

- ★ Spatializing Inequality
- ★ Survival and Bio-power
- ★ Sites of Resistance and Space of One's Own
- ★ Domestic Worker/Immigrant Women's
Groups/Ethnocultural Organizations