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# BREADWINNING MOMS & CAREGIVING DADS: A Quiet Revolution, A Resilient Problem, and One Persistent Puzzle

Over the past forty years, enormous changes have occurred in the gender division of caregiving and breadwinning across many countries, including Canada, the United States, and Britain. Women's employment rates have soared, with breadwinning mothers constituting nearly one-third of (two parent, heterosexual) families; meanwhile, fathers' increasing commitment to caregiving can be seen in rising rates of stay-at-home dads, single fatherhood, and men's take-up of parental leave. Yet, in spite of this well-documented quiet revolution in women's and men's responsibilities for breadwinning and care work, one resilient problem and one persistent puzzle remain at the heart of this issue. In this year's Sorokin lecture, sociologist Andrea Doucet speaks from her twenty-year qualitative research program on gender, work and care; she addresses the problem that will not go away and the puzzle that has yet to be solved for those who live and study this unfinished gender revolution.

**ANDREA DOUCET** is Professor of Sociology at Carleton University. She has published widely on themes of gender and care work, mothering and fathering, parental leave policies, embodiment, reflexive sociology, and intertwined methodological and epistemological issues in knowledge construction processes. Her book *Do Men Mother?* (University of Toronto Press, 2006) was awarded the John Porter Tradition of Excellence Book Award from the Canadian Sociology Association. She is also co-author of *Gender Relations:*



*Intersectionality and Beyond* (with Janet Siltanen, Oxford, 2008) and *A Guide through Qualitative Analysis: Listening, Seeing and Reading Narrative Data* (with Natasha Mauthner, Sage, forthcoming 2012). She is the Editor of the international journal *Fathering* and an Associate Editor of the *Canadian Review of Sociology* and the journal *Emotions, Space and Society*. She is currently writing a book entitled *The Bread and Roses Project: Breadwinning Mothers and the 'New Problem with No name'*.

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