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Who Cares? From the Carework Economy to the Caring Society

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With Jennifer Klein, she is finishing *Caring for America* (Oxford University Press, 2011), a history of health aides, personal attendants, and in-home supportive service workers that intervenes in debates over carework, racialization, and the welfare state.

Among her books are *Intimate Labors: Cultures, Technologies, and the Politics of Care*, co-edited with Rhacel Parreñas. *Homeworkers in Global Perspective: Invisible No More*, co-edited with Elizabeth Prugl, *Major Problems in the History of American Workers*, co-edited with Nelson Lichtenstein, *Voices of Women's Historians: the Personal, the Political, the Professional*, co-edited with Nupur Chaudhuri.

Her articles have appeared in *American Quarterly*, *Signs*, *LABOR*, *International Labor and Working Class History*, *Social Politics*, *Journal of American Studies*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Politics and Society*, and elsewhere. She has held the Bicentennial Chair in American Studies at the University of Helsinki and visiting professorships at the University of Melbourne, Tokyo Christian Women's University, and University of Toulouse. In 2005-6, she had a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities and was a fellow of the Rockefeller Center at Bellagio.

She has served as the President of the Board of Trustees of the *Journal of Women's History*, the Co-President of the Coordinating Council for Women in History, as the co-chair of the Program Committee for the 13th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women and on the steering committee of the International Federation for Research in Women's History. She is a distinguished lecturer for the Organization of American Historians and is on the International Advisory Board of the International Institute for Social History in Amsterdam. Locally she is on the Board of Directors of CAUSE: Coastal Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy. Over the years, her non-academic writings have appeared in *The Nation*, *the LA Times*, *Dissent*, *New Labor Forum*, *the Washington Post*, and the *Santa Barbara News Press*.