

A photograph taken from the driver's perspective inside a car. The driver's hands are on the steering wheel. The windshield shows a landscape with mountains and a cloudy sky. A rearview mirror is visible in the upper right corner.

# Gendered Moves

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# Introduction

Integration of Immigrants programme  
<http://newsettlers.massey.ac.nz>



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Economic integration of immigrants

Policy focus

Social justice

gender

# Outline

Context (Carina)

Literature 2006-2008 (Avril)

Future Directions (Robin)



# From 'add women and stir' to gender and migration

'Add women and stir' and  
'immigrant women only'  
approaches

Gender, difference and  
the household economy

Gender constitutive of the  
migration process



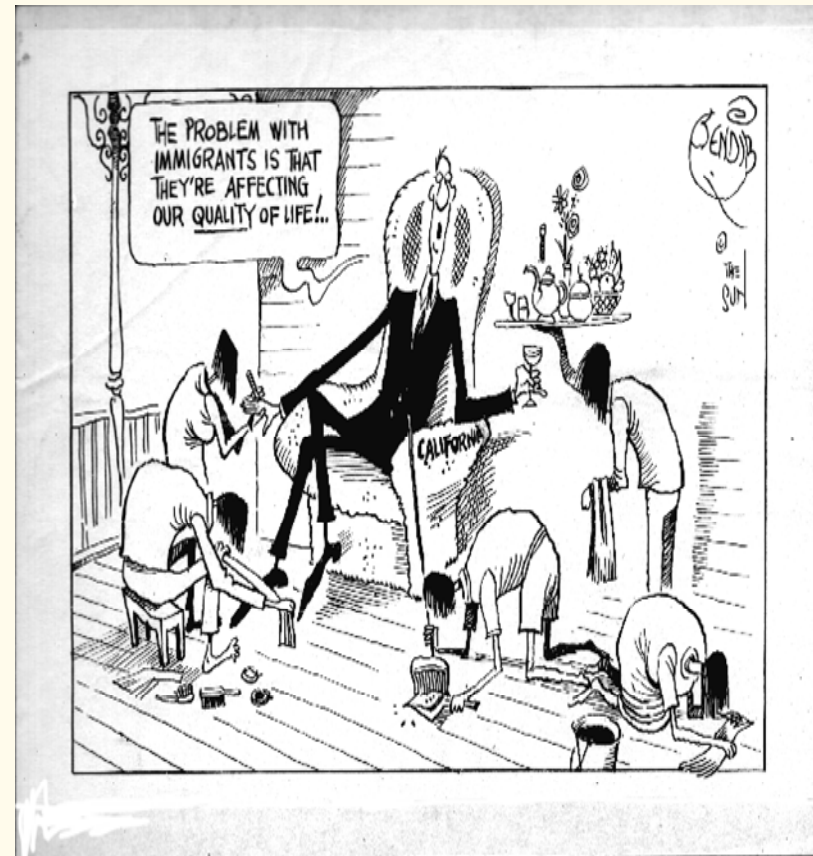
# Gender & economic migration research, 2006-8

## Policy agendas

- are we making effective use of the migrant human capital resource?

## Social justice agendas

- are migrants treated equitably or exploited & disadvantaged?
- does migration improve the lives & well-being of migrants?



# The specifics....

## Migrant characteristics

- Human capital
- Family relations

## Migrant strategies

- Social networks
- Entrepreneurship
- Managing home-work responsibilities
- Negotiating gendered identities

## Contexts of reception

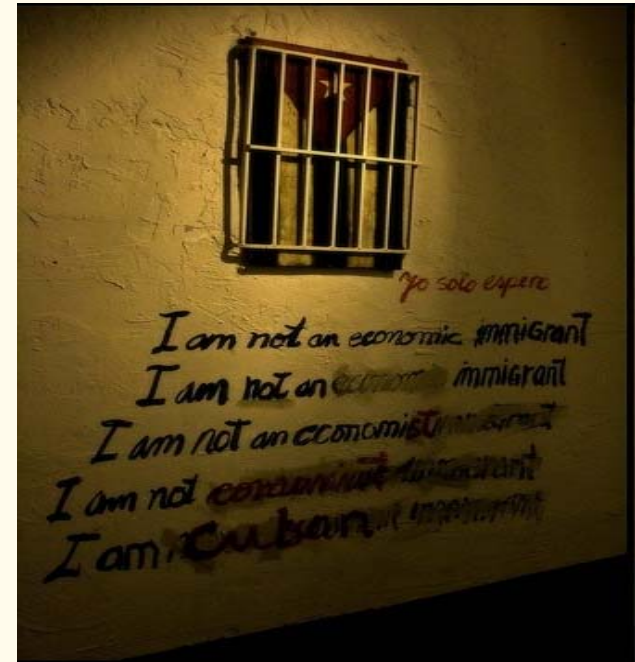
- Gendered labour market
- Immigration policy
- Geographical context
- Racism & discrimination



# Describing & explaining

## Quantitative work

- The big descriptive picture
- Raises 'how' and 'why' questions that these methods can't answer
- Explanations typically around human capital differentials
- Context of reception typically taken as a given



## Qualitative work

- Enables a focus on migrant aims & subjective experience (to get to some social justice issues)
- Explores the 'how' and 'why' questions in complex ways that can bring characteristics, strategies & context all into the frame

# Why do we need more research?

**We know very little**

**Everywhere is different**

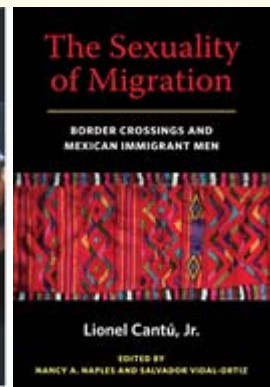
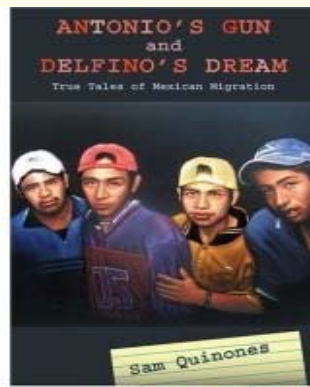
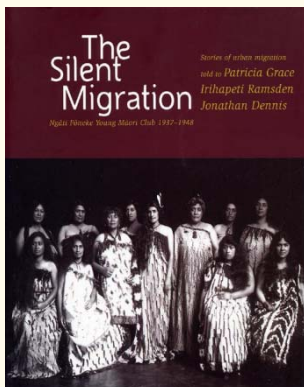
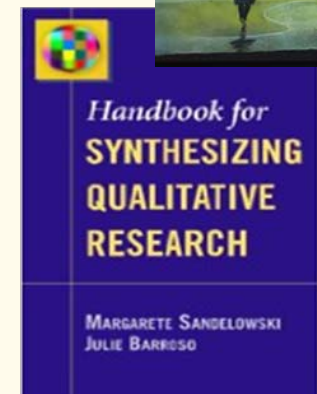
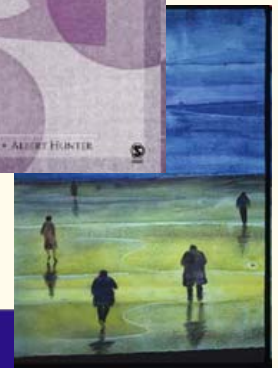
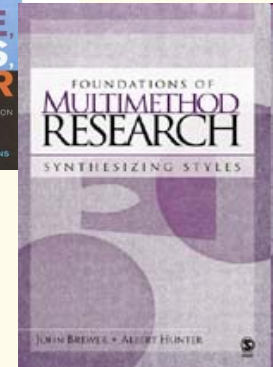
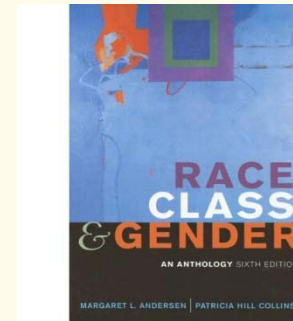
**Gender effects are complex and varied**





# Research routes

- Intersectional studies
- Multi-method studies
- Multi/-inter-disciplinary studies
- Meta-synthesis of existing studies
- Under-told stories



# Future prospects for New Zealand

- Track new migration policy
- Increase migrant-centric research
- Focus on migrants & communities of arrival / reception
- Gender-based analyses

