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Dr Albert Banerjee is a critical gerontologist interested in the deep-seated assumptions that have shaped Western medicine's approach to mortality. His research has sought to challenge the ethos of mastery that orients much of contemporary healthcare while cultivating alternatives. His early research developed critiques of the ethos of mastery within the context of euthanasia, hospice cultures, hypertension management, and auditing in nursing homes. With the aim of contributing to a more compassionate, equitable and life-sustaining society, his current research explores *alternatives* to the ethos of mastery investigating, on the one hand, the *logic of care* and its application to nursing home quality improvement and, on the other

hand, *contemplative philosophies* and the unique relationships they enable to living and dying well. Dr. Banerjee is presently the NB Research, Research Chair in Community Health and Aging and an Associate Professor at St. Thomas University's Department of Gerontology in Fredericton New Brunswick Canada.