The problem of speaking for an Other, redux

What does it mean to for-an-other, especially when that other is vulnerable and may not be able to speak for him- or herself? I revisit this old chestnut of a debate in relation to people with significant disabilities, and my work with them. I draw on philosophers like Linda Alcoff, Iris Marion Young, Gayatri Spivak, and Giorgio Agamben, as well as Disability Studies scholars like Tom Shakespeare and Lennard Davis to discuss the limits and possibilities of scholarly engagement with vulnerable others.