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Associate Professor of Christian Social Ethics  
Department of Theology  
Loyola University Chicago (LUC)

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Specialization: Medical and Health Care Ethics/Bioethics  
Research/Teaching Interests: Health and health care issues in marginalized populations  
Global and U.S. health & healthcare inequalities  
Ethnographic approaches in Christian ethics  
Protestant ethics  
Feminist ethics & theologies  
Genetic screening and prenatal care  
Migration/immigration and healthcare  
Visual technologies and moral formation  
Elective affinities/conflicts between Christian & capitalist values

Languages: Reading and Speaking Fluency in Spanish

## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Social and Theological Ethics** 2004  
Union Theological Seminary in New York (UTS), New York, NY
- M.A. in Theology and Ethics** 1995  
Graduate Theological Union (GTU), Berkeley, CA  
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (PLTS), Berkeley, CA
- B.A. with a Triple Major: Spanish, Religion, and Hispanic Studies** 1990  
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN  
*Magna Cum Laude* & Departmental Distinction in Religion

## HONORS, AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Winner, Sujack Award for Teaching Excellence, LUC, College of Arts & Sciences, 2012  
Nominee, The Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching Freshmen, LUC, 2012  
Featured Scholar, "Women in Science," LUC *Endeavors* Research Highlights  
Issue 3; 2011-2012  
Master Teacher Award & Sujack Finalist, 2011  
Summer Research Stipend Grant, LUC, 2010  
Grant Recipient & Participant, Wabash Center Workshop on Teaching and Learning  
for Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty at Colleges and Universities for 2008-2009  
Nominee, Sujack Award for Teaching Excellence, College of Arts and Sciences, 2007  
Summer Research Stipend Grant, LUC, 2007  
Special Funding Project Grant for the 2007 Evolutionary Biology, Human Sexuality, &  
Catholic Social Thought Symposia (with Dr. Patricia Beattie Jung), LUC, 2006  
Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage Grant for the 2007 Symposia (with Dr. Patricia  
Beattie Jung), LUC, 2006  
Summer Research Stipend Grant, LUC, 2005

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Ethnography as Theology and Ethics*. Co-authored/edited with Christian Scharen.  
London: T&T Clark, 2011.

**Reviewed in:** *Practical Matters*, Issue 5, Spring 2012: 1-4.  
*The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, forthcoming Fall 2013

*God, Science, Sex, Gender: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Christian Ethics*. Co-edited  
with Patricia Beattie Jung. Champaign, IL: University of IL Press, 2010.

**Reviewed in:** *Religion & Gender*, Vol. 3, No. 1, 2013: 153-155  
*Theology and Sexuality* Vo. 17, No. 2, 2011: 221-223  
*The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, Vo. 31, No. 2, Fall/Winter  
2011: 188-189

*Women, Ethics, and Inequality in US Healthcare: "To Count Among the Living"*. New York:  
Palgrave Macmillan, 2006 (updated paperback edition, 2011)

**Reviewed in:** *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, forthcoming Fall 2013  
*Rassegna di Teologia*, 2010  
*Religious Studies Review*, Vol. 35, no. 1 March 2009: 50  
*The Journal of Poverty*, Issue 12(2) May/June 2008

### Chapters

"Living and Dying: Ethical Challenges in Health Care and Bioethics." Invited chapter. In  
*Religion and Ethics: Issues in 21st Century North America*, edited by Paul Myhre. Anselm  
Press, 2013: 88-111.

"Loving God and the Neighbor: Insights from Protestant Ethics for Prevention and  
Treatment." Invited chapter. In *Prevention vs. Treatment: Philosophical, Empirical and  
Cultural Reflections*, edited by Halley Faust and Paul T. Menzel. Oxford University  
Press, 2012: 312-341.

"Putting the Social in the Bio: Questions and Potential Contributions to Bioethics from a  
Lutheran Social and Theological Ethicist." In *Lutherans and Theological Method:  
Perennial Questions and Contemporary Challenges*, edited by David. C. Ratke. Minneapolis:  
Lutheran University Press, 2010: 76-95.

"Descriptive & Normative Ways of Understanding Human Nature." In *God, Science, Sex,  
Gender: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Christian Ethics*, edited by Patricia Beattie Jung &  
Aana Marie Vigen. Champaign, IL: University of IL Press, 2010: 241-257.

"Introduction: What on Earth is Going On?!" With Patricia Beattie Jung. In *God, Science,  
Sex, Gender: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Christian Ethics*, edited by Patricia Beattie  
Jung & Aana Marie Vigen. Champaign, IL: University of IL Press, 2010: 1-19.

"For Healing and Wholeness." Invited chapter. In *To Do Justice: Engaging Progressive Christians  
in Social Action*, edited by Rebecca Todd Peters and Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty.  
Westminster/John Knox Press: 2008: 52-62.

“To Hear and To Be Accountable Across Difference: An Ethic of White Listening.”  
In *Disrupting White Supremacy from Within: White People on What We Need to Do*, edited  
by Jennifer Harvey, et. al. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 2004: 216-248.

### Articles

“Ethnography Audacious Enough to Witness.” Co-authored with Christian Scharen. In a  
Special Issue of the Journal. “Engaging Religious Experience: A Return to  
Ethnography and Theology.” *Practical Matters*, Issue 6, (Spring 2013); online:  
[http://www.practicalmattersjournal.org/issue\\_toc/6](http://www.practicalmattersjournal.org/issue_toc/6)

“Farming in Hell—the New Normal?” Op Ed written with Nancy C. Tuchman. *Sojourners  
Magazine* 41, Number 10 (November 2012): 10-11; online:  
<http://sojo.net/magazine/2012/11/farming-hell%E2%80%94new-normal>.

“Heal the Sick’: Why Public Health Care is a Christian Duty.” Op Ed. (July 15, 2009):  
online:  
[http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/guestvoices/2009/07/heal\\_the\\_sick\\_why\\_public\\_health\\_care\\_is\\_a\\_christian\\_duty.html](http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/guestvoices/2009/07/heal_the_sick_why_public_health_care_is_a_christian_duty.html).

“‘Keeping It Real’ While Staying Out of the ‘Loony Bin’: Social Ethics for  
Healthcare Systems (Listening to Women of Color with Breast Cancer, Part 2).”  
*Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, 5, Issue 11 (November 2005): online:  
<http://www.elca.org/scriptlib/dcs/jle>.

“Listening to Women of Color with Breast Cancer: Theological and Ethical Insights  
for U.S. Healthcare, Part 1.” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, 5, Issue 10 (October 2005):  
online: <http://www.elca.org/scriptlib/dcs/jle>.

“Once Around the Block: Reflections on Teaching with Larry Rasmussen.” With  
Jennifer Harvey. *Union Seminary Quarterly Review*, 58, Numbers 1-2 (2004): 151-163.

“Where Does Your Treasure Lie?”: A Brief Response to the ELCA's Proposed  
Social Statement “Sufficient, Sustainable Livelihood for All.” *Dialog* 38, Number 3  
(Summer 1999): 233-234.

“Our Heritage and Our Questions: The Lutheran Theological and Ethical Tradition  
of Reformation” in *A Collection of Responses from ELCA Academicians and Synodical  
Bishops to ‘The Church and Human Sexuality: A Lutheran Perspective First Draft of an ELCA  
Social Statement.’* (Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Press, 199): 355-372.

### Anthologized Essays

"Listening to Women of Color with Breast Cancer: Theological and Ethical Insights for U.S.  
Healthcare." In *On Moral Medicine: Theological Perspectives in Medical Ethics*, edited by M.  
Therese Lysaught and Joseph Kotva, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans  
Publishers, 2012): 165-172.

"Keeping It Real' While Staying Out of the 'Loony Bin': Social Ethics for Healthcare  
Systems." In *On Moral Medicine: Theological Perspectives in Medical Ethics*, edited by M.  
Therese Lysaught and Joseph Kotva, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans  
Publishers, 2012): 172-184.

## PROFESSIONAL PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

### Academic Papers and Lectures

“Ethnography as Christian Theology and Ethics.” Invited Lecture, The St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO, January 11, 2012.

“Unequal Distribution of Health Services in the United States and Across the Globe.”  
Invited Lecture, The Siena Center, Dominican University, River Forest, IL, March 24, 2011.

“Illegal Healthcare: Do Undocumented Immigrants Have a Claim to U.S. Medical Care?”  
Paper, the Annual Meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics (SCE), Chicago, IL January 9, 2009.

“Feminist Pedagogy: Central Commitments in the Classroom.” Invited Paper, the  
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR), Chicago, IL November 1, 2008.

“U.S. Healthcare Inequalities: The Moral Claim They Make on People of Faith.” Invited  
Keynote Address, Institute for Leadership in Church and Society, Trinity Lutheran  
Seminary, Columbus, OH June 13, 2007.

“Evidence of Racial-Ethnic & Socio-Economic Disparities in U.S. Healthcare.” Invited  
Lecture given to Kappa Nu, the Northpark University Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau (A  
Nursing Honor Society), Northpark University, Chicago, IL November 3, 2006.

“Putting the Social in the Bio: Questions and Potential Contributions to Bioethics from a  
Lutheran Social and Theological Ethicist.” Invited Lecture, the Annual Meeting of  
Lutheran (ELCA) Teaching Theologians, Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter, MN  
August 12, 2006.

“Two Latina Women’s Experiences with Healthcare.” Invited Lecture, Bioethics &  
Health Policy Graduate Program’s Ethics Consultation Course, LUC Stritch School of  
Medicine and the Neiswanger Institute for Bioethics and Health Policy, Chicago, IL June  
22, 2006.

“To Count Among the Living?: What Latina and Black Women With Breast Cancer Know  
about Healthcare Access and Quality.” Invited Lecture, the Catholic Health Association  
Conference (CHA), “Catholic Health Care Ethics: The Tradition, Current Challenges  
and Justice,” Chicago, IL March 1, 2006.

“To Count Among the Living?: What Black and Latina Women with Cancer Know about  
Healthcare Quality.” Paper, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society (MSS),  
Minneapolis, MN April 3, 2005.

“Ethnography and Theological Anthropology: Distinctive Contributions to Christian Social  
Ethics and Healthcare Quality Deliberations.” Paper, the SCE, Chicago, IL January 11,  
2004.

“To Count Among the Living’: What Black and Latina Women with Cancer Know about Healthcare Quality.” Paper, the AAR, Atlanta, GA November 23, 2003.

“To Hear and To Be Accountable Across Difference: An Ethic of White Listening.” Paper, the AAR, Toronto, Canada, November 24, 2002.

“Moral Formation and Community in an Age of Advancing Technologies and the Commodification of Cultures.” Paper, the AAR, Nashville, TN, November 19, 2000.

“Mesmerized and Disney-fied: How Disney Colonizes Resources and Commodifies Imaginations.” Joint multi-media Presentation and Paper, with Thad Williamson, the AAR, Orlando, FL, November 21, 1998.

### **Book Talks, Colloquia, Panels, Public/Student Presentations & Sermons**

“Response to ‘Remembering the Dead.’” Invited Response to an Academic Paper Session, the Annual Meeting of the Society of Jewish Ethics (SJE), Chicago, IL, January 5, 2013.

“Research and Social Change.” Panel Presentation to the Fieldwork and Ethics Pre-Conference Meeting, the SCE, Chicago, IL, January 3, 2013.

“Publishing and Collaborative Writing.” Panel Presentation to the LUC Theology Dept. Graduate Student Caucus, September 17, 2012.

“How a ‘Curious Garden’ Grows.” Invited Sermon, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL, June 17, 2012.

“Money, Love, & Justice: Embodied Ethics & Faith in a Consumer Culture.” Presentation for the LUC Faith Formation Companions *Soup and Substance Series*, March 23, 2012.

“This I Believe” Panel Presentation for LUC EVOKE, Mar. 21, 2012.

“Writing the Dissertation Proposal.” Presentation to the LUC Theology Dept. Graduate Student Caucus, January 23, 2012.

“Healthcare Inequalities, Ethnography, and Christian Social Ethics: An Interdisciplinary Conversation with Aana Marie Vigen.” Friday Morning Seminar Series, LUC Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL), January 20, 2012.

“Fieldwork and Ethics Working Group: *Ethnography as Christian Theology and Ethics*.” Panel Presentation, the SCE, Washington, D.C., January 7, 2012.

“Breakfast with an Author Session for *Ethnography as Christian Theology and Ethics*.” Presentation, the SCE, Washington, D.C., January 6, 2012.

- “Method in Christian Social Ethics: Qualitative Research & the Role of Experience.” Presentation, The First Annual Richard J. McCormick, S.J., International Ethics Colloquium, Chicago, IL, Nov. 12, 2011.
- “What Can Money Buy?: Living Ethics and Faith in a Culture of Consumption,” Invited Presentation, LUC Ministry’s “Faith Matters” Series, March 1, 2011.
- “Breakfast with an Author Session for *God, Science Sex Gender.*” Presentation, the SCE, New Orleans, LA, January 8, 2011.
- “So You Want to be a Doctor?” Invited Presentation, the LUC chapter of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), November 10, 2010.
- “God, Science, Sex, Gender: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Christian Ethics.” Invited Book and Signing, *QUAESTIONES DISPUTATAE* Program, LUC, The Joan and Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage, September 9, 2010.
- “Christian Social Ethics and Global Health.” Invited Panel Presentation, LUC, John F. Grant, MD Endowment for Health Care Ethics Lecture, March 24, 2010.
- “Collaborative Writing & Publishing Tips.” Presentation, the Theology Graduate Student Caucus, LUC Spring 2009.
- “Breakfast with an Author Session for *Women, Ethics & Inequality in U.S. Healthcare.*” Presentation, the SCE, Chicago, IL January 11, 2009.
- “Teaching Race & Racism in Ethics Classes.” Invited Presentation, the Pedagogy Interest Group, the SCE, Chicago, IL January 10, 2009.
- “Getting Started Doing Ethnographic Fieldwork.” Invited Panel Presentation, Fieldwork and Ethics Interest Group, the SCE, Chicago, IL January 9, 2009.
- “For Healing & Wholeness.” Book Talk, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL December 14, 2008.
- “Risking Love.” Invited Sermon, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL November 15, 2008.
- “Are You Gonna’ Let Your Light Shine?” Invited Sermon, Holden Village, a Lutheran (ELCA) Retreat Center, Chelan, WA August 5, 2008.
- “Healthcare Disparities.” Invited Panelist, Northside P.O.W.E.R. (People Organized to Work, Educate, and Restore) of the Good News Community Kitchen, Chicago, IL April 30, 2008.
- “Health Care Access and Health Care Inequalities.” Adult Education Lecture, First Congregational Church, Western Springs, IL October 21, 2007.
- “Survival Tips for Graduate School.” Presentation, Department of Theology Graduate Students, LUC September 10, 2007.

- “Preparing Undergraduate Syllabi: Teaching Tips.” Presentation, Theology Graduate Student Pedagogy Group, LUC March 13, 2007.
- “Women, Ethics, and Inequality in U.S. Healthcare: “To Count Among the Living.”” Book Talk, Undergraduate Majors and Minors in Theology, LUC October 25, 2006.
- “Women, Ethics, and Inequality in U.S. Healthcare: “To Count Among the Living.”” Book Talk, the LUC Chapter of AMSA, LUC October 24, 2006.
- “Women, Ethics, and Inequality in U.S. Healthcare: “To Count Among the Living.”” Book Talk, Adult Education forum, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL October 8, 2006.
- “Women, Ethics, and Inequality in U.S. Healthcare: “To Count Among the Living.”” Book Release Presentation, Women and Children First Bookstore, Chicago, IL October 3, 2006.
- “Survival Tips for Graduate School: A Reprise.” Presentation to the Department of Theology Graduate Students, LUC September 6, 2006.
- “Testifying to the Light.” Invited Sermon, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL July 16, 2006.
- “Dying in Poverty in the U.S.: How Socio-Economic Factors Shape Human Experience.” Invited Lecture, Adult Education Seminar on medical ethics and end of life decisions, St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Parish, Downer’s Grove, IL, January 28, 2006.
- “Connecting with Patients and Confronting Reality: How To Not Lose Your Soul in Medical School.” Presentation, LUC Chapter of AMSA, LUC November 29, 2005.
- “So You Want to be a Doctor: Why and Whom Do You Hope to Serve?” Presentation, Annual Induction Ceremony, LUC chapter of Alpha Epsilon Delta (AED), LUC November 15, 2005.
- “Survival Tips for Graduate School.” Presentation, Department of Theology Graduate Students, LUC September 14, 2005.
- “Radical (In)Dependence.” Invited Sermon, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL July 3, 2005.
- “What’s at Root in the Stem Cell Research Debate: Issues and Arguments.” Presentation, Undergraduate Majors and Minors in Theology, LUC September 22, 2004.
- “War: How Do We Respond?—September 11, The U.S. and Afghanistan.” Presentation, Advent Lutheran Church, New York, NY, March 20, 2002.

## SERVICE

### Department of Theology

Director of Majors and Minors	July 2008-2013
Undergraduate Programs Director	2010-2011
Participant, Wabash Weekend Consult/Retreat on Mentoring Graduate Students as Teacher-Scholars	Sept. 2-4, 2011
Member, Department Advisory Committee (DAC)	since SP 2008
Member, Undergraduate Program Committee (UPC)	since July 2008

### Loyola University Chicago

Presenter & Panelist, "Uses & Limits of Qualitative Research," Responsible Conduct in Research Seminar	May 17 & Aug. 23, 2013
Planner & Host, Fall Majors/Minors Event Colby Dickinson Lecture "Ghosts: Holy or Otherwise"	Oct. 24, 2012
Presenter & Panelist, "Uses & Limits of Qualitative Research," Responsible Conduct in Research Seminar	May 17 & Aug. 23, 2012
Advisor, Ricci Scholar Student	SP 11 –SP13
Planner & Co-Host (with EVOKE, Office of Vice President, & Cody Chair) Danielle Tumminio Lecture, "“Either Must Die”: Justice & Killing Evil in Harry Potter"	Mar. 14, 2012
Planner & Co-Host (with WSGS), Karen Lebacqz Lecture "Quilting and the Enigma of Women’s Liberation"	Feb. 28, 2012
Participant, Living-Learning Community Planning & Course – Pre-Health Community	FA 2010 - SP 2011
Participant, EVOKE-"Loyola Treasures: Gaga about Gaga?"	FA 2010
Participant, Presidential Scholarship Interviews	since SP 2009
Co-Planner, "Human Sexuality: A Dialogue Across Disciplines," Interdisciplinary Consultation and Keynote Addresses	Sept. 27-28, 2007
Full Member, Graduate Faculty (Associate Member since FA 2004)	since FA 2006
Member, Women’s Studies & Gender Studies Graduate Faculty	since FA 2006
Member, Steering Committee for a Public Conference on Latino Immigration & Health Policy, "Bridges to Health and Dignity: <i>Si Se Puede!</i> "	May 2006-June 2007
Co-Planner, Three Interdisciplinary LUC Symposia, Evolutionary Biology, Human Sexuality, and the Catholic Intellectual Heritage	SP 2006-SP 2007
Member, Ethics & Migration Graduate Course Planning The School of Social Work & Theology Department	SP 2006-SP 2008
Planner, Community-Wide Panel Forum and Dialogue: "What is at Stake in the Evolution-Intelligent Design Debate?"	Feb. 21, 2006
Advisor, LUC Chapter of the American Medical Student Association	FA 2005-SP 2007
Invited Panelist, Creating Community & Racial Inequality, Theatre Dept. Platform Reading Discussion Series, "Spinning into Butter"	Oct.1, 2005
Member, Bioethics Minor Advisory Committee	since FA 2004

### Professional Service Outside Loyola University

Invited Participant, 17 <sup>th</sup> Nordic Conference in Systematic Theology "Politics in Theology-Theology in Politics," Reykjavik, Iceland	Jan.10-13, 2013
Member, Editorial Board, <i>The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics</i>	2011-2014



Convener, "Quilts, Wars, and Justice: A Feminist Enigma" Paper given by Karen Lebacqz, the SCE, Washington, D.C.	Jan. 2012
Member, National ELCA Genetics Taskforce	2008 - 2011
Invited Teaching Staff Member, Holden Village, Chelan WA	Aug. 2-9, 2008
Consultant, Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing Open Letter on Assisted Reproductive Technologies	May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
Convener, "Dirty Hands Revisited: Morality, Torture, and Abu Ghraib." Paper given by Scott Paeth, the SCE, Dallas, TX	Jan. 5, 2007
Member, <i>The Journal of Lutheran Ethics</i> (JLE) Editorial Council	2006-2010
Facilitator, Breakfast with an Author Session, Jennifer Harvey, ed., "Disrupting White Supremacy from Within," SCE, Miami, FL	Jan. 2005

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National ELCA Genetics Taskforce	2008-2011
The Association of Teaching Theologians of the ELCA	since 2006
The American Society of Bioethics and the Humanities (ASBH)	since 2004
Lutheran Women in Theological Education (ELCA)	since 1998
Lutheran Ethicists (ELCA)	since 1998
The American Academy of Religion (AAR)	since 1997
The Society of Christian Ethics (SCE)	since 1997
Phi Beta Kappa	since 1990
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)	since 1988
Phi Kappa Delta (a national forensics fraternity)	since 1986

## PAST TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Seminary Tutor, New York, NY

Patterns of Preaching, Barbara K. Lundblad, UTS	SP 2004
History of Christian Ethics, Larry L. Rasmussen, UTS	SP 2001 & 2002
Foundations in Christian Theology, James H. Cone, UTS	FA 1999

### Weill Medical College Tutor, New York, NY

Medicine Patient Society II-Medical Ethics, Joseph J. Fins, MD Division of Medical Ethics of the Weill Medical College of Cornell University	SP 2003
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### University of California Teaching Assistant, Berkeley, CA

Introduction to Feminist Theory, Trinh T. Minh-ha	FA 1995
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### Undergraduate Teaching Assistant and Tutor, Northfield, MN

Teaching assistant and tutor for the St. Olaf Spanish Department	1987-1990
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## PAST WORK EXPERIENCE

Co-Editor, <i>Union Seminary Quarterly Review</i> (USQR), New York, NY	2001-2004
Assistant to the UTS Pastor, New York, NY	2000-2002
Chaplain Intern, Marin General Hospital Greenbrae, CA	1995-1996
Catholic Community Services Employee, Seattle, WA	1990-1993
Lutheran Camp Counselor, Big Timber, MT Christikon, an ELCA outdoor ministry program	Summer 1990