

Biographic Summary: Laurie Zoloth, Ph.D.

Professor Laurie Zoloth is the Margaret E. Burton Professor of Religion and Ethics and Senior Advisor to the Provost for Programs in Social Ethics at the University of Chicago. She has a long and distinguished career as a bioethicist, scholar of religion, and of Jewish ethics, writing or editing 7 books, and over 300 articles. She has also served as Dean of the Divinity School at the University of Chicago.

She was a Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, and the Founding Director of Brady Program in Ethics and Civic Life at Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern University, and was the director of The Center for Bioethics, Science and Society at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine where she taught in the Medical Humanities and Bioethics Program, the Jewish Studies program and as of Professor of Religious Studies. From 1995-2003 she was a founder and Director of the Program in Jewish Studies at San Francisco State University.

She was elected both as President of the American Academy of Religion and as President of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities. She was member of its founding board, receiving its Distinguished Service Award in 2007. She was a founder and vice president of the Society for Jewish Ethics. She was elected to the National Recombinant DNA Advisory Board in 2012. She served for two terms as member of the NASA National Advisory Council, the nation's highest civilian advisory board for NASA, for which she received the NASA National Public Service Award in 2005, the Executive Committee of the International Society for Stem Cell Research, and she was the founding Chair of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Bioethics Advisory Board. She has also been on the founding national boards of the Society for Bioethics and Humanities, the International Society for Stem Cell Research, The Society for Scriptural Reasoning, and NASA's International Planetary Protection Advisory Committee. In 2005 she was honored as the Graduate Theological Union's alumna of the year, and she has received distinguished teaching awards at Northwestern University and San Francisco State University.

Her book, Health Care and The Ethics of Encounter, on justice, health policy, and the ethics of community, was published in 1999. She is also co-editor of six books, Notes From a Narrow Ridge: Religion and Bioethics, with Dena Davis; Margin of Error: The Ethics of Mistakes in Medicine, with Susan Rubin; The Human Embryonic Stem Cell Debate: Ethics, Religion and Policy, with Karen LeBacqz and Suzanne Holland; and Oncofertility: Ethical, Legal, Social and Medical Perspectives. Published in 2010, with Teresa Woodruff, Lisa Campo-Edelstein, and Sarah Rodriguez, The John Evans Committee Report, with Carl Smith, Andrew Koppleman, Peter Hayes, and Jews and Genes, with Elliott Dorff published in 2015.