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**Eugene M. Burke CSP Lectureship on Religion and Society**  
*A Free Public Lecture Series*



**"May We Make the World?: Religious and Ethical Questions – Gene Drives, Malaria and the Duties of History"**

**Thursday, November 15, 2018, 6pm**  
(Coffee and refreshments at 5:30 pm)

The Great Hall at UC San Diego's International House  
(Eleanor Roosevelt College Campus)  
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## **Professor Laurie Zoloth**

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### **The Lecturer**

A leader in the field of bioethics and Jewish studies, Laurie Zoloth's research explores religion and ethics, drawing from Biblical and Talmudic texts to postmodern Jewish philosophy, including the writings of Emmanuel Levinas. She studies the ethics of genetic engineering, stem cell research, synthetic biology, social justice in health care, and the pedagogy of science and medicine. She also studies the practices of inter-religious dialogue and the role of religion public discussion and policy.

Zoloth is the author of *Health Care and the Ethics of Encounter: A Jewish Discussion of Social Justice* and co-editor of five books, including *Notes from a Narrow Ridge: Religion and Bioethics* and *Jews and Genes: The Genetic Future in Contemporary Jewish Thought*. She serves on the NASA Advisory Council; the International Planetary Protection Committee; the National Recombinant DNA Advisory Board, the executive committee of the International Society for Stem Cell Research, and was chair of the first bioethics advisory board at the Howard Hughes Medical Research Institute. She has presented to Congress, the President's Commission on Bioethics, and state legislatures.

Zoloth began her career as a neonatal nurse working in impoverished communities; she holds a bachelor's degree in women's studies from the University of California, Berkeley and in nursing from the University of the State of New York. She received a master's degree in Jewish studies and a doctorate in social ethics from the Graduate Theological Union. Zoloth also holds a master's degree in English from San Francisco State University.

Prior to joining the University of Chicago, Zoloth served as a Charles McCormick Deering Professor of Teaching Excellence at Northwestern University, holding appointments in the Department of Religious Studies in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences and in the Feinberg School of Medicine. At Northwestern, she was founding director of the Brady Program in Ethics and Civic Life at the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences and founding director of the Center for Bioethics, Science and Society at the Feinberg School of Medicine.

### **The Lecture Series**

The Burke Lectureship has since 1985 sponsored a permanent, major series of free public lectures by distinguished scholars, authors, and leaders from various religious traditions who speak on the religious dimensions of being human and how religion interacts with society. The speakers visit the campus for one or more days of teaching and exchange with faculty, students, and interested members of the community.

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