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**Works in Progress (Book Manuscripts)**

*Caring with the Other: Sustaining Identity in Secular Pluralism*

Dr. Lee is revising a full-length book manuscript that uses an ethnographic account of one of the largest Catholic not-for-profit hospital systems to examine broader theoretical questions about ethical practice, religious forms and social organizations. As one reviewer notes, the “frame of mission vs. margin is developed in diverse registers -- as two rhetorics, two domains of value, two organizational principles, and avatars of tradition and modernity.”

*An Institution of Difference: Disease, Disparity, and Cancer Science*

Drawn from research conducted prior to joining Southwestern, Dr. Lee has begun to develop a second manuscript exploring the social construction of “cancer health disparities” as a modern problem through an ethnographic account of health scientist administrators at a federal public health science agency. The identification of stark inequalities in mortality and burden of disease between populations reshapes basic science research with a moral purpose to reduce social suffering. In this sense, the field of health disparities research reflects an ethics of being-in-world. The narrative frames disparities research within a broader treatment of the role of government in shaping and advancing objective science, peer review and funding as a social process, and the complex identities of the health scientist administrator as intellectual entrepreneur, scientific incubator/cultivator, and federal bureaucrat.