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Profile: Lorna Hallahan

Associate Professor Lorna Hallahan has been a social work academic since 2006, building on a professional career in disability advocacy and policy analysis and development. Her teaching is focused on professional judgement and ethical decision-making and her research covers several fields of social policy. Lorna, who has lived with mobility impairment for almost 50 years, remains an active contributor to disability policy in Australia, including as a South Australian representative on the NDIS Independent Advisory Council. Fascinated with theology from her childhood in the Anglican Church and school, Lorna completed her PhD in disability theory and the doctrine of incarnation. This took her into the 'cripping' done by disabled people, and their close allies as they reclaim ancient spiritual traditions to simultaneously expose injurious power and everlasting truths of love and acceptance. In this work, no one denies the fragility of life and the ubiquity of human suffering but all open paths to dignity and delight for all.

