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Sex, Religion and Canadian Youth the topic of the 40th Luther Lecture featuring Dr. Pamela Dickey Young

Regina, SK – On Monday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m., Dr. Pamela Dickey Young, Professor of Religion and Culture at the School of Religion at Queen’s University, will present a talk entitled “Sex, Religion and Canadian Youth: Identities Under Construction” at Luther College’s 40th Luther Lecture.

“There are very few studies of young adults and religion in Canada and no studies of how young adult religiosity intersects with sexual attitudes and practices,” says Dr. Dickey Young. “Our study [Religion, Gender and Sexuality Among Youth in Canada, with Heather Shipley, University of Ottawa, Collaborator] seeks to fill that gap. Through surveys of 483 Canadian youth, plus interviews with a subgroup of that larger group, we have learned much about the lived religion of Canadian youth and about how the identity markers of religion, gender and sexuality interact with one another in young people’s lives. The lecture at Luther College will explore how youth see themselves as continuously constructing their own complex religious and sexual identities.”

“Rather than relegating religion to the distant past as irrelevant to our civil society, Dr. Dickey Young shows us how deeply religious many of our notions are concerning sexuality and morality, whether we reject, accept or question such norms,” says Dr. Brenda Anderson, Professor of Women’s & Gender Studies and Religious Studies at Luther College. “Dr. Dickey Young’s earliest works through to her most recent projects on religious diversity and sexual diversity in Canada model this consistent commitment to peeling back the layers of assumptions and illustrating that historical and theoretical knowledge makes good citizenship in developing twenty-first century social policies.”

"We are very excited to have Dr. Dickey Young address the issue of how Canadian youth are constructing their identities vis-a-vis sex, gender and religion - it fits well with Luther College's goal of effectively serving the diversity of university students today,” indicates Dr. Franzvolker Greifenhagen, Academic Dean of Luther College. “Having a scholar of Dr. Dickey Young’s calibre speak continues Luther College’s forty year legacy of providing contemporary, relevant and engaging talks on matters of spiritual and social importance to the Regina community.”
For more information or to arrange an interview with Dr. Pamela Dickey, please contact:

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