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Jackie received her master's degree and Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a B.S. in chemistry with highest honors from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Jackie was named one of the “top 40 under 40” by Crain’s Cleveland Business Magazine and “one of the 500 most influential women in Northeast Ohio” by Northern Ohio Live magazine. She was member of the Leadership Cleveland Class of 2012 and a YWCA Wisdom Circles Mentor. Jackie has served on the Boards of [The National Inventors Hall of Fame](#), The Urban League of Greater Cleveland, [Jumpstart, Inc.](#), [Entrepreneur’s EDGE](#), the Technology Commercialization Steering Committee of Case Western Reserve University, the Wright Center for Sensor Systems, and the Advisory Boards of NorTech and the Generation Foundation. Jackie was also a member of the [Cleveland Forward Cities Council](#), including the Aspen Institute.

Jackie has taught “Finance in the Real World” in the Masters of Finance Program at Case Western Reserve University’s Weatherhead School of Management, where she continues to be a guest speaker on topics including: leadership, strategy, and innovation. Jackie is a featured speaker in the Massively Open Online Course (MOOC) [Beyond Silicon Valley: Growing Entrepreneurship in Transitioning Economies](#).

Jackie and her colleagues write about how leaders can create an organizational Currency of Empathy® at <http://currencyofempathy.wordpress.com/> and have a proprietary Currency of Empathy®/Culture of Innovation® diagnostic to help leaders and organizations recover their entrepreneurial spirit. In October 2014, she gave the TEDx talk: [A Good Day’s Work Requires Empathy](#). Jackie served as a TEDx coach in 2015 and is on the Lead Speaker Curation team for 2016 TEDxCSU.

In 2012, Jackie completed the 4 year program of Theological Education by Extension/Education for Ministry through Sewanee University and St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights where she currently serves as Junior Warden of the Vestry. She was also Vice Chair of the 2015 Rector Search Committee. She lives in Shaker Heights, Ohio with her husband, John LeMay, and their children, Sophie (14) and Grant (13).