

Touching Visions

The affective, ethical, and practical engagements of caring invoke involved embodied, embedded relations in closeness with concrete conditions. And yet I am exploring care for a speculative ethics. Embracing the tension between the concrete and the speculative, this chapter engages with paths to the reembodiment of thinking and knowing that have been opened by passionate engagements with the meanings of “touch.” Standing here as a metonymic way to access the lived and fleshy character of involved care relations, the *haptic* holds promises against the primacy of detached vision, a promise of thinking and knowing that is “in touch” with materiality, touched and touching. Yet the promises of this onto-epistemic turn to touch are not unproblematic. If anything, they increase the intense corporeality of ethical questioning. In navigating the promises of touch, this chapter attempts to exercise and expand the disruptive potentials of caring knowing that this book explores. It attempts to treat haptic technologies as matters of care, and in doing so continues unpacking and co-shaping a notion of care in more than human worlds.