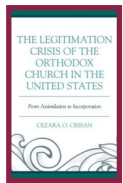


# Alumni News



**Meghan Burke (PhD -2005),**

Professor of Sociology and Department Chair was a co-recipient of the third annual Illinois Wesleyan University Inclusive Excellence Leadership Award. This award is intended to recognize outstanding contributions made by individuals that champion diversity, inclusion, and sustained commitment at Illinois Wesleyan University.

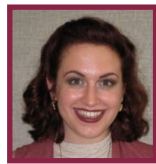


**Cezara Crisan (PhD-2007)**

published her book ["The Legitimation Crisis of the Orthodox Church in the United States: From Assimilation to Incorporation"](#), Lexington Books (2019).

Cezara was a Teaching Incentive Program Award winner at Purdue

University Northwest where she is an Assistant Professor. This award recognizes and incentivizes contributions to the university in instructional excellence.



**Sarah (Frankie) Frank (BA-2014)**

is currently a dissertator at the University of Wisconsin - Madison in Sociology, lecturing on Women & Law and Law, Sexuality & Society. She won the honorable mention for graduate student papers with the ASA Section on Bodies & Embodiment this past summer and her research on trans menstruation is featured in a newly released Handbook of Critical Menstruation Studies. She is currently working with a team of undergraduates on menstruation research in the law, in medicine, and in the military.

**Gwendolyn Purifoye (PhD-2014)** is the Spring 2020- Recipient of Champion of Diversity Award (North Park University).



**Gwendolyn** was awarded the American Sociological Association's FAD

grant for 2020-2021 for collaborative project (with Dr. Richard Lofton, Jr. at Johns Hopkins University). The project, "Targeted as Troubled: Putting Black Bodies at Risk in the Public Sphere" is in Phase II of a project she started here in Chicago.

Lastly, **Gwendolyn** published ["Transit boundaries: Race and the paradox of immobility within mobile systems."](#) *Mobilities* journal.

**Edward (Eddie) Chong (SANT-2015)** has started the master's program in Civic Analytics at UIC .



**Kimberly E. Fox (PhD –2009)** received a **US Fulbright Research award** to conduct research at the Swedish Institute for Social Research at Stockholm University. *Kimberly will conduct research as part of a cross-cultural examination of the social policy impacts on adults living alone. With advanced industrial societies facing important demographic changes, including aging populations and more people living alone throughout their lives, the needs and experiences of these individuals are rarely considered. People living alone are unique in their need to rely on extended social networks, support their own physical and psychological needs, and maintain their households without the assistance of others. This project will examine the importance of welfare support, social connections, and workplace experiences for the well-being of individuals who live alone in mid- and later-life through an examination of the social policies, workplace conditions, and social supports of individuals in Sweden compared to similarly situated individuals in the United States.*

Kimberly is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Bridgewater State University in Massachusetts.

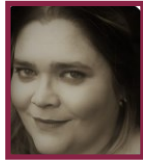
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**Jennifer Cossyleon (PhD-2018)** published (with Edward O. Flores. "[I Really Belong Here': Civic Capacity-Building among Returning Citizens.](#)" in *Sociological Forum* ( 35: 721-743).

**Jennifer and Kyle Woolley (PhD-2019)** published "[Gender and Collective Action](#)" *Companion on Gender Studies* edited by Nancy Naples. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

**Jennifer** (with Phillip ME Garboden and Stephanie DeLuca) published a research report, "[Recruiting Opportunity Landlords: Lessons from Landlords in Maryland.](#)" Poverty & Race Research Action Council, 1-28.



**Beth Dougherty (PhD-2018)** had an article "[Looking Beyond the Sick Body \(Sociology of Body and Embodiment\)](#)" published in *Footnotes*, an ASA publication.

**Jonathan Neidorf (MA-2018)** started a new job as Grants Coordinator at Clearbrook, a human services organization supporting people with intellectual/developmental disabilities in northern Illinois.

**Steven Stantz (BA-2018)** has volunteered for a year for AmeriCorps NCCC - FEMA Corps, and is now working as a Victim Advocate for Victim Outreach in Golden, CO. He would be happy to talk to any staff

or students with questions about either AmeriCorps or Victim Advocacy. Please contact Stephanie in the Sociology Department (sdecaluwe@luc.edu) for Steven's contact information).



**Sean Young (PhD-2019)** accepted a new position as the Faculty Director for an off-campus, experiential urban studies semester program in Chicago. He will direct the program while also teaching several courses and overseeing student-led community based research projects and internships. The program is sponsored by Wheaton College, but all his responsibilities will be located at the Chicago program site.

The following is from an email from Grecia Ochoa, a Loyola alum who took two Sociology classes taught by Dr. Elfriede Wedam Although Grecia was not a Sociology major (she majored in Biology), she wrote a research paper for her "Communities" class that has impacted her life going forward.

*In the Communities class, I wrote my research paper on homelessness in Rogers Park. I enjoyed working on that paper because I learned a lot about a topic I was interested in, but never researched.*

*Fast forward to today: I am currently working a full-time job at a women's homeless shelter in the south side of Chicago. I am a residential aide at the shelter. On a daily basis, I hand out hygiene products, clothes, deescalate arguments, help teach the women how to apply for jobs, fill out applications, and even teach them how to use computers. What I enjoy the most is having the chance to interact with all the women here. I have heard about every story you could think of and each women's story is truly unique.*

*There are women at this shelter as young as 17 and as old as 85. We also have about 7 children living here. Most of the women here came straight out of jail, or came out of domestic violence situations. I would say about 80% of the women here have mental illnesses and most do not receive any treatment. Many women here have families and children that have shunned them for their illnesses or addictions. The majority of the women here lost everything and are starting from 0.*

*In my time working here, I have build good relationships with the women living here. They are all so sweet and appreciative of having somewhere to be. Through observation and interaction I can truly see how difficult it is for someone in a homeless situation to advance in society. I see the struggles of these women everyday.*

*I am truly happy I have the opportunity to contribute to a little piece of these women's life. It is satisfying to know I am helping someone with something so important to them. Since I started this job, I have always thought back to your class and everything I learned, and to the research paper I wrote. Thank you for your time Dr. Wedam*