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### **Department of Sociology**

**Spring 2017** 

Hello Sociologists,

Welcome, welcome to our Spring 2016 department newsletter. We are always looking for new ways to reconnect and share with Loyola alumni and current department members. If you have any new news, old news, or just any news that you'd like to share, please send it to us. Please also feel free to share any pictures you have with us—we would love to "see" as well as "hear" from you.

As you will see in this newsletter our department is thriving and great things are afoot. Discover what our students and faculty have been up this academic year. Check out news of recent awards and accomplishments.

In addition to receiving your news items, we look forward to hearing comments about the newsletter or your suggestions for features and articles you might like to see. In the meantime, here's to another great semester at Loyola and in the Department of Sociology.

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## Message from the Chair



The calendar year for faculty, staff and students involves three and not four seasons - Fall, Spring and Summer semesters. Midway through the Spring 2017 se-

mester, flowers are popping up through the ground (and sometimes snow), buds are appearing on the trees, midterms have been taken and graded and thoughts are turning to the end of the semester, graduation and our third season, summer.

We have had a busy academic year 2016-2017 in the Department of Sociology. In addition to the day to day work of teaching our classes, conducting research and producing publications, we have hosted a number of outside speakers and events. Our students and faculty have participated in important events on and off campus in an effort to work for a more just society.

Since January, the department has seen some major transitions in the department: the retirement of Ms. Rosa Negussie, program as-

sistant and the hiring of Mr. Anthony Mangini as the new program assistant. Welcome Anthony!

Professor Phil Nyden will be retiring at the end of this semester after 38 years of service to the department and Loyola. Phil steadily moved up the ranks from Assistant Professor to Professor and the founding Director of the Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL). He will be missed but we look forward to hearing stories of travel and continued community involvement in the years ahead.

We also mourn the death of Samuel Attoh, Dean of the Graduate School and tenured member of the Department of Sociology. Sam was a tireless advocate for graduate education and was a good friend of the department.

In this newsletter, you will read about many of these accomplishments of our faculty, students and alumni. There is much to be proud of and more to be done. Together (as faculty, staff and students) we are the Department of Sociology at Loyola University Chicago.

Anne Figert

# Faculty Kudos and Announcements

**Michael Agliardo, SJ** received a grant to study "Laudato Si", the Vatican pronouncement on global warming.

**Dr. Agliardo** will be speaking at Villanova University.

**Kathleen Dunn** and **Judson Everitt** received summer research stipends from the University.

**Dana Garbarski** is an editorial board member of Public Opinion Quarterly.

**Dr. Garbarski** has published an article in Public Opinion Quarterly, titled "Research in and Prospects for the Measurement of Health Using Self-Rated Health."

**Dr. Garbarski** was a co-author for an invited talk presented at the International Conference on Questionnaire Design, Development, Evaluation, and Testing (QDET2).

# Faculty Kudos and Announcements



**Dr. Garbarski** (third from right at MAPOR Conference) presented a talk at the 2016 annual meeting of the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research, and was a co-author two other presentations presented at the meeting.



**Lauren Langman** published a book, *God*, *Guns*, *Gold and Glory*. Leiden, Netherlands: Brill Publishers, 2016.

**Dr. Langman's** book *Thomas Piketty & Inequality in the 21st Century* (Brill) is in press.

**Dr. Langman** has signed a contract with Rutledge for his book *Mobilizing for Dignity* (co-author Tova Benski).

**Dr. Langman** published an article, "A History of Alienation, with Devorah Kalekin-Fishman, Encyclopedia of Behavioral and Social Sciences", *Encyclopedia of Behavioral and Social Sciences*, Elsevier, 2017

**Dr. Langman** published an article, "From Alienation to Reification", in Bryan Turner, ED, *Encyclopedia of Social Theory*, Wiley-Blackwell; 2017

**Dr. Langman** published an article, "The Frankfurt School of Critical Theory", (Chapter 21) in Berch Berberlogu, ED, *Social Theory: Classical and Contemporary Theories – A Critical Perspective*, New York: Routledge, 2017

**Dr. Langman** presented at the 3rd ISA Forum of Sociology in Vienna in July 2016. His presentation was "Psychoanalyis and American Sociology".

**Dr. Langman** also presented "From Legitimation Crises to Movements to Power," *International Sociological Society*, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria, July 10-14, 2016.

**Dr. Langman** presented called Dignity and *Ressentiment*: Critical Theory and Nietzsche Conference, San Diego State University, January 28, 2017.

Elise Martel Cohen will be a moderator at the Chicago Ethnography Conference.

**Kelly Moore** has been invited to Michigan State University for a two day scholarly visit. She will teach a class while at the university.

**Peter Rosenblatt** is on the editorial board for Urban Affairs Review.

**Rhys H. Williams**, published an article, "Sociology of Religion and Religious Studies: Institutional Issues and Intellectual Concerns." Symposium. *Critical Research on Religion* 3 (December 2016) 3: 299-305.

**Dr. Williams**, presented a paper at the annual meeting of Society for the Scientific Study of Religion entitled "Civil Religion, Immigration, and American National Identity" The meeting was in Atlanta, GA in October.

**Talmadge Wright** was interviewed by the <u>BBC</u> on the topic "What is play?" (February 9<sup>th</sup>).

### In Memorium



**Samuel Attoh** was an advocate for graduate education and research and a tenured member of the Department of Sociology. Dr. Attoh passed away February 2017.

He was the former dean of The Graduate School and associate provost for research at the lakeside campuses. Dr. Attoh co-chaired the Strategic Planning Committee for nearly two years, which conducted University-wide consultations that formed the basis of the "Plan 2020: Building a More Just, Humane, and Sustainable World."

### Interview with Kerryann Di Loreto

# Senior Project Director at The University of Wisconsin Survey Center (UWSC) By Tabinda Dar



Alumnus *Kerryann DiLoreto (1999)* was interviewed about her position as Senior Project Director at The University of Wisconsin Survey Center.

### How did you first become interested in survey research?

During my junior year at Loyola, the Sociology Department hosted a speaker who discussed careers in Applied Sociology, including survey research. I had been exposed to surveys and quantitative data derived from surveys in my undergraduate coursework. This speaker inspired me to look into survey research organizations in Chicago. I then learned of a paid summer internship at NORC. It was a competitive national application process for a few internship slots. I felt very fortunate to have been chosen – and as it happens, it was the launch of my career in survey research.

### How did your time at Loyola help prepare you for your career?

My education at Loyola was quite well-rounded. I double majored in Sociology and Philosophy, and completed an interdisciplinary minor in Religion, Culture, and Society. But I also distinctly recall coursework in other disciplines such as Biology, Literature, the Antiquities, and foreign language. This prepared me to be somewhat of a generalist across substantive areas so that I can proficiently discuss research questions with faculty and other clients spanning many disciplines. Over the course of my career, I've run research projects for many clients, including but not limited to: Faculty in Sociology, Psychology, Neuroscience, Social Work, Forestry, Pharmacy, Microbiology, Public Law, Urban Planning, Womens Studies, Native American Studies; and Government agencies including the Departments of Natural Resources, Health and Family Services, and Transportation.

### What is a typical day as Senior Project Director at UWSC like?

A typical day is full of variety as I work on 5 – 8 research studies simultaneously. I usually have about 3 -5 meetings per day, some internal with Survey Center staff, some with current or prospective clients. I work in an academic building called Sterling Hall in the central part of campus, and as senior staff I do have my own office. I keep my office door open and field questions from staff and colleagues throughout the day. Because I specialize in CAPI (Computer-Assisted Personal Interview) studies with field interviewers working remotely around the country, issues arise related to field protocols or unique situations. The day-to-day seems to boil down to making decisions, trouble-shooting, and planning. I also help write cost proposals for large or complex field studies and contribute to some journal publications as a co-author as time allows.

### What is the hardest part about conducting survey research?

I pondered this question for a while because I could answer at the level of the survey respondent, at the level of the research study, or at the macro-level of survey research in general. So from my perspective, it seems to be a three-pronged answer: With regard to survey respondents, it is very difficult to convert or persuade someone to participate if they say "I'm just not interested" or "I don't do surveys". At the research project level, sometimes the timing or the arrangement is such that we, the practitioners, are not able to collaborate on the study design to inform it with current best practices. When this happens, it can be more difficult for us to achieve high response rates. In term of survey research in general as a field, I think the hardest part is being at the mercy of funders to invest in science.

Some of your recent work, such as the MARS survey data used in Dr. Matthew Desmond's book Evicted, demonstrate how small changes in language can have large effects on the quality of data that is collected. Can you speak a little about the importance of question wording in surveys?

Well, as you can imagine, the answers you receive depend on how you've asked the questions – both in terms of question wording and mode (e.g., interviewer-administered versus self-administered). There is a vast literature on question wording and mode effects. With the Milwaukee Area Eviction Study (MARS), we knew that we would have to be especially careful with how we asked about places of residence, moves, and evictions. For instance, we asked about places where participants "lived or stayed" as a way to capture a fuller history of moves and mobility. Also, if a participant could not recall a specific address of a place they lived or stayed, we asked if they could remember the cross-roads of the place and recorded that. In this way, the questions were more sensitive to what was really happening in

participants' lives and thereby yielded higher quality data.

The Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS) is the most comprehensive long standing cohort study in existence and has response rates close to 90 percent. Given your experience directing this study, what are some of the best strategies for gaining and maintaining cooperation as well as increasing survey response rate?

Answering this question would force me to reveal trade secrets. Kidding aside, while there are some key strategies and best practices that we employ to gain and maintain participant cooperation, I would say there is some art to it as well. As study populations vary, we vary or tailor our approach for each project. However, one commonality is that we always strike a sincerely appreciative tone when communicating with participants, especially in longitudinal studies. WLS participants have essentially told us their life stories installment by installment (data collection by data collection) since completing the first survey in 1957 when they were seniors in high school. We truly are incredibly appreciative of their continued participation and willingness to advance social science research by sharing a huge body of information, including survey data, physical measurements, biomarkers, and administrative data linkages.

# In the WLS study, researchers gather DNA samples from respondents. Can you elaborate a bit about how you are able to gain cooperation and trust to this degree?

As far as we know, the WLS is the longest-running study of such a large size and scope. We've built trust and rapport with WLS participants over many years. Also, we designed an effort that minimized burden on participants by choosing a collection kit that was easy to use, creating user-friendly instructions, and being readily available to answer any questions they might have. Our experience collecting salivary DNA samples informed a recent pilot effort with WLS participants to collect microbiome samples. Yes, indeed - stool samples. It was a very complex effort for our head-quarters staff (project directors, programmers, field supervisors, and intake staff), as well as for our field interviewers. Yet the effort was quite successful and was recently published in the *Journal of Gerontology* if you are interested in the details.

### What are some of the latest innovations in the field that you are most excited about?

I am especially excited about multi-disciplinary research partnerships that join survey data with other types of data, such as biological data and neuroscience. The WLS has and is doing this, as we just discussed. I also direct the Midlife in the US (MIDUS) Milwaukee Oversample projects which are under the umbrella of a hugely valuable research enterprise spanning many fields that provides a massive publically-available dataset on ICPSR website (Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research). MIDUS is another example of a study that is joining different types of data to answer large and difficult research questions.

### Do you have any advice for current Masters students who are interested in pursuing a career in social science research?

I'd be remiss to answer this without noting the outcome of the November 2016 presidential election and the antiscience political climate in some states as affecting those of us currently in social science careers and those considering such a career. These are especially uncertain times when federal and state funding for academic research might be slashed to the point that we will be forced to cut our staff for the first time in my tenure. I mention this because it is a real concern that we are discussing. However, foundations and trusts will go on funding research and at least some amount of government funding will persist. So with that out of the way, my advice would be to weigh the time commitment and cost involved in pursuing a PhD in social science research versus a terminal Masters against potentials salaries in the field. Unless you complete a PhD with heavy emphasis on survey methodology or statistics, what you gain in salary level and position might not offset significant student loan debt or years working on a degree compared to building on-the-job experience and skills. Having served on many hiring committees, someone with a Masters in Sociology and 3+ years job experience at a survey research firm often is a better fit for a position compared to someone with a PhD in Sociology of (Religion, Education, Social Movements, etc.) and little or no experience at a survey shop. Also, I would encourage students not be shy about reaching out to people like me to ask for an informational interview. Many alumni would be happy to talk for 10-15 minutes to offer insight – and this is one instance you don't have to worry too much about scripting perfect questions.

Tabinda Dar is a current MA student in the Loyola Sociology Department.

### UNDERGRADUATE NEWS

From Dr. Judson Everitt, Undergraduate Program Director



Spring came early and then dropped lake effect snow, but Spring Break, St. Paddy's Day, and March Mad-

ness offer pleasant distractions. We are in the midst of a strong academic year for our Undergraduate Program. Our seniors have commencement on their calendars just weeks away, with a number having pursued honors distinction in the course of completing their capstone theses.

Our annual Departmental Research Symposium will be in the Institute for Environmental Research on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. Both our undergraduates and graduate students will be presenting on their own research projects; please make a point to drop by to hear about their projects and offer constructive feedback. A program schedule is forthcoming.

Registration for fall courses will begin on Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>. I will be making visits to a number of our current courses to make announcements concerning fall course offerings in our department and answer any questions people may have about planning. In addition, we will be having a day for "Advising Open House" on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Between 9am-12pm on that day, faculty will be at a table in Damen Student Center; then from 2-4pm you can find us in Coffey Hall 425. You can stop by at any point during these windows of time to ask questions, get permissions for SOCL 365 signed, and discuss career options with faculty. Please mark your calendars and make a point to drop by during our Advising Open House on the 30<sup>th</sup>!

I would also like to advise those of you early in the process of fulfilling your sociology major requirements to take a close look at our other 100 -level courses, our "second tier core" courses. These courses count towards the major, are usually smaller in size than 101 sections, go more in-depth on particular substantive topics in sociology, and offer opportunities for closer faculty interaction in the context of a class. These classes cover topics of broad interest including: race and ethnicity (SOCL 122), mass media (SOCL 123), urban sociology (SOCL 125), sex and gender (SOCL 171).

Finally, our annual end-of-year Awards Ceremony and Reception will be in McCormick Lounge in Coffey Hall from 3-5pm on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don't miss this final, and festive, event of the year!

# Undergraduate Kudos and Announcements

**Zoe VanDeSteeg**, senior double major in Sociology and Political Science placed in the 2016 Illinois Sociological Association undergrad student paper competition for her paper "Whether and to what extent, does growing up in a farming community versus an urban community influence the perception of work ethic in the millennial generation?"



**Milton Doyle**, senior, was named "All Missouri Valley Men's Basketball 1st Team" for the 2016-17 season.

Arissa Koines, Catherine Montgomery, Cristina Rodriguez (SANT) and Silvia Valadez are all McNair Senior Scholars. Ramiro Jimenez and Alex Leon (SANT) are McNair Research Scholars.

Senior, **Alejandro Rios** has received a graduate assistantship in the Higher Education program at Indiana University.

Congratulations to the following December 2016 graduates:

Briana Baldwin
Milton Doyle
Padraic O'Hara
Lida Oommen
Alejandro Pinillos
Cassandra Rosario
Sujith Sajan
Nadia Salem
Rebecca Victor

# Undergraduate Experiences

### President's Medallion for College of Arts & Sciences Cristina Rodriguez



Cristina Rodriguez (left) receives the Presidential medal from Loyola University President Dr. Jo Ann Rooney.

Cristina Rodiguez, senior SANT (Sociology & Anthropology) major was presented with the 2016-17 *Loyola University Chicago President's Medallion* for the College of Arts & Sciences. The President's Medallion is the University's highest award presented each year to one student in each of the University's colleges. The award is given to students who excel in "Leadership, Scholarship and Service".

Cristina is a McNair Scholar, a Gannon Scholar, and a member of the Maroon and Gold Society. She also participated in Loyola's Vietnam study abroad. <u>Read</u> more about Cristina.

# Undergraduate Courses

### Summer 2017 summer:

Course #	Description	Meeting	<b>Meeting Time</b>	Session
Soc1 101	Society in a Global Age	TWTh	10:45am- 12:55pm	Session A
Soc1 123	Mass Media & Popular Culture	MW	6:00pm-9:15pm	Session B
Soc1 380	Internship	Arranged with Instructor	Arranged with Instructor	Session C
Soc1 398	Independent Study	Arranged with Instructor	Arranged with Instructor	Session C

Session A, 6 weeks—5/22 to 6/30; Session B, 6 weeks—7/5 to 8/11; Session C, 8 weeks—6/5 to 7/28

### Spring Advising Open House Thursday, March 30th

Damen Student Center (table), 10:00am to 12:00 pm Coffey 425, 2:00pm to 4:00 pm

Professors will be there to give you information about registering for summer or fall courses, information on internships and graduate school.

# Undergraduate Opportunities

### **Opportunities & Application Deadlines:**

Mar 24 Sociology Student Research Symposium, 9AM, IES 123/124

Mar 30 Sociology Advising Open House

Damen Student Center, 10AM-12PM

Coffey 425, 2PM-4PM

April 29 Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium,

Roosevelt University, Auditorium Building <a href="http://www.caurs.com">http://www.caurs.com</a>

April 20-23 Loyola Weekend of Excellence

May 3 Sociology Honors Reception, McCormick Lounge, 3:00PM to 5:00PM

May 12 CAS, "Arts" Commencement, Gentile Arena, 9:30AM

May 20 Fellowship Incentive Grants (FIG)

Prepare an application for competitive national fellowships http://www.luc.edu/fellowshipoffice/newgrants.shtml

### **Undergraduate Publishing & Paper Competitions**

July 31 The Journal for Undergraduate Ethnography, from Brown University

http://undergraduateethnography.org/

Oct Illinois Sociological Association paper competition

https://illinoissociologicalassociation.wordpress.com/students/paper-competition/

Nov Sociological Insight, from University of Texas

http://sites.utexas.edu/socinsight/

Dates vary National Science Foundation-Research Experience for Undergraduates

See the undergraduate section of the department website and click on "Publishing, Papers,

and other Opportunities" for more details.

### Reminder Speaker series open to undergraduates

Master of Urban Affairs and Public Policy (MUAPP) Practitioner Series

http://www.luc.edu/gradschool/MUAPP events .shtml

Friday morning seminars • 10:30-12:00 • Center for Urban Research and Learning

# Graduate Report

### From Dr. Kelly Moore, Graduate Program Director

Congratulations to **Jennifer Cossyleon** and **Kyle Woolley**, who have been awarded Arthur J. Schmitt Dissertation Fellowships in Leadership and Service for 2017-2018, and to **Steven Tuttle**, who has been awarded a 2017-2018 Pre-Doctoral Teaching Fellowship by the Loyola University Chicago Graduate School! We are very proud of the awardees, who were selected from among a very impressive group of applicants from our department and the university. Our students have also been very active in presenting, publishing, and garnering external grants, as well as working in internships, as the list below shows. Please meet four of our current students; you can learn more about our students by visiting our web site, where students have posted biographies that describe their interests. If



you're interested in joining our BA/MA, MA or PhD programs, contact Kelly Moore, Graduate Program Director at <a href="mailto:kmoore11@luc.edu">kmoore11@luc.edu</a>.

# Graduate Student

### **Meet Our Students!**





After completing my MA in Sociology at DePaul University, I spent a year in China exploring various aspect of the Chinese culture. Upon my return to the United States, I started teaching sociology courses

(Introduction to Sociology; Sexuality, Marriage and Family) at The College of DuPage. Two years of teaching sociology and a year of living abroad lead me to Loyola to pursue a PhD in Sociology.

My research interests include ethnicity, discrimination, religion, immigration, migration patterns and policy, and culture, with a focus on South Asian identity. Specifically, I am interested in the ways South Asians construct their racial and religious identity in Western societies. I am currently in the process of starting a project which eventually will turn into my dissertation. This project will examine how ethnic and religious origin shape the social identities of first, 1.5 and second generation South Asians in the United States and Canada.



Dana LaVergne, MA student

I grew up in a small town on Long Island, and in choosing an undergraduate college, I knew I wanted to stay in New York. I attended Elmira College, where I perused a double

major in Sociology/ Anthropology and Queer Studies. During my time at Elmira, I held leadership positions in both the PRIDE and Women and Gender Studies club, as well as Hillel, the campus literary journal Sybil, and WECW, the campus radio station.

I came to Loyola to pursue an MA in sociology, with plans to continue on to a PhD. I am interested in urban and sexuality studies, with a particular focus on how institutions shape perceptions of one's sexual identity. In my first semester, I wrote a paper on the performance of sexual identities, which I will be presenting at the meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society this coming spring. For my thesis, I intend to examine the ways that queer women navigate relationships with their reproductive healthcare providers. In my free time, I enjoy reading, studying film theory, exploring the city, and listening to music.

# Graduate Student



### Bill Drust, PhD student

My main interests include medical sociology and my research often deals with interactions among health care professionals. This includes understanding the views and attitudes

held by individuals and groups within each profession regarding their roles and responsibilities, how these views affect their working relationships with colleagues in other professions, how and why these views change, and ultimately, how these social interactions affect the patient experience. Coming from a background in Science and Technology Studies (STS), I treat the technological processes and innovations used by these professionals as additional social actors and seek to understand the roles these processes take in all of the above.

In past research, I have investigated the changing practices and marketing efforts surrounding roboticassisted minimally invasive surgery (MIS). I used interviews, content analysis, and observation to compare the claims made in marketing materials with the thoughts and experiences of surgeons. My major finding was that the unique benefit of robotic MIS is the enhancement of surgeons' embodied experiences of the surgical process. Most importantly, these enhancements include the prevention of minute amounts of bleeding in the physician's magnified field of vision. While these kinds of improvements may lead to small. indirect benefits for patients, marketing materials leave readers with the impression that the robotic process is responsible for the many benefits that are attributable to MIS more generally. Furthermore, my analysis addresses concerns that the advent of robotic

MIS has provided leverage for industry actors to influence surgical decision making and assume responsibility for routine organizational tasks in the hospital. In future research, I hope to focus more on sales representatives as a kind of hybrid professional group and determine the effects of their work on that of the various health care professionals involved, including physicians, nurses, and administrators.



Silvia Valadez, BA/MA student I am a first generation Latina college student currently interning at Imerman Angels, a non-profit organization that works with cancer patients, caregivers and volunteers who pro-

vide 1-on-1 support. As a Cancer Support Specialist I facilitate the matching process by analyzing and assessing the needs of those seeking support. Cancer fighters and loved ones are matched with mentors who have been through similar cancer experiences to ensure the highest quality of support. As a McNair scholar, I have been involved in an extensive research project with Dr. Dana Garbarski, examining the barriers and facilitators that shape diverse populations' participation in medical research. My future career goals include obtaining an MD/PhD, to become a doctor who takes into consideration the patient's cultural beliefs, living situation, and socioeconomic status to customize treatment. I want to work with communities that suffer from preventable disease while I am practicing medicine. My goal is to break the cycle whereby ethnic minorities are the ones who suffer the most from preventable diseases.

### PUBLICATIONS ♦ INTERNSHIPS ♦ FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS ♦ PRESENTATIONS

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Cossyleon, Jennifer, January 2017 PHD

JOURNAL Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
TITLE 'I Went Through it so You Don't Have To:'

Faith-Based Community Organizing for the

Formerly Incarcerated

**CO-AUTHOR** Edward O. Flores

**NOTES** Published Online January 29 DOI: 10.1111/

jssr.12294

#### **INTERNSHIPS**

Joshua Maximillian Turner, MA

Loyola Office of Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs http://www.luc.edu/diversity/about/

Silvia Valadez, BA/MA

Imerman Angels <a href="http://imermanangels.org/">http://imermanangels.org/</a>

# **Graduate Students**

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EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Jean-Baptiste, Stephanie, November 2016 PHD

FUNDING AGENCY Social Science Research Council Representation of Haitian Immigrants

In African American Owned Newspapers

**PRESENTATIONS** 

Butler, Joseph

and Carolyn Coles. January 2017 PHI

**SPONSOR** University of Denver, Diversity Summit on Inclu

sive Excellence

TITLE DO THE RIGHT THING: USING CINEMA TO

FIND A FRAMEWORK TO NAVIGATE THAT AWKWARD MOMENT IN THE CLASSROOM

Chacko, Soulit, February 2017 PHD

**SPONSOR** Sociologists for Women in Society, Albuquerque,

NM

TITLE Immigrant Women Entrepreneurs in the Labor Mar

ket

Cossyleon, Jennifer

and Edward Orozco Flores, August 2016 PHD

SPONSOR American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA
TITLE Faith-based Community Organizing for and among

the Formerly Incarcerated

**COAUTHOR(S)** Edward Flores

Dougherty, Beth, August 2016 PHD

**SPONSOR** Association for the Sociology of Religion, Seattle,

WA

TITLE It felt like the moment..." "...our energies rose""

Drust, William, September 2016

**SPONSOR** Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) and the

European Association for Science and Technology

Studies (EASST), Barcelona, Spain

TITLE Scrubbing In: The Role of Industry in Robotic Sur

gery

Hernández Vidal, Nathalia,

Judson Everitt and Quintin Williams. August 2016 PHD-

SPONSOR American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA TITLE Moral Victories: Institutional Experience, Moral

Socialization, and Definitions of Students' Success

across Teacher's Careers

Hernández Vidal, Nathalia, August 2016 PHD

**SPONSOR** International Rural Sociological Association, Toron

to, Canada

TITLE Sowing Political Solidarity Among Peasant Commu

nities: The Story of How Native Seeds are becoming

Seeds of Resistance in Colombia

Hernández Vidal, Nathalia

and Kelly Moore September 2016 PHD

**SPONSOR** Society for Social Studies of Science, Barcelona,

Spain

TITLE Unpacking the Past to Anticipate the Future: The

Science of Resilience Post-War Communities

Kaur, Jaspreet

& Andrea Bertotti-Metoyer, August 2016 MA

**SPONSOR** American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA-TITLE Relationship matters: an examination of racial and

educational disparities in unintended pregnancy

MA

COAUTHOR(S) Andrea Bertotti-Metoyer, PhD

Kaur, Jaspreet, February 2017

**SPONSOR** Sociologists for Women in Society, Albuquerque,

NM

TITLE Negotiation of Health Practices: A Transnational

Intersectionality

Miller, Kevin and Katherine Tyson McCrea, Dakari Quimby, Amzie Moore, Darrick Scott, Cordelia Grimes, Jordan Howard-Wilson, Victoria Smith El

Grimes, Jordan Howard-Wilson, Victoria Smith Elison, Marvse Richards, **September 2016.** MA

SPONSOR Department of Social Pedagogy, University of Lodz

& ERIS (European Research Institute for Social

Work)

TITLE A Bond as Strong as a Lock and Chain: Cross-Age

Mentoring with Youth in Deep Poverty to Advance

their Human Rights

Miller, Kevin and Cara DiClemente, B.A, Catherine Rice, B.A., Dakari Quimby, M.A., Maryse Richards, Ph.D., Cordelia Grimes, B.A., Mirinda Morency, B.S., Can

dice White, B.S., Jason Pica II.

**SPONSOR** Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies,

New York, NY

TITLE Resilience in Urban African-American Adolescents:

The Protective Enhancing Effects of Neighborhood, Family, and School Cohesion Following Violence

Exposure.

Miller, Kevin and Cordelia Grimes, Victoria Ellison, Emi

ly Love, Amzie Moore, Carolina Escobar, Maryse

Richards, Katherine Tyson McCrea

**SPONSOR** Society for Social Work and Research Twenty-First

Annual Conference, New Orleans

TITLE A Client Co-Authored Website to Build Peaceful

Empowerment for Youth with Marginalized Identities Who Are Profoundly Disadvantaged.

Tanriverdi, Serhan, October 2016 PHD

**SPONSOR** Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Atlanta,

GA

**TITLE** The Exploration of the Politics and Ideas of New

Muslim Reformers: The Emergence of Islamic

Modernism in America

Tuttle, Steven

and Peter Rosenblatt, August 2016 PHD-

**SPONSOR** Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP),

Seattle, WA

TITLE Gentrifying the Urban Imaginary: Shifting Media

Representations of Race and Place in Four Chicago

Neighborhoods

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# **Graduate Students**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS ♦ PRESENTATIONS ♦ PUBLICATIONS ♦ AWARDS

Wilcoxson, Anna

and Kelly Moore, February 2017 MA

**SPONSOR** Eastern Sociological Society

TITLE The Art of Resistance: Denial of Authority and

Creative Activities Among Participants in a Culinary

Re-Entry Program

November 2016 Williams, Cameron **PHD** 

**SPONSOR** The Association for Humanist Sociology, Denver,

TITLE Majority-Minority Cities and Public Housing

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### **Graduate Student Association**

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The Graduate Student Association is the organization in charge of planning social and academic events for the graduate students in the Sociology Department.. Contact G.S.A. (socgsa@luc.edu) if you're interested in joining us, or have an idea for an event!

Representatives:

**Bill Drust** Dana LaVergne Melissa Kinsella Jaspreet Kaur





Megan Klein (right) receives the Presidential medal from Loyola University President Dr. Jo Ann Rooney.

### CURL Fellows:



**Chrissy Breit** PhD Student



PhD Student



Jennifer Cossyleon PhD Student



Jonathan Neidorf MA Student

# **Graduate Students**

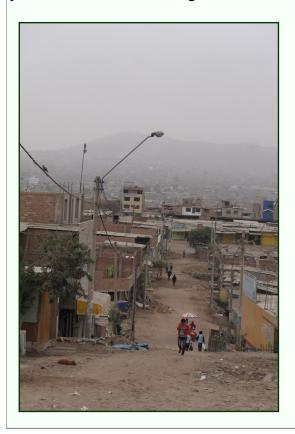
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### Social Justice in Peru

By Kyle Woolley (Loyola Sociology PhD Candidate)

I started going to Peru as an undergraduate student participating in an ABI. I have lived in Peru three different times. My dissertation is based on research I have conducted in the same neighborhood I volunteered in as an undergraduate. My research focuses on community activism around access to water and sewage infrastructures.

Each summer for the past six years I have had the privilege of participating in Creighton University's Faculty-Led Program Abroad in Lima, Peru. This is a six-credit community-based learning class that I developed with members of Creighton's Departments of Theology and Modern Languages. Students spend five weeks living and working in an urban community on Lima's south side. During the morning, they accompany Peruvians at a various community based organizations that range from community clinics, kitchens and child care centers. In the afternoon, the students take classes in Spanish, theology and sociology that are oriented toward addressing many of the social problems they see during their mornings. During the evening students either participate in group reflections or stay with host families in the neighborhoods. Over the last two weeks of the program we travel to the region of Ayacucho where the students accompany the Jesuits and learn about their social ministries and also study the 20-year conflict between the Peruvian state and the Shining Path insurgency that took the lives of 70,000 Peruvians. This year 20 students from Creighton and a few other Jesuit universities will participate in the program.





# Alumni News

Patricia Carter (1964) also attended the Loyola Rome Center her junior year at Loyola. Since her college graduation, she relocated to the Bay Area of California, attended law school for a year, and went on to graduate school to secure an MBA in Human Resource Management. Patricia worked in HR for Levi Strauss & Co., Xerox, and Pitney Bowes before retiring to the wine country of Sonoma and working part time in the wine industry. She is enjoying retirement.

Mike Nolan (Niles College 1973) At the end of February, 2017, he will have completed his 41<sup>st</sup> year working for the Social Security Administration as a Social Insurance Representative bringing the Social Security Act to the public. Having grown up in the 60's, it was a natural fit!!

The various Titles of the Social Security Act are the major threads of the safety-net our society has mandated its government to provide, including our social insurance programs, Medicare, Medicaid, AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), SSI (Supplemental Secu-

rity Income) for the aged, blind, and disabled, etc.

Joan Pernecke (Mundelein 1977) has been serving as the Chief of the Child Protection Division for the Cook County State's Attorney's Office since 2007, after having worked as a Supervisor in the Delinquency Division since 2003 and in the Felony Trial Division since 1992. I joined the State's Attorney's Office in 1989 to lead the Domestic Violence unit at 13th and Michigan.

Joan also serves as the Chairperson of the Illinois Child Death Review Executive Council and Chairperson of the Cook A Team. This statutorily mandated group reviews all deaths of DCFS involved youth and other concerning deaths at our discretion.

Kirstin Polley Stone (1986) has a consulting career implementing financial systems where she uses her sociology background every day. She travels for work, so she constantly encounters new "corporate" cultures and has to socialize them during the implementation process. Her work is both quantitative and qualitative, just like her education at

Loyola. Kristin got her masters in accounting at DePaul University.

Kristin often joked that she must be nomad because of how much she likes to travel for my work. She was recently surprised to find out from DNA testing that she has Aboriginal heritage

Mike Maly (PhD-1998), was promoted to Full Professor of Sociology at Roosevelt University in Spring of 2016. In January of 2017, Dr. Maly accepted the role of Associate Professor of Research and Faculty Success at Roosevelt.

Kristin Blakely (PhD, 2008)

teaches in the Department of Sociology at York University's bilingual college, Glendon, as well as in the Department of Continuing Studies at the University of Toronto.

She is a Director of the Canadian Women's Foundation and currently chairs their National Teen Healthy Relationships Advisory Committee.



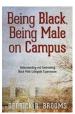
Omar Aquino (2009) was elected State Senator of the 2nd district of the State of Illinois. Omar was sworn in on Jan 11, 2017.



Dr. Malec (right) with Boston College President William P. Leahy, S.J

Michael Malec (1962), received the <u>Boston College Annual Community Service Award</u>, presented by the Office of Governmental and Community Affairs,. The award honors "a Boston College employee whose actions exemplify the Jesuit spirit of community service and involvement".

Dr. Malec, an Associate Professor of Sociology has been at Boston College for 48 years. He has organized several service trips to San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua with faculty and students. They have installed ecological water filters and stoves in rural homes and schools, and aided local health outreach. He also has helped to maintain and expand the sister city project between San Juan del Sur and Newton, MA..



**Derrick Brooms,** (PhD-2010) Associate on Campus Professor of Sociology at University of Louisville, has published *Being Black*,

Being Male on Campus: Understanding and Confronting Black *Male Collegiate Experiences* (Albany, NY: SUNY Press, 2017).

Jack Lofgren (2011) recently moved to Washington, DC. He was based in Chicago as a member of Hillary Clinton's Midwest Fundraising staff for her presidential campaign. Jack accepted a position as Deputy Finance Director for **Tom** Perriello's campaign for Virginia governor.

Diana Therese M. Veloso (PhD-**2012),** is an Assistant Professor at the Behavioral Science Department of De La Salle University in the Philippines. She is now a tenured faculty member and the Graduate Studies Program Coordinator of her department. She recently published a research brief entitled, "Of Culpability and Entrapment: The Narratives of Women Formerly on Death Row in the Philippines," with AsiaPacific Social Science Review. She served as a consultant in a UNICEFfunded evaluation of programs and facilities for children in conflict with the law (CICL) in the Philippines; the evaluation report received a rating of "Outstanding, Best Practice," from the UNICEF Evaluation Office through its Global Evaluation Reports Oversight System. She has also conducted two research projects on gender-based violence in conflict zones and post-conflict settings in the Southern Philippines.

Thomas Josephsohn (PhD 2012) is Vice President of Research and Insights at "Minding your Own Business" in Chicago.

Todd Fuist (PhD-2013) will be Assistant Professor of Sociology at Illinois Wesleyan University beginning Fall 2017.

Julie Hilvers (PhD- 2014) was promoted to Director of the Policy Research Collaborative (PRC) at Roosevelt University in January.

Kathleen Flores (2016) recently started working at Season's Hospice and Palliative Care in Rosemont, IL. She is part of the Finance department and is in charge of billing for self-pay patients. Kathleen had a bit

of background of working in a healthcare setting throughout her college career, She is happy to gain more experience in a different area of this field. She is hoping that this raises her interest in pursuing a master's degree in healthcare administration in the future.

Courtney Irby (PhD-2016) will be Assistant Professor of Sociology at Illinois Wesleyan University beginning Fall 2017.

Jenna Ofenloch (MA-2016) Accepted a job offer to be a child therapist at the New York Foundling. She will travel to kid's homes in Brooklyn to conduct sessions in an effort to keep the family happy and healthy and the children out of the foster care system.

### Alumni Outreach

Send all news to: Stephanie DeCaluwe at Sociology@luc.edu

To access Loyola's Alumni Directory log into your directory profile to revise your information and never miss the latest news from your alma mater at http://LUC.edu/alumni/ directory. For other alumni questions, please contact luc.edu/alumni



Leticia Nieto, Director of Alumni Relations Loyola Sociology Alum (2003) Invítes you to:

> Loyola Alumní Weekend June 10, 2017

More Information

# Alumni News

### From Refugee to Teaching Sociology

Alma Begičević is a part-time sociology instructor at Loyola University Chicago. She is teaching Society in a Global Age (Sociology 101) where she also introduces her students to the concept of human rights.

Alma is originally from Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. She came to the United States in 1994 as a refugee, surviving a genocidal war. It is estimated that: 100,000 Bosnians were murdered, over 2 million people— almost half of total Bosnian population became refugees, 518,000 persons were internally displaced and over 20,000 Bosnian women, girls, and men were victims of systematic rape-as a weapon of war. This was the deadliest war in Europe since the Holocaust.



Alma holds B.A cum laude honors in Sociology from Loyola University Chicago. Her thesis advisor was Professor Lauren Langman and the academic advisor Professor Anne Figert. She earned master's degree from the University of Chicago, Committee on International Relations with the main concentration in International Law and Human Rights. Alma has extensive experience in human rights: she represented the U.S. Government as the technical human rights expert with the U.N. Mission in Kosovo and as the chief of antitrafficking advisor with the Department of Human Rights and Rule of Law, at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Alma Begičević is at the final stages of the PhD program in socio-legal studies at the University of Melbourne, Australia. She expects to graduate in August of this year. Her work examines transitional justice (post-conflict justice) and Bosnian victims' right to remedy, focusing on grave violations of human rights. Alma is particularly engaged in studying sociology of money and exploring the link between monetary reparation and justice in capitalist societies.





# Department Photos

Rosa Negussie, long time Program Assistant for the Sociology Graduate Program retired in January. Below are some photos from her retirement party.





### Holiday Party





Quintin Williams, Chrissy Breit, Jonathan Neidorf









### **Phil Nyden Retirement**



After 38 years at Loyola, Dr. Nyden is retiring. "Dr. Nyden has been a faculty member in the department since 1979 and was appointed as Director of the Loyola University Center for Urban Research and Learning (CURL) in January 1996.

There will be a retirement panel and reception on Friday, April 7th.

Panel 3:00-4:30pm, Information Commons, 4th Floor Now More Than Ever: University-Community Collaborative Research for Positive Change

- Michael J. Garanzini, SJ, Chancellor, Loyola University Chicago
- **Jennifer Chernega**, Associate Professor, Winona State University; Former CURL Community Research Coordinator
- **Yolanda Suarez-Balcazar**, Professor, Occupational Therapy, College of Applied Health Sciences, University of Illinois Chicago; Former CURL Faculty Fellow and faculty member in Loyola's Psychology Department
- Jennifer Ritter, Executive Director, ONE Northside; Community partner in CURL research projects
- Christine George, Associate Research Professor, CURL

Retirement Reception, 5:00-7:00pm, Piper Hall Light Refreshments will be served

**RSVP** is required by March 31st. Space is limited.

The Sociology Department Annual **Research Symposium**. The conference will take place on **March 24<sup>th</sup>** and will feature graduate and undergraduate work.

IES 123/124 Begins at 9:00 am

Lunch will be provided

Contact Judson Everitt (<u>ieveritt@luc.edu</u>) with questions

# other important dates

Wed., Mar 24	Student Research Symposium	IES 123/124	9:00—3:00
Thurs, Mar 30	<b>Undergraduate Advising Open House</b>	Damen Student Ctr	10:00 - 12:00
	<b>Undergraduate Advising Open House</b>	Coffey Room 425	2:00 - 4:00
Fri, Apr 7	Phil Nyden Retirement Panel/Reception	4th floor IC Piper Hall	3:00—4:30 5:00—7:00
Apr 20—23	Loyola Weekend of Excellence		
Wed., May 4	Honors Reception	McCormick Lounge	3:00—5:00
Tues., May 9	<b>Graduate School Commencement</b>	Gentile Arena	3:00 pm
Fri., May 12	CAS, Undergrad Arts Commencement	Gentile Arena	9:30 am
June 10	Alumni Weekend		